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Fibre Therm Corp.

This company thrives on last-minute plans

By SHAARON HAY
 Liberal Staff Writer

The human habit of leaving things to the last moment is keeping a Richmond Hill plant operating 24 hours a day.

General Manager of Fibre Therm Corporation, Don Butler, said as soon as homeowners hear the furnace clicking on, they begin to think of insulation.

Fibre Therm Corporation, located on Centre Street, manufactures cellulose insulation and they are busy right now grinding out a product that can be blown into walls and attics, helping reduce fuel costs and save energy.

This young Richmond Hill company is tackling energy conservation from two sides — the loose-fill cellulose insulation (resembling fine gravel) is manufactured from 99.9 per cent used newsprint.

According to Mr. Butler this

type of insulation has been popular in the western United States for quite a while but it is a relatively new industry in Eastern Canada.

"Cellulose insulation is one of the most efficient insulators on the market," said Mr. Butler, "allowing a high R value at a reasonable cost."

All insulation is rated by what is called a "R value" which is a way of measuring the efficiency of the insulation.

Used newsprint, delivered from groups like the Richmond Hill Recycling Committee, is ground or milled, a chemical formula is applied to make it fire and rodent resistant and the finished product is bagged in plastic for shipping.

This time of year Mr. Butler estimated Fibre Therm Corporation probably brought in about 300 tons of used newsprint each week.

The six to seven tons brought in

each week from the Richmond Hill area, would make about a trailer load of finished insulation, he said, probably enough to re-insulate 15 to 20 average size homes.

Speaking about the raw material used for this type of insulation — old newspapers — Mr. Butler said he was concerned that only a fraction of the newspaper available was being collected.

At this time of year, it is necessary for the company to bring in recyclable newsprint from the United States.

"The paper is not available in Canada," he said. "It's a crime so much is not collected."

Cellulose insulation, manufactured by Fibre Therm is a loose-fill product. The most common application for this type of insulation is to have it blown into walls or attics by machine, but it can also be poured by hand. Homes built before 1961 fall

under the government Canadian Home Insulation Program (CHIP) which means much of the cost of installing insulation can be recovered, said Mr. Butler. The General Manager said he felt homes built before 1972, when the government stepped in and put standards on construction, were "woefully" inadequately insulated.

Increasing the amount of insulation in a home makes a "staggering" difference, he said.

Although he did not like to quote figures, he said some customers had claimed fuel savings up to 60 per cent in the first year.

He would say, "No one has not noticed a difference."

Those interested in adding insulation to homes built after 1961, and not eligible for government subsidy, should be able to recoup the cost of adding insulation in three to four years, said Mr. Butler.

Paper drive?

It's not insulation — but it will be. General Manager of Fibre Therm Corporation on Centre Street in Richmond Hill, Don Butler, inspects used newsprint dumped by recycling groups before it is ground and treated. (Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg)

