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First unit open at cancer centre

Newmarket closer for Stouffville patients

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Kelly Reeve's battle with breast cancer has been filled with peaks and valleys.

But this week's opening of the radiation unit at the new Stronach Regional Cancer Centre has put her back on top of the fight.

The Newmarket mom, who was diagnosed with cancer in July, has already completed chemotherapy treatment at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

But for the next step in her treatment, she was to travel to a hospital in Toronto, which she feared would throw her life into chaos, yet another blow in her battle with the disease.

The ability to access treatment in Newmarket eliminated the concern.

"Every time there was a (construction) delay, I would gasp," she said. "I would have had no choice but to travel to (Princess) Margaret Hospital in Toronto for treatment."

While she had no doubt the treatment at the downtown hospital would have been top-notch,

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POP FLY



STAFF PHOTO/NICK IWANYSHYN

Stouffville peewee AE Clippers goalie Tyler Ryan watches a Caledon shot during Game 1 of their Ontario Minor Hockey Association championship series at the Stouffville Arena last Saturday. Stouffville won the first two games and can wrap up the title in Caledon today.

Town wants brakes on drive-thrus

Not so fast on restrictions, fast-food lawyer tells councillors

BY SANDRA BOLAN
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The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville wants to clamp down on drive-thrus.

But a lawyer representing A & W, McDonald's, Tim Hortons and Wendy's called the potential move discriminatory.

On March 2, council was prepared to pass a new zoning bylaw, which contained a provision stating drive-thru facilities, other than those already in existence, will only be permitted by exemption.

Drive-thrus were eventually removed from the bylaw, which was passed that evening, but not without a debate between staff, council and the restaurant industry.

The drive-thru restrictions will be back before council with a staff report next month.

"However it's dressed up, it's a prohibition," said Michael Polowin, a partner in Ottawa's Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP Barristers and Solicitors of the drive-thru stipulations. "There's no justification being offered for the prohibition of these things."

Mr. Polowin also noted the City of Ottawa tried to restrict drive-thrus. The matter was settled through an OMB hearing.

"There's no public outcry in this municipality, as in others, to restrict drive-thrus," Mr. Polowin said.

To which, Mayor Wayne Emmerson replied: "You say there is no outcry, but you weren't here when the first Tim Hortons' drive-thru

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