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Kay Bounsall, past president of the Milton Horticultural Society, admires a miniature garden genie entry by H elene Gallien during the group's spring show at Milton Mall Saturday.

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## Movie theatre could be coming soon

By JASON MISNER  
*The Champion*

The president of the developer building Milton's impending power centre says he's "very confident" a multi-screen movie theatre will open on the site next year — possibly by the beginning of the summer blockbuster movie season.

David Gibson, president of First Gulf Capital Corporation, told *The Champion* Thursday afternoon that negotiations are on-going with a major movie theatre chain to build a state-of-the-art theatre complete with seven or eight screens. He said he's "very confident" a deal will be struck.

The power centre is at the southwest corner of Steeles Avenue and James Snow Parkway.

The hope is to have the theatre open next year, perhaps by the start of the summer — a time when studios roll out their big blockbuster movies and theatre-goers are eager to shell out disposable bucks for a ticket and goodies like popcorn.

"We are working on that, but not yet able to make an announcement as to who and when," he said. "Obviously we want to have it open next year. It would be a major chain, something you see in Mississauga.

"There wouldn't be anything small-town about the theatre we put in."

Cineplex Odeon, Famous Players and AMC are among the major movie theatres.

A theatre setting up shop at the power centre makes sense, Mr. Gibson said, because "we have the biggest mall development in the town and because of our highway location."

Residents — Milton has a population of around 50,000 — have been complaining for some time about a lack of entertainment in town. Many have pointed to the need for a movie theatre or a bowling alley, places where families can do things together.

Overall, the power centre is proposed to have 20 stores on site and could be in full operation by next spring. As part of the power centre zoning, other stores can be no smaller than 3,000 square feet. A grocery store is also zoned for the site.

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