HELPMATE INFORMATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

883-2234 September-October 883-2234

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			26	27	28	29
Your community needs you						
	and the Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau still needs your support. A few groups have come forward to assist the Bureau's financial need and we would like to extend our thanks to them. A special thank you goes to the staff and management of the Richmond Hill Ponderosa Steak House. After reading about the need to support the Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau, the Ponderosa offered to hold a car wash to raise money for the Bureau. So, on Saturday September 15, the Ponderosa staff got out their soap and buckets and washed close to 60 cars. As well as getting a clean car, everyone who brought their cars in were treated to a	free coffee. The support and efforts of the Ponderosa staff and management are greatly appreciated. Another thank you is extended to the Richmond Hill Rent-All store who loaned us their sign board for our car wash sign. Other groups who have expressed an interest in supporting the Volunteer Bureau include Ronald's Printing and the Thornhill Kiwanis Club. Of course, we must also thank The Liberal for their continued coverage of the Bureau's needs. We are still in need of funding for the remainder of this year and next year, so if you or your group can help, please call the Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau at 883-2235.	Social Planning Council, Richmond Hill Town Hall, Committee Room B. 8 p.m. The Entertainers: The Climax Jazz Band, Market Court, Hillcrest Mall. 5:30 to 8 p.m. Canadian Progress Club-York Central. 7 p.m. Info: 884-3888. Babysitting Co-op Meeting, 8 p.m. at 92 Yongehurst Rd., Info: 883-4583. Craft Night (Bazaar Preparation) St. Mary Immaculate Church. 8 p.m. Thornhill Village Artists. 7 to 10 p.m. Gallanough Library, 1 Brook St. Thornhill. Season membership available. 889-6320. Donations of clothing for Operation Lifeline accepted at Wright St. Fire Hall from 9 to 11 a.m. 884-8216.	Curtain Club-Richmond Hill presents "There Goes the Bride" 8:30 p.m. Tickets: 884-3703. Yoga Classes, Richmond Hill United Church. Info: 884-2671. Thornhill Newcomers Club, historical tour. Info: 881-4960. Business meeting, Heintzman House, 8 p.m. all newcomers welcome. Richmond Hill Rotary Travelogue series. Stan Paulauskas "Let's Go Dutch" Bayview Secondary School, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: 884-6274. Johnsview Village Annual general meeting at Thornhill Community Centre 7:30 p.m. Pre-school French classes, Richmond Hill Public Library, 2 to 2:30 p.m. Info: 884-9288.	Training Class at historic Gibson House, Interviews in September. Info: 225-0146 Curtain Club-Richmond Hill presents "There Goes the Bride" 8:30 p.m. Tickets: 884-3703. Donations needed for Rotary TV Auction in December. Call 884-1868 or 884-6274. Exhibition of paintings by Barbara J. Thompson, at Gordon McLaren Auditorium Richmond Hill Public Library during September. Christian Women's Club in-toductory coffee hour, 9:30 a.m. Blue Flame Room. Everyone Welcome. Info: 421-6030.	Richmond Hill Minor Hockey skate and equipment resale in the new arena, 2 to 4 p.m. Curtain Club-Richmond Hill presents "There Goes the Bride" 8:30 p.m. Tickets: 884-3703. Thanksgiving crafts, Thornhill Community Centre Library, pre-register, ages 6 to 12 at 10:30 a.m. in auditorium. Richmond Hill Aquatic Club, Tag Day, Richmond Hill. Richvale Library-Ventriloquist, Laurie Knight, 10:30 to 11 a.m. All ages welcome. Info: 889-2847. Richvale Minor Ball Association "Breaking Training Dance", Richvale Community Centre. Tickets: 884-5642. Rummage Sale 10 a.m. to noon at St. Gabriel's Anglican Church, Bayview and Crosby Avenues. Songs, games, puppets, stories, Richmond Hill Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Info: 884-9288.
30 Richvale Lions Bingo, Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 7:30 p.m. Donations needed for December Rotary TV Auction. Info: 884-1868 or 884-6274.	1 Thornhill Barbershoppers, Highland Jr. High School, Don Mills and Cliffwood, 8 p.m. Info: 633-5209. Bingo, 7:30 p.m. York Farmer's Market, Yonge St., Thornhill. Sponsored by York Solars Volleyball Club. Citizenship classes at Roselawn Public School, 422 Carrville Road, 7:30-9 p.m. Info: 883-1258. Town of Richmond Hill Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Council Chambers	2 Scene Tea, Burr House, 528 Carrville Road, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Info: 884-0327. York Choral Society rehearsal, McConaghy Public School, 8 p.m. Info: 884-4532. New Chinchilla Ranchers meeting, 8 p.m. Patricia Kemp Community Centre, Dufferin Street. Info: 889-0930. Town of Richmond Hill Finance Committee Meeting, Treasurer's Committee Room, 4 p.m. Planning Committee Meeting, Council Chambers 7:30 p.m.	3 Chamber of Commerce Meeting, noon, Pagoda Court Restaurant. Guest speaker, Catherine Hunt. Curtain Club-Richmond Hill presents "There goes the Bride", 8:30 p.m. Tickets: 884-3703. Ohulani Otubu "Hawaiian Nights" Market Court, Hillcrest Mall, 5:30-8 p.m. Pre-school French for 3-5 yr. olds, 9:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m. Thornhill Community Centre Library. Info: 881-5668. French for little people, 3-5 yr. olds. Thornhill Village Library, Colborne Street., 1:30 p.m. Info: 881-8299.	4 "King Tut Night" slide show and lecture, Thornhill Comm. Ctr. 8 p.m. Registration: 881-5668. Curtain Club presents "There Goes the Bride" 8:30 p.m. Tickets: 884-3703. Richmond Hill Area, Block Parent meeting, 7:30 p.m. York Regional Police Station, Major Mackenzie Drive. Crochet lessons, 1:30 p.m. Charles Connor Library, pre-register. Richmond Hill Lions meeting, 6:30 p.m. Lions Hall, Centre Street. Richvale Writers Club, 8-11 p.m. 79 Denham Drive, 889-6703.	5 Curtain Club presents "There Goes the Bride", 8:30 p.m. Tickets: 884-3703. Exhibition of paintings and watercolors by Brenda E. Boddy, McLaren Auditorium, Richmond Hill Library-month of October. One Parent Families Association Dance, Thornhill Comm. Ctr. 8:30 p.m.	6 Curtain Club presents "There Goes the Bride" 8:30 p.m. Tickets: 884-3703. Canadian Bible Society Walkathon and Bikeathon. Sponsor sheets at all churches. Info: 884-3606. Walk starts at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church, 9 a.m. to noon. Richmond Hill Minor Hockey skate and equipment resale in the new arena, 1 to 3 p.m. Curtain Club presents "There Goes the Bride", 8:30 p.m. Tickets: 884-3703.
7 Richvale Lions Bingo, Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 7:30 p.m.	8 HAPPY THANKSGIVING Scene Tea, Burr House, 528 Carrville Road, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Info: 884-0327. York Choral Society rehearsal, McConaghy Public School, 8 p.m. Info: 884-4532. Richmond Hill Community Schools meeting, Crosby School Library, 7:30 p.m. One Parent Families Association general meeting, Thornhill Comm. Ctr. 8 p.m.	9 Scene Tea, Burr House, 528 Carrville Road, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Info: 884-0327. York Choral Society rehearsal, McConaghy Public School, 8 p.m. Info: 884-4532. Richmond Hill Community Schools meeting, Crosby School Library, 7:30 p.m. One Parent Families Association general meeting, Thornhill Comm. Ctr. 8 p.m.	10 Fritz Denrich "The Rheinlanders", Market Court at Hillcrest Mall, 5:30-8 p.m. St. Mary Immaculate Church, craft night and bazaar preparation, 8 p.m. Curtain Club presents "There Goes the Bride", 8:30 p.m. Tickets: 884-3703. Canadian Progress Club-York Central, 7 p.m. Info: 884-3888.	11 Curtain Club presents "There Goes the Bride", 8:30 p.m. Tickets: 884-3703. Civic Improvement meeting, Committee Room B. 8 p.m. Widows and widowers general meeting, Victoria and Grey Building 8 p.m. Crochet lessons, Chas. Connor Library, 1:30 p.m. pre-register.	12 Curtain Club presents "There Goes the Bride", 8:30 p.m. Tickets: 884-3703. Richmond Hill Rotary TV Auction in honor of Year of the Child, in December, donations needed, call 884-1868 or 884-6274.	13 Canadian Bible Society Walkathon and Bikeathon. Sponsor sheets at all churches. Info: 884-3606. Walk starts at Richmond Hill Presbyterian Church, 9 a.m. to noon. Richmond Hill Minor Hockey skate and equipment resale in the new arena, 1 to 3 p.m. Curtain Club presents "There Goes the Bride", 8:30 p.m. Tickets: 884-3703.

