

Hi-tech group meets

The York Technology Committee, held its inaugural meeting in Markham on Tuesday, April 12, for 70 senior executives from high technology companies. Co-chairman of the new organization is York Centre MPP Don Cousens. According to guest speaker Ron Evans,

Seniors plan clears hurdle

A new senior citizens' building proposed for Markham moved another step closer to reality last week. Planning committee approved a secondary plan amendment for the building site, which is the northeast corner of McCowan Rd., and Raymerville Dr. The item is slated to go before Markham council this week. The amendment will increase the project's capacity, providing for an eight-storey building, with 160 units altogether. Without the change, only 128 units could be constructed. At a recent hearing residents were told that because the project is for senior citizens, it would have less impact on the area than a regular apartment building. Area residents did express concern, however, that traffic would increase, and property values would decrease if the senior citizens' building is constructed. The amendment will be given two readings before being finalized. Once that's completed, the property must be purchased from the town by the developer involved.

Tips for the kitchen

With some care and consideration, energy can be conserved in your kitchen in the following ways:

1. Pick a pan that fits the element of your stove, this will avoid heat escaping around the edges. Keep the lid on the pan.
2. Toast in the toaster. The stove oven is wasteful for such a minor task.
3. If your refrigerator needs defrosting, do it before the ice reaches 7 mm thickness. Ice acts as unwanted insulation, reduces cooling power and will raise the temperature in the freezer section.
4. When cooking vegetables "don't drown them". About 1/2 cup of water is usually plenty, and cook until tender. Too much water uses more energy in coming to a boil.

president of Evans Research Corp., more than 50 per cent of Canada's information systems high technology industry is located within a 10 minute drive of the Hwy 401 and Hwy 404 intersection. The purpose of the committee was defined at the meeting: "It is to provide a forum, act as a catalyst, to attract, grow and serve the high tech industry to the mutual benefit of the industry and the community." "With more than 80 companies already involved," said Mr. Cousens, "the York Technology Committee represents one of the largest concentrations of high technology companies in Canada." Mr. Evan said he believes there will be "explosive growth in Canada in the next 30 years in the high tech industry." "By bringing these companies together, the York Technology Committee will help provide and support this kind of expansion," he added. The board of directors for the newly-formed committee include the following people: Peter Baines, (now president of MDS Canada) and MPP Don Cousens, co-chairmen and George Hopkins, (vice-president of Bank of Montreal), treasurer. Members of the committee are Jud Whiteside, Bob Logan, Carmen diPaola, Paul Williams, Gord Landon, Gord Lucas and Norm Hubley.

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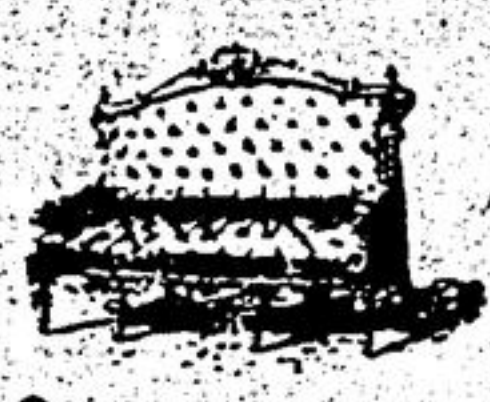
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