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Schell Lumber goes Home with new partnership

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Schell Lumber has partnered with Home Hardware's Home Building Centre to offer a greater selection of merchandise and to take advantage of the company's brand name.

"It will help to bring in the people who don't know and love us now," said Schell Lumber Home Building Centre co-owner Ron Schell.

Other than a new name and facade on the front of the Edward Street building, very little will change.

The company's Country Depot will remain as is next door and continue to sell feed and farm equipment, while the building centre will continue to provide all sorts of hardware.

However, more fashionoriented items like lawn and garden furniture will be added to the mix.

But what you will not

find at the revamped Schell are pots and pans and other housewares.

"The Schell aspect will not change at all," Mr. Schell said. "The same Schell family (and the same) Schell employees. ... (We're) just adding a bit of Home Hardware help."

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This is not the first time Schell has partnered with a national retailer.

About 10 years ago, the lumber and hardware company joined forces with Ace Hardware.

However, about three years into the deal, Ace

closed up shop because it lost its distribution deal from Beaver Lumber because Beaver was purchased by Home Hardware.

"Here I am joining the (company) that screwed me seven years ago," Mr. Schell said jokingly.

The official name change took place May 26.

Home Hardware Stores Limited is Canada's largest independent hardware, lumber and building materials and furniture retailer with more than 1,000 stores across Canada.

Stores are operated under the Home Hardware, Home Building Centre, Home Hardware Building Centre and Home Furniture banners.

The company has annual retail sales of \$4.85 billion.

The co-operative operation was founded in 1964 by 122 independent hardware dealers.

Our newest millionaire

Stouffville father of two had to get wife to double check his winning Encore ticket

The Stouffville A&P's lottery terminal started flashing and announcing a big 'winner' last Saturday.

Stouffville's Steven Myers-Mason had to have his wife double-check the lottery ticket.

The 43-year-old father of two won the \$1-million Encore prize May 29.

"I could not believe it when I realized how much I won," he said.

Customers and staff in the Main Street grocery store were abuzz about the big win even later in the day.

The winning ticket was purchased at Petro Canada on Hwy. 7 in Markham.

Mr. Myers-Mason plans to invest his winnings.

For more information on Ontario's lotteries, go to ww.olg.ca







NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION TRANSPORTATION AND WATER & WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN UPDATES

The Regional Municipality of York has completed its Transportation and Water & Wastewater Master Plan Updates. These Master Plans will guide the Region's infrastructure needs for water, sewers, roads and transit for the next 25 years and beyond. The Master Plan Update studies incorporate the Province's significant increases in population and employment forecasts, changes in land use planning and environmental policies, in addition to the Region's growth management initiative, *Planning for Tomorrow*. The Updates also integrate our sustainability objectives – to preserve and enhance our natural environment, economic vitality and healthy communities while providing safe, affordable and efficient transportation and servicing for the Region's residents and visitors.

Public Consultation was a vital component of these studies, involving local municipalities, stakeholders, and residents at several key points during the study process. This process and the resulting Master Plans address the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessments for the projects identified in the Plans. The recommended policies and projects are based on the study findings and incorporate comments from the public and separate Technical Advisory Committees that included staff representatives from the Region, local municipalities, the Province and conservation authorities.

The Master Plan reports are available for review on-line at: www.york.ca or in hard copy at the Region's nine local area municipality Civic Centres and the following location:

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