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STATEMENT FROM THE TOWN OF EAST GWILLIMBURY

Coroner's Inquest into death of Dunsmuir Family to begin next week

Sharon, ON (March 23, 2016) – Tuesday March 29, 2016 marks the first day of the Coroner's Inquest into the fire on Howard Ave on March 29, 2013 that took the lives of Kevin, Jennifer, Robert and Cameron Dunsmuir. The Town welcomes the inquest as an opportunity to build on the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management's report that identified a lack of smoke detectors as the root cause.

"This was a tragedy for the family, friends of the family and our entire community. It has not been forgotten," said Mayor Virginia Hackson. "We are hopeful that recommendations will be made to improve fire safety and fire planning for all Ontarians. On behalf of the Town we would like to thank all of our partners and stakeholders who assisted during this tragic event and the community who continue to offer their support to the family."

The Inquest will be held for the purpose of informing the public about the circumstances of the deaths of the Dunsmuir family and provide recommendations to prevent deaths in the future. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Coroners Courts in Toronto and is expected to last approximately eight weeks. The Inquest is being held in conjunction with an Inquest into a fire that occurred in Whitby in 2012.

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