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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

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**CONSERVATION REVIEW
BOARD**

Ms. Rita Caldarone
Secretary, Heritage Policy and
Program Development
Heritage & Libraries Branch
Ministry of Culture
400 University Avenue, 4th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2R9

Dear Ms. Caldarone:

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate
Ontario Heritage Act
Allanburg Village Cemetery
Southeast Corner of Centre Street, Allanburg, City of Thorold

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of a Notice of Intention to Designate the above noted property in accordance with Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18. This notice was published in the Thorold News on Saturday, September 7, 2002.

You have been notified as required under the provisions of Section 29(3) of the Act.

I trust this is in order.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adele Arbour".

Adele Arbour, MCIP, RPP,
City Planner

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Attach.

cc. Heritage Thorold LACAC
J.K. Bice, City Clerk

A large handwritten checkmark.

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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 Allanburg Village Cemetery located at the southeast corner of Centre Street, as a property of historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chapter 0.18, Section 29.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED HISTORICAL DESIGNATION:

The Allanburg Village Cemetery
Southeast Corner of Centre Street
Allanburg
Thorold, Ontario

In 1797 the Patent for the land on which the cemetery is located was issued from the Crown to John Vanderburg Sr. (200 acres). It passed then to Harmonious Vanderburg in 1825, and in March of 1844 he sold 1/4 acre to Township Wardens Josiah H.E. Page, Wm. Wright (blacksmith), and Dilly Coleman (Innkeeper).

Like the Old Beaverdams Burying Ground, burials were recorded here for many years before the property was sold to the Township.

This cemetery is one of two very early cemeteries in the old Village of Allanburg area of Thorold. The other cemetery, the Upper Cemetery, is located quite close by. The area was first known as New Holland because of the large numbers of early settlers of Dutch origin. The land on which the village developed was granted to U.E.L. John Vanderburg who emigrated in 1784 from the Mohawk Valley in New York State with his wife and children. The village itself was laid out by Samuel Keefer in 1832, who also changed the name to Allanburgh (later Allanburg), in honour of William Allan, banker and Vice-President of the Welland Canal Company. It was here that George Keefer, first President of the Welland Canal Company, turned the sod for the first canal.

Many of the earliest settlers of the Allanburg area are buried in this cemetery. The first recorded burial is that of Noah Davis. His stone cannot now be found. The other earliest inscription was that of May Chrysler (1815). It is still there and would appear to be the oldest stone in the cemetery with a readable inscription. The last known burial was that of Mary Ann Radcliffe who died in December of 1876.

Many names are mentioned in this cemetery, e.g. John Chrysler, members of the Davis family, members of the Upper family, the Rannie family and others. Information on many of the names can be found in the records of the Niagara Peninsula Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society, as well as the Research Report completed by Nora A. Reid, July 15-02.

This cemetery is an important part of the history of settlement in the Allanburg area, and therefore gives even greater meaning and scope to the heritage of the City of 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 Thorold a notice of objection setting out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. The last day for filing objections will be Monday, October 7, 2002. 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 7th day of September, 2002.

J. K. Bice, City Clerk
Corporation of the City of Thorold
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