

Markham Planning Briefs

Highrise plan needs report

Plans for a 15-storey apartment building in Markham were put off by the town Tuesday, while planning staff prepare a report on its feasibility.

The town deferred the proposal by Enshell Enterprises Inc. while staff weigh the original plan for a Markham motel on the Hwy 7 and Bullock Dr. site against the apartment project.

Enshell plans to construct the building as a third phase in its already approved Walden Pond project west of the proposed site.

The report is expected to be brought forth next month.

Seniors' plan goes public

A local development firm will have more to offer residents when its seniors' apartment complex plan goes to a public meeting.

Planning committee Tuesday allowed Trican Construction Ltd. an additional storey for the McCowan Rd. and Ramerville Dr. building and scheduled it for the hearing.

The increase, bringing the building to nine storeys, will also add 18 units to the complex.

Milliken plaza gets approval

A community shopping plaza in the developing Milliken residential area was given the go-ahead

by Markham planning committee Tuesday.

The plan by Cedarland Properties Ltd. to construct a one-storey plaza at Steeles Ave. and Middlefield Rd. will service new residents in the Armadale subdivision.

Renderings of the project and the proposal still require full council approval.

Office building gets go-ahead

Blue-jeans giant Levis Strauss is coming to Markham.

Markham planning committee Tuesday approved renderings for the first phase of a two-phase construction proposal by 501540 Ontario Ltd.

The plan calls for a three-storey building, with a prefinished curtain wall system accented with blue tinted windows to house the firm.

Plans for the second phase are still forthcoming. This proposal comes before council next Tuesday for final approval.

Town okays industrial bid

An 8,800 square metre building in Markham's growing industrial core was given the green light by council Tuesday.

The Mayvon-Alden Industrial Centre, at the corner of Alden Rd. and McPherson St., will house only two tenants.

Noise to cease

A Markham businessman whose counter top planing operation has angered nearby residents for the last months has been ordered by the town to start immediate noise reduction measures.

And owner Peter Janovski will meet with residents and town officials to hammer out a long-term plan to end the problem.

The issue arose in February, when Montgomery Crt. residents complained of noise from a dust collector at the rear of the Spy Court building,

used in the planing firm's daily operations.

Members of the Classics Community Association also say the collector poses a danger to young children.

The owner has since removed a lower ladder to the collector and is having a gate to the upper ladder installed to prevent climbing, said a spokesman at Planning Committee Tuesday.

Long term corrective measures proposed by the firm include a tree planting program and landscaping on a berm to

screen the industrial building from neighboring homes.

But Regional Councillor Ron Moran said proposed Maple and White Ash plantings to screen the collector won't be effective during winter months.

"I don't know whether that meets at all what the residents are concerned about," he said at the meeting.

Classics Community Association President John Myers said Thursday, residents want evergreens planted to provide year-round screening.

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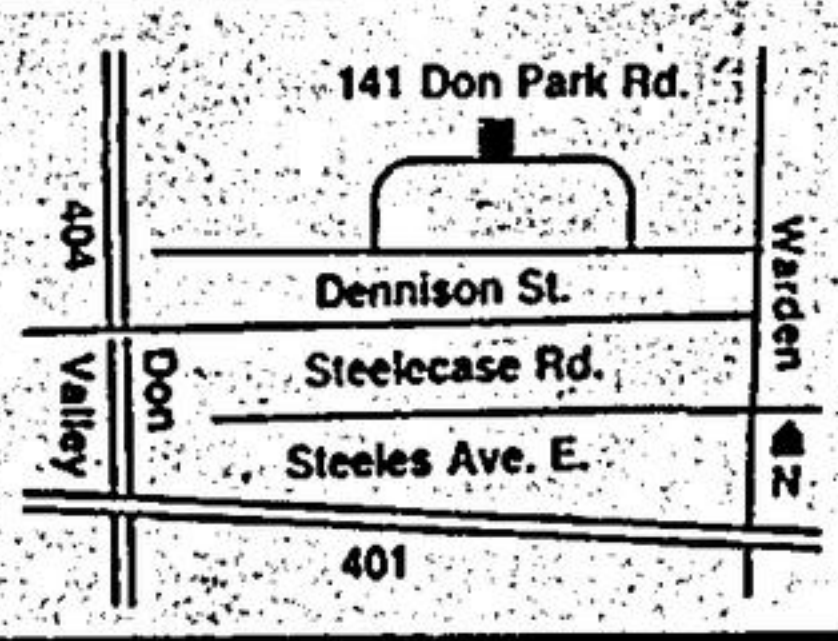
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