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VACANT HOUSE BURNS: Halton Hills firefighters spray a water/foam mix on a vacant Fifth Line and Steeles Avenue farmhouse after a blaze broke out Tuesday evening. The fire, which started at about 7 p.m., gutted the vacant home and temporarily closed Fifth Line. See story on page A9.

Shopping centre bid gets rejected

Council's decision met favourably

By Melanie Hennessey
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

Town council received a round of applause Monday evening after turning down a shopping centre proposed for the northwest corner of Bronte Street and Derry Road.

In a 6-3 vote, council said no to making an Official Plan amendment for First Capital's development that would've contained a Sobeys store and commercial, retail and restaurant uses on the west-end property.

A group of residents and local developers have long been opposing the plans. Council heard from them, along with people who favour the project, at its session this week before voting the proposal down.

Maggie Lizzi of La Rose Bakery on Bronte Street said she thinks the development wouldn't give people who are new to town a fair chance to come and explore her family business.

"I'm not in favour of this project," she said. "I also think it would impact the (business) people on Main Street."

Developer defends plans

But First Capital's representative Patrick Devine pointed to a market impact study that said the development won't have a negative impact on the planned function of the central business district.

He urged council to adopt the Official Plan amendment for the First Capital site.

Marla Marnoch of the Bronte Meadows Neighbourhood Group also spoke to council to once again ask for them to turn down the development.

"The First Capital location is inap-

propriate," she said, noting that Milton District Hospital and a fire station are both nearby. "Obviously the need for quick access of emergency vehicles has to be considered."

In addition, she argued the shopping centre would cause "congestion and traffic chaos" along Derry Road.

Also speaking against the proposal was lawyer Gerald Swinkin on behalf of Manaman Inc., which owns nearby property at the corner of First Line and Louis St. Laurent and intends to build a commercial development there.

Like last time he appeared before council, he suggested First Capital change its name to 'First Cannonball', since he thinks the proposal will blow a hole in the commercial plans already made for the town.

Wrapping up the delegations was
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