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Ms. Rita Caldarone Administrative Clerk Conservation Review Board Ministry of Culture 400 University Avenue, 4th Floor Toronto, ON M7A 2R9

Dear Ms. Caldarone:

Re: Designation of The Millar House

43 Welland Street South

Under Ontario Heritage Act - By-law No. 72-2005

Please be advised that Thorold City Council, at its August 9, 2005 meeting, adopted By-Law No. 72-2005 which designates The Millar House, as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18. A Notice of the Passage of the By-Law was published in Niagara This Week on August 12, 2005.

In accordance with Section 29(6)(a)(ii) of the Act, we have enclosed a duplicate copy of the registered By-Law being No. SN95650 registered October 17, 2005 for your records.

We trust this is in order.

Yours very truly,

AA:em Attach. Adele Arbour, MCIP, RPP,

City Planner

J.K. Bice, City Clerk cc:

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

BY-LAW NO. 72-2005

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE MILLAR HOUSE, LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF WELLAND STREET SOUTH BETWEEN PORTLAND STREET AND LYNDON STREET AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS:

- 1. Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate a property within the municipality including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest.
- 2. own the Lands.
- 3. Council has served a Notice of Intention upon the Owners of the Lands and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust providing Notice of Intention to designate The Millar House of cultural heritage value or interest and has caused Notice of Intention to be published in Niagara This Week, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality on the 1st day of July, 2005.
- 4. No Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the City.
- 5. The Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold endorsed the historical and architectural designation of The Millar House in accordance with the recommendation of report PBS2005-52.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this by-law and its preambles:

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- (a) "Building" means any premises or structures on the Lands.
- (b) "City" means the Corporation of the City of Thorold;
- (c) "Council" means the Council of the City;
- (d) "Designated" or "Designation" means the designation of the building known as "The Millar House" located at 43 Welland Street South in the City and located on the Lands, to be of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Ch.O.18, as amended;
- (e) "Lands" means lands and premises and buildings or improvements thereon, described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and made part of this By-law;
- (f) "Notice of Intention" means the Notice set out in Schedule "B" annexed to and made part of this By-law.
- 2. The building known as "The Millar House" and located on the Lands as such are described in Schedule "A" annexed to this By-law is Designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

- 3. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law including a copy of the reasons for designation, as stated in Schedule "B" to this By-law, to be registered on the title to the Lands at the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Niagara South in the City of St. Catharines.
- 4. The Clerk of the City is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the Owners of the Lands and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause Notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City.
- 5. Amendments to Schedule "A" annexed to and made part of this By-law may be made by the Clerk of the City after passage of this By-law in order to register the By-law pursuant to Section 3 hereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS 9th DAY OF August, 2005.

Mayor

City Clerk

CENTIFIED A TRUE COPY

ON THIS 15 TH DAY OF AUGUST 2005

CITYCLERK

COMPONATION OF THE CITY OF THOROUGH

SCHEDULE "A"

DESCRIPTION

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Thorold, formerly the Town of Thorold, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, formerly the County of Welland, and being:

Lands described as:

Plan Rolls Lot 22 Pt Lot 21 NP890 891

"SCHEDULE B"

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION IN THE CITY OF THOROLD, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold intends to designate The Millar House located on the west side of Welland Street South between Portland Street and Lyndon Street, municipally known as 43 Welland Street South, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 2005 Chapter 0.18, Section 29.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

The Millar House West side of Welland Street South Plan Rolls Lot 22, Pt. Lot 21 NP 890,891 Thorold, Ontario

The Millar House is located on the west side of Welland Street South, between Portland Street and Lyndon Street.

Cultural Value

In a setting surrounded by homes of like age and in its original location, the brick dwelling known as "The Millar House" is both architecturally significant and has biographical connections to some of Thorold's prominent citizens from the past.

Architectural

This sturdy, attractive brick house, with its extensive gardens, was constructed in c.1876, utilizing "The Common Bond" (pattern of brickwork). The house is one of the most eye-catching and architecturally interesting buildings in the immediate vicinity. It is a very fine example of simplistic Italianite design and possesses many of the hallmarks of this style, including the Cambered window head with limestone lintels. Other notable features are double hung, round top doors, leaded glass at the front entrance, Tuscan influenced front porch, wide eaves line with scrolled brackets and dentil trim along the fascia and a low pitched, hip roof. The foundation is of limestone rubble construction, with mortar holding the stones together.

Historical Significance

The Millar family is among familiar names associated with Thorold during the late Victorian era. In 1866 James Millar began his business as a merchant and tailor in Thorold. His establishment at 31 Front Street South was burned out in a disastrous fire that devastated downtown Thorold; fortunately he was able to build back his business successfully. He was very active in the community as a member of the Thorold School Board, Beneficiary Secretary in 1897 for the Royal Templars of Temperance. In 1897 he was a member of the Methodist Church (Trinity) and president of the Sunday School Convention.

There were 6 children born to James and Ann (Main) Millar. One of the sons - David E. Millar followed in his father's footsteps and worked as a tailor in the family business. From 1906-1907 he was Mayor of the Town of Thorold. In 1901 as a Bargain and Sale transaction, Henrietta June England, as executrix of the estate of William England, sold the house at 43 Welland St. South to David E. Millar. The house remained in the Millar family until 1992 - almost a century of residence at this address. who purchased the house in 1992 are only the third family to occupy this home.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is avallable in the Planning and Building Services Department during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, 227-6613, 8 Carleton Street South, Thorold.

Any person may object to the proposed designation within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of the Notice of Intention by serving on the Clerk of the Corporation of the City of Thoroid a notice of objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The last day for filing objections will be Sunday, July 31, 2005. All objections received within the aforementioned time period will be referred to the Heritage Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED at the City of Thorold this 1st day of July, 2005.

John K. Bice, City Clerk Corporation of the City of Thorold P.O. Box 1044, 8 Carleton Street South Thorold, Ontario L2V 4A7