

Blaze destroys home

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The Winger-Turner house was part of an immaculate farm just a few years ago. Outbuildings, landscaping and classic rural Ontario features made this a lovely home in the country. Within months vandals had stripped the eavestroughing, opening it up to the process of structural degradation.

The fire occurred overnight on Sunday, March 20. Fire officials on the scene confirmed it must have been arson.

This home, known locally as the Todd Place, was beautifully maintained and perfectly rentable not so long ago. This policy of neglect, called by some 'bulldozer by stealth' and others 'architectural murder', is clearly a means of depopulating the lands. It is the second home on the same road to burn down in the past six months. A further 20 have been bulldozed under contract to Transport Canada. Still others, listed on the City's heritage register, await a decision.

Land Over Landings deplores the loss of these homes, and urges the federal government to end its policy not re-tenanting before we lose all the heritage structures of North Pickering, and before someone dies in one of these blazes.



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