

**TOWN OF EAST GWILLIMBURY RECEIVES REPORT FROM THE
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Report follows March 29, 2013 fatal fire in Sharon, Ontario

August 13, 2014 –The Town of East Gwillimbury received a report from the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) for the March 29, 2013 fire on Howard Avenue in Sharon. This morning the Ontario Fire Marshal convened a press conference to release the reports key findings. The Office of the Fire Marshal investigators have determined the origin of the fire was the clothes dryer and venting system.

The March 29, 2013 Howard Avenue fire resulting in the loss of four members of the Dunsmuir Family was a tragedy for the community of East Gwillimbury. They are missed by all who knew them and it is our hope that this will serve to help all Ontarians better understand the need for working smoke alarms on all floors, and a home fire escape plan for all residents.

The key findings of the investigation of the OFMEM report identified the importance of early notification with operating fire alarms systems and an escape plan. The Town will work with the report's findings and continue to prioritize community safety for all residents.

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