

Statement from Tom Webster

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- Good morning. There have been a number of questions raised recently about the tragic fire at 72 Howard Avenue. We are continuing to work with the Office of the Fire Marshal on their ongoing investigation.
- It is our hope that the EGES and first responders nationally will learn valuable lessons from the fire.
- Most important, we hope that families across Canada will ensure that they have working smoke alarms and fire safety plans. In the last two weeks a number of residents have spoken to me about how they checked their smoke detectors and, for the first time, spoken to their family about escape plans.
- Unfortunately there has been some misinformation circulating. These rumours and speculation are not helpful and serve only to divert our resources away from how best to ensure a tragedy like this doesn't happen again.
- As we move forward, Town staff continue to work with the Ontario Fire Marshal and the ongoing investigation, and continue to prioritize community safety for EG's residents
- Chief Beckett will now provide some further information and an update on the fire.