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Real estate firm was on Main St. for 35 years

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 Staff Writer

After 35 years on Main Street, the familiar K. R. May Real Estate Ltd. office has moved out.

However, the long-standing business remains in the Stouffville area, but from a home office east of the community.

The business started in the days before fax machines and computers; now a majority of its business is conducted over the Internet.

The real estate market has changed greatly from the early 1970s when homes on streets such as Rupert Avenue, Glen-gall Lane and West Lawn Crescent in

west-end Stouffville sold for around \$30,000.

At that time it was known as the Ponderosa subdivision, Mr. May noted.

When the Thicketwood subdivision was being developed in southern Stouffville, Mr. May projected serviced lots would go for around \$15,000. Now they are worth at least \$150,000.

Before the Internet, getting documents from place to place was time-consuming.

Mr. May remembers having to travel to Sarnia three times, to where a property's executor lived, when handling the sale of a farm property in Uxbridge.

The company is one of very few privately-owned independent brokerages. It reached its hey day in the late 1970s with offices in Stouffville and Uxbridge and more than 30 salespeople.

The company specializes in rural properties and new home sales.

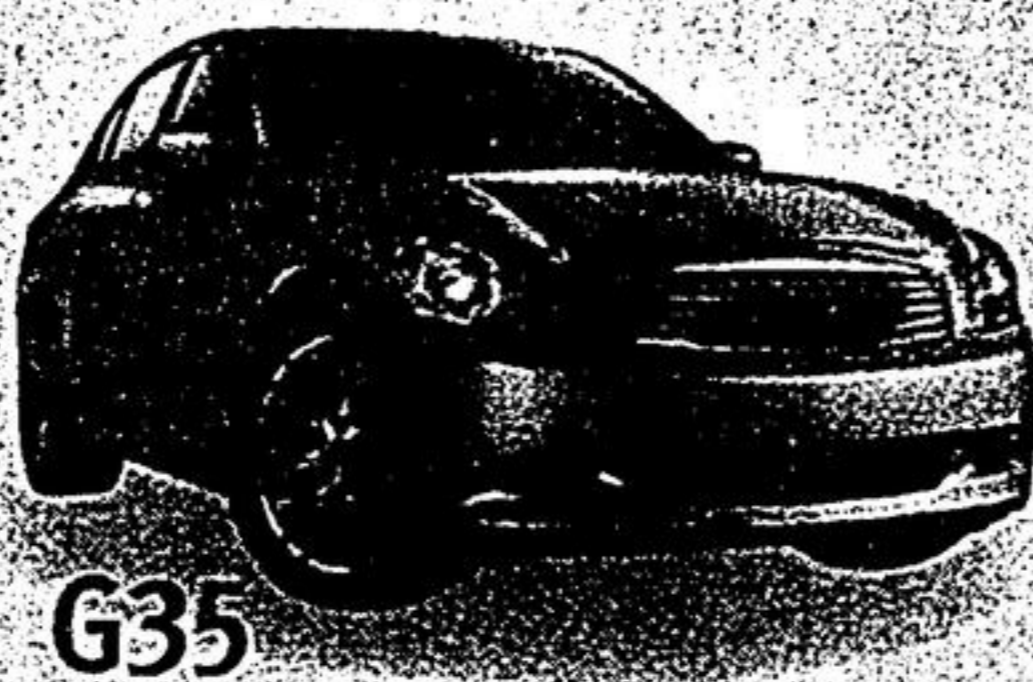
Mr. May's son, Daryl, and Nancy Hill are the company's sales representatives.

Mr. May's other son is Anaheim Duck forward Brad May.

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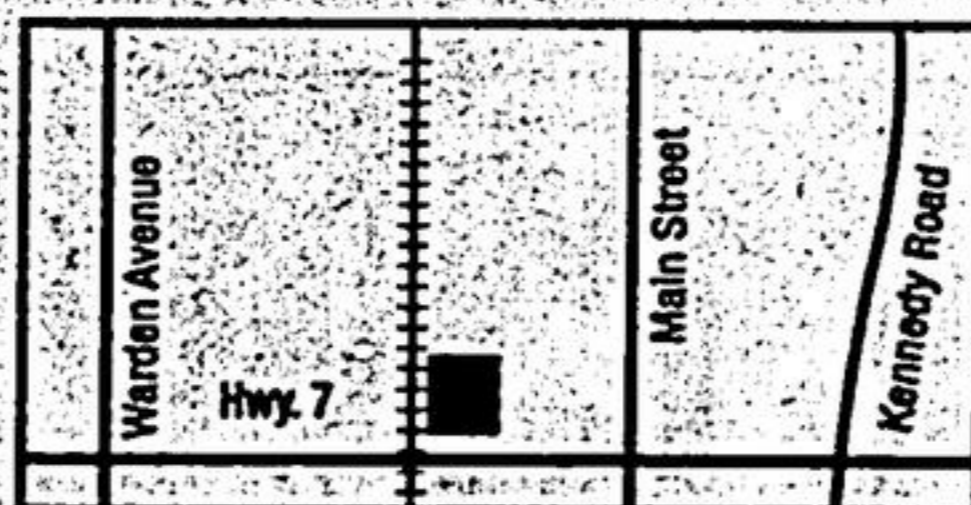
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