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The Superior Court of Ontario has supported the Town's decision to deny a site alteration bylaw to an Eighth Line prop-

Justice D.K. Gray dismissed the Stull family's request and upheld the Towns denial of the application. According to Justice Gray, he found the Town provided a quintessentially good-faith example of proper municipal decisionmaking, leading to a perfectly reasonable result.

For the past four years, the Stulls have appealed to council to fill a gravel pit on their 12519 Eighth Line property. The project would have brought in 72,000 truckloads of fill, subsoil and soil over a three- to five-year period to create an 8.8-hectare parcel of productive farmland.

Council sent the decision off to the Site Alteration Committee (SAC), which returned with a recommendation to deny. Council then denied the application for a site alteration bylaw on the recommendation of SAC. Sally Stull appealed to council during a February 2016 council meeting, quoting the initiative is supported by provincial, regional and local policy and legislation and has no technical barrier to completion, other than temporary truck nuisance.

During her deposition in front of council last February, Stull said the appeal process lacked procedural fairness and the guidelines around the hauling hours were impossible to meet.

Regional Councillor Clark Somerville explained the hauling hours were done that way to make sure trucks bringing in the fill would not interfere with school buses frequenting the

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RESIDENTIAL FIRE: Hwy. 7 was closed just west of Acton for a couple of hours Monday due to a structure fire. Fire crews from Halton Hills and Guelph-Eramosa responded to a call of a blaze in a mixed commercial/residential structure at around 10:30 a.m. Ontario Provincial Police closed Hwy. 7 between Sixth Line Nassagaweya and Crewsons Corners until 1:30 p.m. There were no reports of injuries, and the fire cost approxiately \$1 million in damages.

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