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## **IMMINENT ELECTRICAL HAZARDS RESULT IN DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRICAL POWER**

On March 24, 2010 the Electrical Safety Authority ordered the disconnection of electrical power to 1010 Dundas Street East following confirmation that no efforts had been made to remedy outstanding imminent electrical hazards. This follows over two months of ongoing communication between the Electrical Safety Authority and property owners associated with requirements to repair imminent electrical hazards identified in January 2010.

The Electrical Safety Authority has taken steps to notify all residents. In addition, social service and safety agencies in the Town of Whitby and Region of Durham have been notified to support residents at this location.

The Electrical Safety Authority takes the disconnection of electrical service seriously. Our primary objective is to work to resolve high-risk electrical hazards to ensure safety and to minimize inconvenience to property owners and residents.

The Electrical Safety Authority continues to be on site to monitor the progress of work activity. In the meantime, the property owner has arranged for a temporary generator to be installed by a private company to provide power to park residents. This generator was fully operational the afternoon of March 24, 2010, and has the capacity to meet the electricity requirements of all residents. This temporary arrangement is providing power to the residents until such time as the remedial work on the imminent safety hazards is undertaken.

The Electrical Safety Authority is a delegated administrative authority responsible for administration and enforcement of Part VIII of the *Electricity Act, 1998*, and associated Ontario Regulation 164/99 (*Ontario Electrical Safety Code*), Ontario Regulation 22/04 (*Electrical Distribution Safety*), Ontario Regulation 570/05 (*Provincial Electrical Contractor Licensing*), and Ontario Regulation 438/08 (*Product Safety*).

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