



All that is left of building near Community Centre, once a farmers' market, more recently used mainly for storage. Fire Marshal has deemed blaze "suspicious."

## ***Midnight blaze destroys Bradford landmark***

At 11:54 p.m. on March 28th, Firefighters received a 911 call reporting a blaze in the old Market building on Simcoe Road, just south of the Bradford Community Centre.

They arrived to find a fully-involved structure fire, that was threatening a nearby home and a municipal pumping station. Bradford West Gwillimbury firefighters, joined under Mutual Aid by a pumper from Holland Landing, carried out a defensive attack to protect nearby

structures, and eventually extinguish the blaze. They were on the scene until about 2:40 a.m.

By then, the Bradford landmark had been reduced to rubble and twisted metal, its contents – including two trailers, tools, and lawnmowers awaiting repairs or recycling – had been destroyed. Approximately 60 racing pigeons, also kept in the building, died in the fire.

The Fire Marshal's Office has been called in, and has termed the fire "suspi-

cious." Anyone with information is asked to call South Simcoe Police at 905-775-3311, or to remain anonymous. Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. The Bradford area has been plagued by a number of arson cases over the past year – including the still unsolved torching of a school bus that was parked at Bradford Public School. Police are asking for the public's assistance, before someone is injured in a deliberately-set fire.