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Downtown retirement home going up

BY JIM MASON
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After a couple of false starts, a downtown Stouffville seniors housing project is moving ahead.

Diversicare Canada Management Services Inc. has started work on the Stouffville Creek Retirement Residence. Official ceremonies take place Oct. 23. Completion is scheduled for next fall.

The 90-suite home is being built on more than 1.5 acres on Freel Lane, north of the Earl of Whitchurch and east of the Stouffville Station's north parking area.

Suites will include studios and one and two bedrooms.

The facility will be a full service home, with meals, housekeeping, laundry and health care support, including medication management and daily living assistance.

The former location of Stouffville Machine was the proposed home for other seniors' apartment projects that were never built.

"The location allows residents to walk to restaurants, shops and services," Diversicare sales and marketing consultant Karen Kotanko said.

Designed by Giannone & Associates, the four-storey residence will include 81,441 square feet.

The building will be non-combustible construction with an architectural stone, brick and wood siding exterior and flat pitched metal roof with dormer features.

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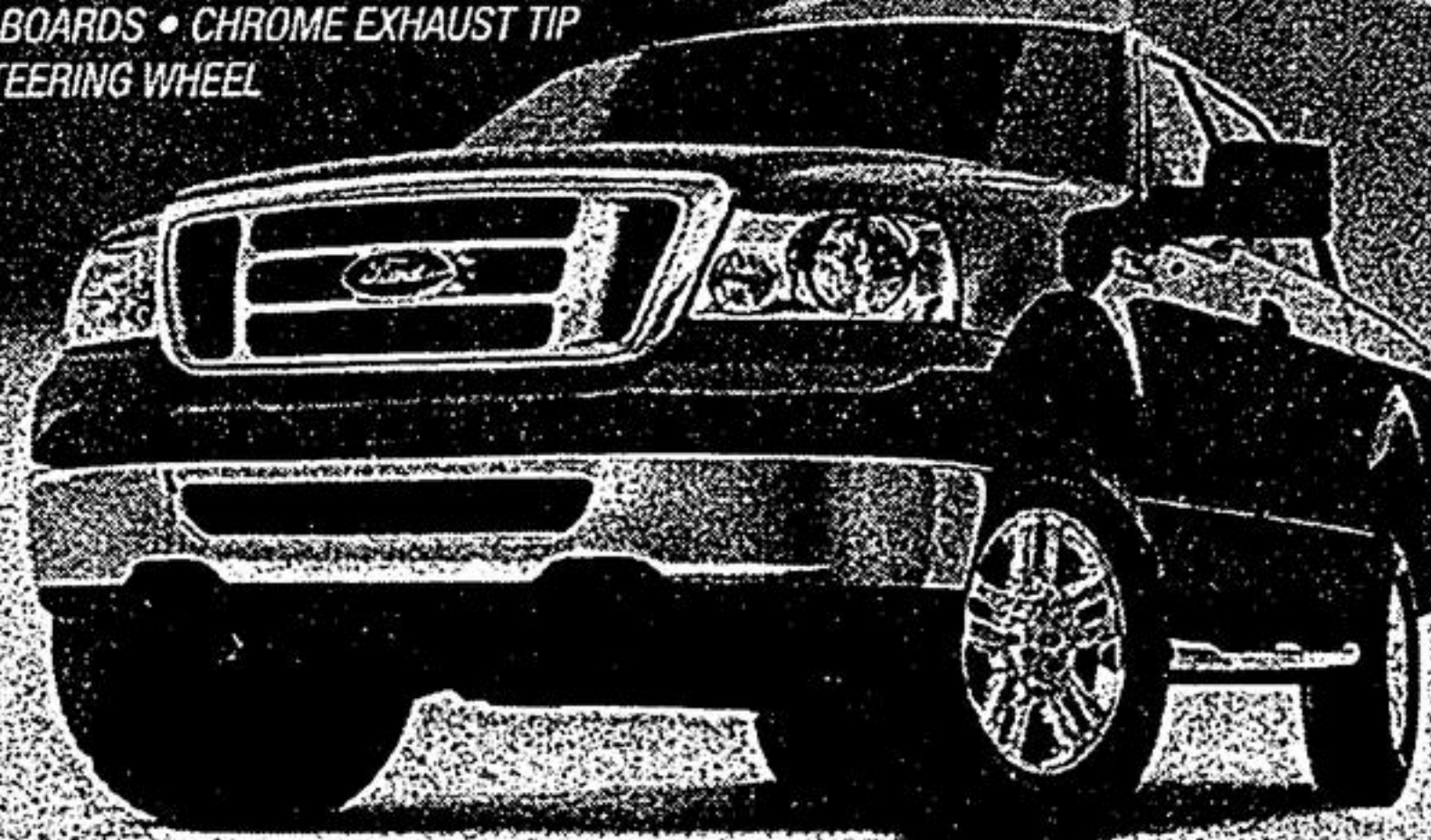
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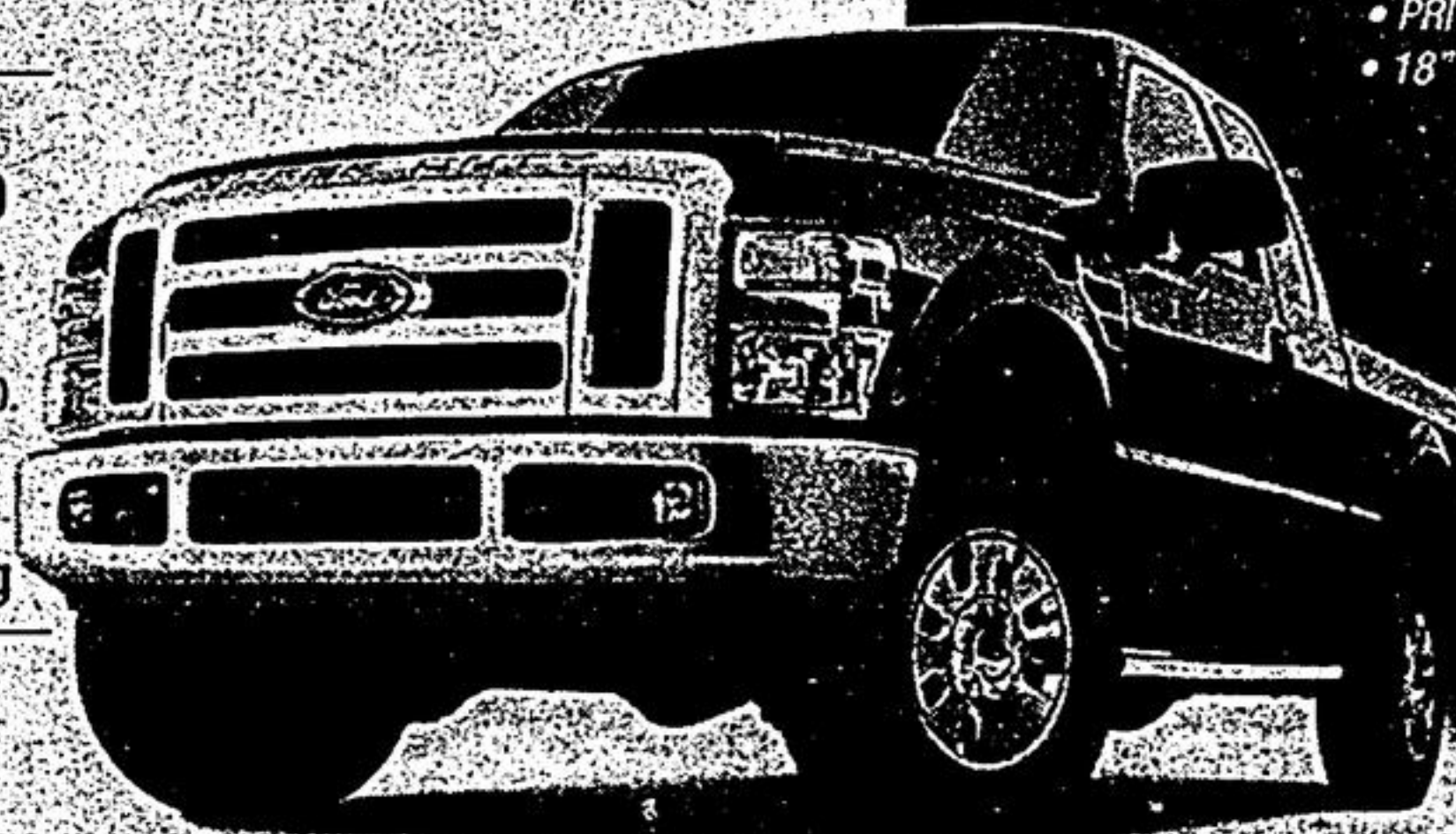
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