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Plastic lumber – the '90s alternative to wood

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Features

From plastic pop bottles and other plastic waste comes a product that is durable, long-lasting and has a variety of usages. Plastic lumber – an environmentally-friendly

alternative to wood – is made from residential waste from blue boxes and industrial waste, said Ellen Hansen, office manager of Waste Stream Management Inc., the Canadian company that distributes the product.

With plastic lumber, "the blue box really hits home with people. They know what is being

done with their recycling efforts," said Hansen.

People can purchase plastic lumber in different board lengths and sizes or can order custom-made items.

The company that started making plastic lumber five years ago, makes benches, garbage cans and picnic tables for places like hockey arenas and the Metro Toronto Zoo.

The places use the lumber because it is heavy, won't tip easily,

splinter or rot with age, said Hansen.

But that is not all people can make with the non-toxic material.

Plastic lumber can be used to build furniture, planter boxes, recycling containers, horse stalls, retaining walls, docks, flooring, construction materials and anything else that is traditionally made with wood.

"We have a '90s alternative to wood."

And just like wood, the lumber can be cut, nailed and screwed together. The skid-resistant lumber comes in green, brown and black and different shades of the three colors (depending on what type of plastic is used to make it).

After the initial cost – which is comparable to purchasing cedar – the plastic will last over 100 years maintenance-free. The colors won't fade and no painting is required.

People just have to build their project and enjoy, said Hansen.

"As long as the construction has been done properly," the plastic will last, she said.

And so far the response has been good.

Some people in the construction industry have already replaced the traditional wood beam inserts with plastic ones because they hold their shape and can be reused many times.

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF

MARKHAM-STOUFFVILLE COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION LIMITED

September 4th, 1997

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a special meeting of the following stakeholders of Markham-Stouffville Community Credit Union Limited (the "Credit Union") will be held at the following time and in the following location for the purposes set out below:

Meeting Location, Time and Date

Members of the Credit Union will meet in the Unionville Branch of Markham-Stouffville Community Credit Union Limited located at 4560 Highway #7 East, Unit #600, Unionville, Ontario, at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, September 4th 1997.

The Special Business of the Meeting of the Members:

- To consider and, if thought advisable, to pass, pursuant to section 309 of the Credit Unions and Caisses Populaires Act, 1994, a special resolution approving the Credit Union's proposed amalgamation with Uxbridge Credit Union Limited ("Uxbridge") and to carry on business thereafter with Uxbridge as one amalgamated credit union which shall be known as the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Savings and Credit Union Limited pursuant to the terms and conditions of an amalgamation agreement between the Credit Union and Uxbridge dated as of the 31st day of July, 1997.
- To conduct such further and other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

DATED the 20th day of August 1997

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
"BILL SCOTT"
Corporate Secretary

Notes:

- Approval of the amalgamation is subject to the approval by the above special resolution of the members of the Credit Union.
- Members of the Credit Union must be present at the meeting personally in order to have their vote counted in this members' meeting.
- Only members on the members' register of the Credit Union as of the date hereof (the "Record Date") shall be entitled to vote at the meeting.

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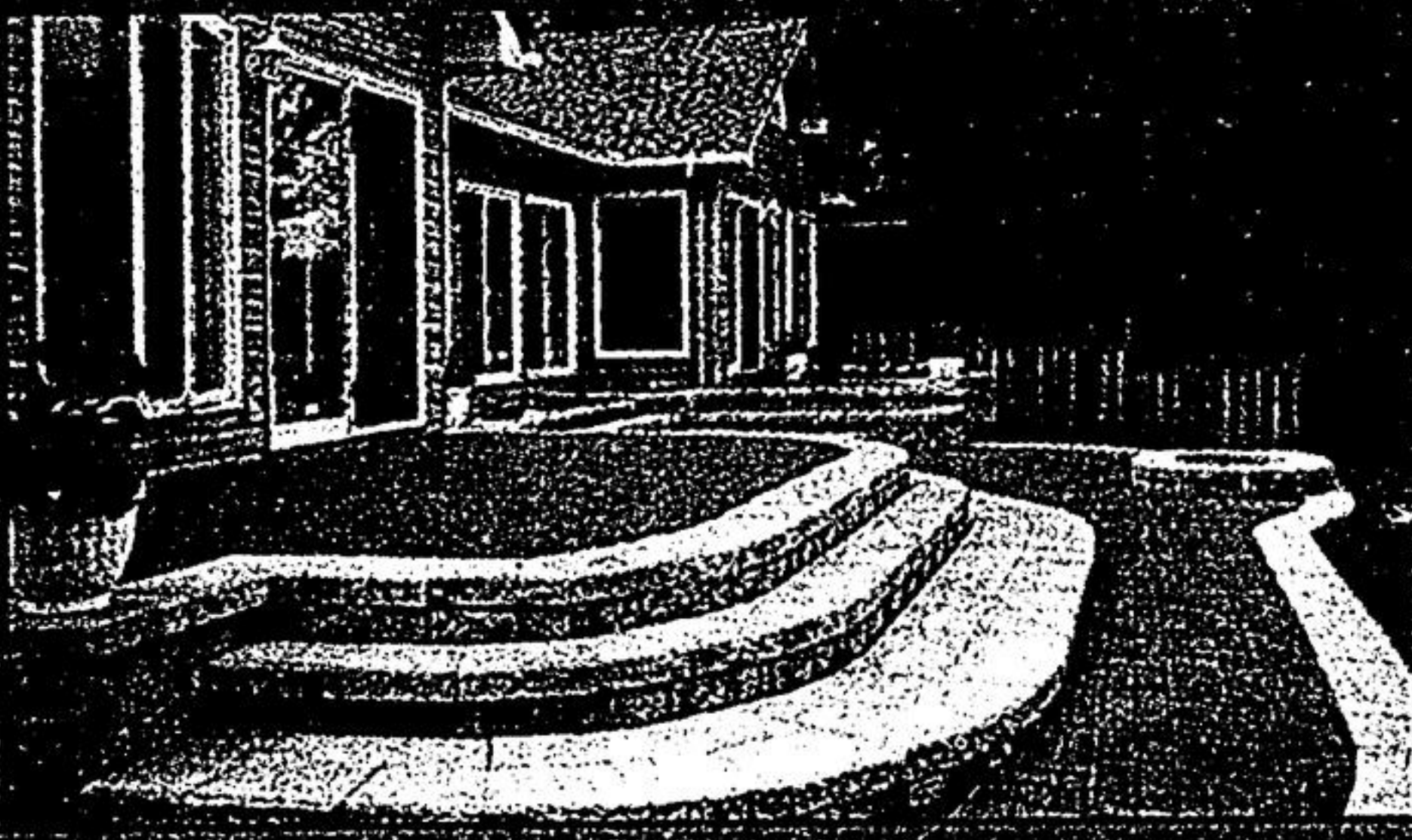
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