



ONLY THE CHARRED STONE FOUNDATIONS remain after fire tore through a Fisher Farms operation Friday north of Milton. Firefighting units from Acton and Milton fought the 2 a.m. blaze. About 9,000 day-old turkeys died.

## Collie lost . . .

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the roads up there as we are with the ones down here", Fire chief Clement said.

From time to time a shower of bright red and gold embers would float east in the breeze from the burning barn. Mrs. Leece said that she feared for the hay in a barn on her family's lot because of the sparks.

Mrs. Leece said that she was drinking coffee and watching TV after she arrived home from work at Georgetown. She said that she took a flashlight and went out when she heard the dogs. She walked to the end of the long tree-lined driveway and saw the fire.

The glow in the sky was visible for a long distance. Some neighbors at first feared a bush fire.

## Board gives nod to Sixth Line homes

The 31 estate home development of \$150,000 homes on the Sixth Line, proposed by Al Pilutti, was approved in principle by Halton Hills planning board, Tuesday night, despite a planning department recommendation saying it was premature.

Pilutti contended the planner's recommendation was based on a Niagara Escarpment recommendation the development was premature, but pointed a later letter from the NEC, received after the planner's report was made, simply said, "It could be considered premature," Pilutti claimed this was a different viewpoint.

He discounted fears expressed by the planner the development may extend the urban area of Georgetown, and any possible extension of the sewer service.

Pilutti said the water problem mentioned by the planner could be overcome. He said only one area, perhaps 20 per cent of the 117 acres, had water a bit salty, and said the installation of units, costing \$2,000 each could be installed in every home where necessary. He said before a building permit is issued he would have to drill a well and have it approved by the Ministry of Environment and Halton Health Unit.

In reply to a question from Councillor Ern Hyde, Pilutti said the lots were all over two acres. He said a lake had been planned where the gravel pit is now, near the entrance to the development, but he said it could be a park, or cash could be given in lieu of park land.

Councillor Ernie Sykes said the NEC seems to be at an impasse. He said the NEC will only give an opinion if

formally requested and they won't be formally requested unless the town starts the process by approving in principle.

Councillor Joe Hurst asked if the later letter from the NEC changed the planner's report.

The planner indicated it did so to some degree. He pointed out the region also said it is premature, until the Official Plan review is completed.

Hyde said council had indicated they felt the proposal was attractive a year ago. He claimed only proposals using sewer services should be considered premature. We should either approve it in principle or turn it down forever.

Levy said he liked the plan, and said it was his idea of estate residential. He said he felt the urban area had sprawled enough in that direction, and had some con-

cern about the delay in completing the Official Plan review.

The planner said he anticipated it would be finished this fall.

The mayor said he agreed it should be approved in principle or turned down.

Pilutti said it would probably take two years to get all approvals cleared away to start work.

Councillor Les Dudy pointed out the length of time the plan had taken and the length of time it will take, and agreed it should be approved in principle. He said the letters from the NEC say almost nothing, and suggested they should send out form letters since the NEC always says the same thing.

Councillor Joe Hurst stated council should not be worrying about other authorities, and "perhaps putting words in their mouths."

## C of C steps . . .

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Rloor and Jane in Toronto, the Globe and Mail reported a 50 per cent increase in business. Mr. Silverberg told the audience.

The Chamber's committee on BIA will take the first step, as outlined by Mr. Garrett, in acquiring special status by selecting an area.

A meeting to present the BIA idea to businessmen should next be held and a vote taken on the proposed area of designation.

A registered letter from the town clerk must next be mailed to everyone who pays the assessment tax within the defined area.

A board of management, usually with about seven members, is set up under the approval of town council. One or two councillors must be included on the board.

Taxes  
The board is responsible for budget and setting up allocations.

The town collects money through taxes for the district and turns it over to the board. "The city can penalize for not paying to the program the same as with assessment tax," Mr. Garrett said.

Once core businessmen start on the path to BIA status, they can be stopped if one-third of their number object. "It is up to the apathetic to object. That's generally a contradiction," Mr. Garrett said.

Only two applications for BIA status have been turned down, Mr. Garrett said. One community failed to promote the idea and another defined an area which included a large business building whose inhabitants saw no benefit in the program.

"You don't have to get the landlord's word on the agreement. We've found that improvement is contagious and private buildings improve," Mr. Garrett said.

"You should take advantage now that the street is to be reconstructed. There will be a truck route, make it permanent," Mr. Silverberg said.

Tiles  
Mr. Silverberg also suggested that the meeting take advantage of the sidewalk being torn up and see about putting sweeping tiles in place for trees.

"Once merchants demonstrate a willingness to help themselves, they're going to get a lot better co-operation from municipalities," Mr. Silverberg said.

After the meeting a couple of audience members said that it was too bad that the Chamber had not heard of the BIA concept months ago before reconstruction of Mill Street was set.

Assistant town planner Ron Burnett addressed the gathering specifically on off-street parking.

Mr. Burnett said the merchants have an opportunity to voice their views on off-street parking through the parking authority.

Mr. Burnett's outline for the acquisition of off-street parking comes from another section of the Municipal Act: only owners can be taxed, he said.

Using the site of Hatcher's Bakery for a start, Mr. Burnett told the meeting that the area behind the YMCA and another building could

open a Willow to John Street passage with a potential for 15-20 parking spaces.

Mr. Burnett told the audience that the price for the bakeryland is under negotiation. He said that the land is valued at between \$30,000 and \$42,000 and that the asking price is in that range.

Councillor Les Dudy said, "I'm very concerned on the progress you're making. There is none. The representatives on council are quite prepared to help." He later added, "After 11 years I'm very concerned. Surely there is a majority who knows what they want. Let us know."

Councillor Pat McKenzie agreed with councillor Dudy and added that the planner will be ready in a month with a plan for Ward One and public meetings.

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