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STATEMENT FROM THE TOWN OF EAST GWILLIMBURY

Recommendations from the Coroner's Inquest into death of Dunsmuir Family

(Sharon, ON) April 29, 2016 – Today marked the final day of the five week Coroner's Inquest into the March 29, 2013 fire on Howard Ave. that took the lives of Kevin, Jennifer, Robert and Cameron Dunsmuir. The Inquest was held in conjunction with a fire that occurred in Whitby in 2012.

Closing remarks were presented on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 which summarized the various aspects of fire safety and emergency services response related to the two incidents. Each party had the opportunity to provide recommendations for the jury to consider. Today's recommendations from the jury are aimed to prevent similar tragic events in the future.

The jury presented 33 recommendations to the Coroner aimed at increasing fire prevention and public education. All of the recommendations provided by the Town were acknowledged and included in the final recommendations from the jury.

"The Town of East Gwillimbury is committed to community safety through public education and fire prevention. Over the past three years we have dedicated many resources to advance our community education programs and increase fire safety. We are pleased to see the acknowledgement of the importance of fire prevention and education in the recommendations presented by the jury," said Mayor Virginia Hackson.

The recommendations presented respond to both the Whitby and East Gwillimbury fire incidents. The Town of East Gwillimbury welcomes the recommendations and will review the jury's comments in depth. The Town will continue to focus on community education and fire prevention to ensure East Gwillimbury is a safe and livable community.

The full list of recommendations can be found at www.eastgwillimbury.ca.

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