REGULAR EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cantabile Chorale 8.00 p.m., Thornhill Baptist Church — 889-1105 (starts Sept. 10) Lions Bingo at 7.40 p.m. Lions Hall, Centre St., R.H. Duplicate Bridge St. John's Anglican Church 12125 Yonge St., R.H. 8 p.m. — 884-1689 York Philharmonic Choir Practice, R.H. Baptist Church, 7.30 p.m. New members needed for tenor & bass sections.	Alateen — Aurora United Church 8 p.m. — 773-4539 Craft Evening, St. Paul's United Church — 7.30 p.m. 773-5603 Thornhill Farmers Market Bingo 7.30 pm R.H. Public Library Pre-School Story Hour 10 — 10.45 a.m. Pre-registration Legal Aid Clinic 7-10 p.m. 884-9148 Mother's Break 9.30-11.15 a.m.	Richmond Hill United Church 884-2671 Yoga — 7.15 — 8.30 p.m. beginner 8.30 — 9.45 p.m. intermed. Richmond Hill United Church 884-2671. Richvale Lions Drum Corps & Colour Guard, Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Ave. 7.00 — 8.00 p.m. York Choral Society Rehearsal, McConaghy School, 8 p.m. 884-4532 Thornhill Lions Bingo Thornhill	Community Ctr 7.30 p.m. Parent Concern Meeting 8 — 10 p.m. Call Joyce 884-3503 Pre-School Story hour, R. Hill Library 2-2.45 p.m. Counterweight — at R.H. Public Library, 7.30 p.m. 255-4421 A.M.O. at Richmond Hill United Church — 9.30 — 11.15 a.m. 884-5542 Duplicate Bridge, St. John's Anglican Church, 12125 Yonge St. — 884-1689	Seniors Euchre Game, 1.30 p.m., Club Room, 10149 Yonge St., R.H. Richmond Hill Legion Bingo Legion Hall, Ohio Rd. Richmond Hill — 7.35 p.m. Thornhill Village Artists, Gallanough Library, 7-10 p.m. 889-6320 Yoga Class — R.H. United Church, 9 — 10.15 a.m. beginner, 10.15 — 11.30 intermed. 884-2671 Weight Watchers, Concord	Church, 12125 Yonge St. 1 p.m. 884-1689 R. H. Recycling Depot, Elgin Mills Rd. E. at Leslie, 10 a.m. till noon Thornhill Recycling Depot Bayview at Green Lane, 10 a.m. till noon Euchre — 1.30 p.m., Seniors Club Room, 10149 Yonge St. Richmond Hill All Welcome.