

## Town responds to OFM update

*East Gwillimbury (April 3, 2013)* – Earlier today the Ontario Fire Marshall provided a preliminary update related to the tragic fire last Friday in East Gwillimbury. The initial findings are focused on the lack of operating fire detection devices within the house and notification to emergency responders.

“The moment right now belongs to the family,” said East Gwillimbury Mayor Virginia Hackson. “The Town will review these preliminary findings and make further comment after the family and community have had a chance to grieve.”

The Ontario Fire Marshall stressed the importance of having properly working “early warning” (smoke and carbon monoxide) detectors in your home, and of preparing a home fire escape plan in advance.

“The Town’s priority is that we will continue to work cooperatively with the Ontario Fire Marshall’s ongoing investigation and assist the family and community in the grieving process,” Hackson said. “Early next week there will be further Town updates provided as available.”

For more information on how to prepare your family for a fire emergency, please visit the Town web site at [eastgwillimbury.ca](http://eastgwillimbury.ca), then Services and follow the links to the Fire Department.

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