Verdict of Coroner’s Jury
Office of the Chief Coroner

The Coroners Act – Province of Ontario

Surname: Yves
Given names: Blondin
Aged: 60

Held at: Ottawa
From the: May 28th, 2014
To the:
By: Dr. Gordon Watt, Coroner for Ontario
having been duly sworn/affirmed, have inquired into and determined the following:

Name of Deceased: Yves Blondin
Date and Time of Death: February 21, 2006 at 16:55 hrs
Place of Death: Ottawa Hospital, Civic Campus, Ottawa, Ontario
Cause of Death: Massive craniocerebral trauma, caused by being struck with a piece of wood in a construction site accident.
By what means: Accident

(Original signed by Foreman and Jurors)

This verdict was received on the 28th day of May, 2014
Coroner’s Name: Dr. Gordon Watt
(Original signed by Coroner)

We, the jury, wish to make the following recommendations:

Inquest into the death of:
Yves Blondin
Jury Recommendations

To manufacturers of concrete pressure pipe:
1. When designing and manufacturing special pipe sections, manufacturers should design and incorporate features to facilitate their installation, especially “homing”.
2. Manufacturers should produce and make available instructional and training material, in video format, for the installation of concrete pressure pipes, especially special pipe sections.

To municipalities:
3. Municipal staff, when designing water projects, should be made aware of the particular challenges of installing concrete pressure pipes, especially sections that may require specialized installation techniques.
4. In procuring concrete pressure pipes, municipalities should give preference to manufacturers that provide effective installation information and training.