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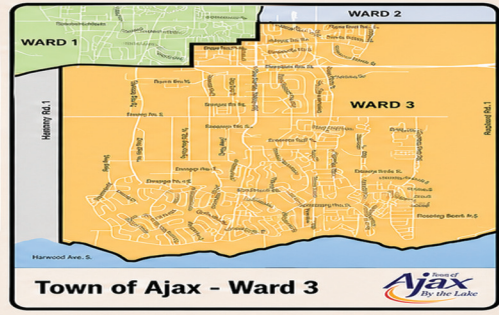
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WHO TORCHED THE FUNERAL HOME?

OSHAWA — A devastating early-morning fire that destroyed the McIntosh-Anderson-Kellam Funeral Home in downtown Oshawa is now being treated as suspicious, adding a serious public-safety dimension to the destruction of a long-established local business. The fire broke out shortly before 4 a.m. Monday at the funeral home on King Street East.

Oshawa firefighters responding to the call arrived to find an active fire burning inside the building. Crews worked to bring the blaze under control, but the structure sustained extensive damage. The building was ultimately demolished after officials determined the damage was too severe for it to remain standing safely. No injuries were reported.

What began as a major downtown structure fire has now become the subject of a police investigation. Durham Regional Police say investigators believe the fire started under suspicious circumstances. That determination raises new and important questions surrounding the blaze, including how the fire began, whether anyone was seen in or around the property before emergency crews arrived, and whether criminal activity may have played a role. Police have not publicly identified a suspect or announced any arrests. Investigators have also not released details explaining what evidence led them to classify the circumstances of the fire as suspicious. For now, the exact cause remains under investigation. The destruction of the

McIntosh-Anderson-Kellam Funeral Home is significant for Oshawa beyond the loss of the building itself. The funeral home had been a recognizable and long-standing business in the downtown area, serving generations of local families during some of the most difficult moments of their lives. Its sudden destruction leaves another major gap along King Street East and adds to continuing concerns about safety, security and the changing face of downtown Oshawa.

A suspicious fire of this magnitude naturally brings additional scrutiny. Investigators may review surveillance video from neighbouring properties, speak with witnesses, examine activity in the area before the blaze and analyze any physical evidence recovered from the

site. The early-morning timing of the fire could also make information from residents, motorists, delivery drivers, security personnel or nearby businesses especially important. Anyone who may have witnessed unusual activity in the area before the fire, or who may have dash-camera or security-camera footage from King Street East during the early morning hours, could potentially have information useful to the investigation. For downtown business owners and residents, the incident is another reminder of how quickly a major emergency can affect an entire neighbourhood. A fire that destroys a building is serious enough. A fire now considered suspicious raises an entirely different level of concern. The key question investiga-

tors must now answer is whether this was a deliberately set fire or whether some other suspicious circumstance led to the destruction of the property. Until police complete their investigation, those questions remain unanswered. What is clear is that Oshawa has lost a long-established downtown business, a prominent building has been reduced to rubble, and Durham Regional Police are now trying to

determine exactly what happened in the hours leading up to the blaze. The investigation remains active. Anyone with information that may assist police is encouraged to contact Durham Regional Police. THE CENTRAL NEWSPAPER will continue to follow this developing investigation and report additional information as it becomes available.

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