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Liquid gold

The weather hasn't been very spring-like yet perhaps the sight of sap running from trees is a sign of better days ahead. At the Willow Park Ecology Centre maple syrup workshop, Nate Carruthers, 7, tasted the sweet sap just seconds after driving in the spile.

Photo by Ted Brown

Aggregate amendments fuel residents' feud

By **CYNTHIA GAMBLE**
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A battle has been brewing between the Eighth Line/22 Sideroad neighbourhood residents fed up with hundreds of trucks passing their doorsteps daily and one landowner, using his property as an aggregate transfer station.

Several of the residents turned out to the Monday night council meeting to comment on Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments regarding the Stand-Alone Aggregate Related Uses Study.

Aggregate transfer stations (not associated with a licensed quarry), contractors establishments, outdoor storage uses, concrete batching plants and asphalt plants would be allowed only in Georgetown and Acton and Mansewood industrial areas, subject to criteria and specific locations.

While the Official Plan (OP) Amendment 15 applies to the whole town, Amendment 16 specifies 12519 Eighth Line, owned by Rick and Sally Stull,

as well as another property, 12942 Hwy. 7. Both will lose their Mineral Resource Extraction Area (MAR) OP designation and zoning, now that they are no longer licensed for extraction by the Ministry of Natural Resources, under the Aggregate Resources Act.

The Stull property (licence revoked) will be redesignated from Mineral Aggregate Resources (MAR) to Protected Countryside Area and Protected Countryside Area with a Natural Heritage System Overlay and the 12942 Hwy. 7 (licence surrendered) will be redesignated to Escarpment Natural Area, Escarpment Protection Area and Escarpment Rural Area.

It was the Stull property that brought residents out to Monday's meeting.

Elizabeth Doell, Michael Huggins, and Sharon Dutton all expressed support for the Town amendments. They complained about impact of an aggregate transfer station on a rural neighbourhood including

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