



MEMORANDUM

TO: Heritage Markham Committee

FROM: George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner

DATE: July 8, 2020

SUBJECT: INFORMATION
Fire at 32 Colborne Street
Thornhill Heritage Conservation District

Property/Building Description:

- Ranch bungalow, 1956 with 1980s renovations. The Doris Fitzgerald House.

Use:

- Residence.

Heritage Status:

- A Class C (Non-heritage) property within the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District.

Background:

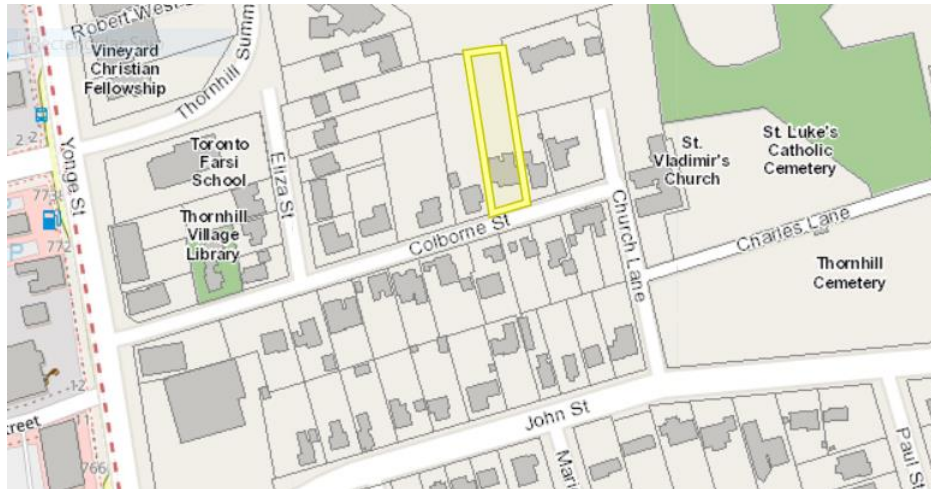
- Heritage Section staff was advised on Thursday, July 2, 2020 of a fire that occurred earlier in the morning at 32 Colborne Street.
- The house was severely damaged but the fire did not spread to adjacent properties thanks to the good work of Markham Fire Services.

Staff Comment:

- This house was originally constructed as a ranch bungalow in the mid-1950s. Doris Fitzgerald, who authored two books on the history of old Thornhill, once resided here. In the 1980s, the building was remodelled with a full-width front porch and modified to reflect a more traditional neo-Georgian aesthetic.
- The extent of the loss implies that the dwelling will be replaced with a new structure at some point in the future.

Suggested Heritage Markham Recommendation:

THAT Heritage Markham receive as information.



Location Map



32 Colborne Street