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## ✓ Please pitch in

Firefighter food drive director Murray McConnell (second from left) is surrounded by Milton firefighters (from left) Mike McConnell, Chris Burke and Paul Hollingshead. They're asking local residents to make non-perishable food donations to the Milton Fire Department's annual drive starting tomorrow morning at 9. Firefighters and volunteers will patrol local neighbourhoods in fire department and Town vehicles collecting donations for the Salvation Army Foodbank. Donation bags were distributed in Tuesday's Champion. At the sound of the siren, residents will be asked to pitch in.

Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

# ✓ Developer wins at OMB in tough and emotional Drury land dispute

By IRENE GENTLE  
*The Champion*

After a long, hard-fought battle, there are winners and losers.

And in the bitter fight to develop almost 33 acres of land by the E.C. Drury complex, the developers appear to have emerged victorious.

The proposal has been bitterly opposed by residents, many of whom put their own money on the line to fight it.

But on Tuesday, OMB member W.R.F. Watty found in favour of the developers, H.D. Investments and Leisureworld Inc.

The 11th hour judgment came down two days before a sales agreement between the land owner, the Ontario Realty Corporation, and the develop-

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ers was set to expire.

In order to meet the deadline, Mr. Watty limited his report to findings and end results. Full reasons behind the decision will arrive later.

But the resolve to allow 189 detached, geared-to-seniors condominiums in the area many residents use as a park came as a blow to Town lawyer Hal Watson, who argued against it.

"We're very disappointed with the result, but we had a good hearing," he said.

Participants have 15 days from the date of the decision to appeal, but Mr. Watson said it's too early to determine the next course of action.

Peter Pickfield, the attorney representing the citizen's group Friends of E.C. Drury Park, said his clients are still debating their next move.

"We're going to be discussing over the next few days what steps are to be taken," he said. "It's fair to say we're disappointed with the decision."

But Dave de Sylva, president of H.D. Investments, believes the verdict was as fair as it was timely.

"It's good. It's pretty much as we expected," he said.

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