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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
The Flannery House
22 Portland Street, 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 will be published in the Thorold News on Saturday, May 10, 2003.

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,

Adele Arbour, MCIP, RPP,
City Planner

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Attach.

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

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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 Flannery House located on the north east corner of Portland Street and Welland Street South, municipally known as 22 Portland Street, as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990 Chapter 0.18, Section 29.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

The Flannery House
North East Corner of Portland Street and Welland Street South
Plan Rolls Survey Part Lot 44 NP 891
Thorold, Ontario

The Flannery House is located on the north east corner of Portland Street and Welland Street South.

Historical Significance

In 1859 Matthew Flannery purchased Lot #44 on the East side of Welland St. South from Dr. Henry Rolls. Dr. Rolls had begun his practice as a Physician in Niagara-on-the-Lake; he moved to Thorold in 1848 and made several large land purchases. Within a year of purchase, Matthew had built a one and one-half storey brick cottage on this lot.

Matthew Flannery was one of our early artisans. He contributed to the early commerce of the downtown area and to the economic development of Thorold. His shop was located nearly opposite the office of The Thorold Post on Front Street. He advertised his trade as "*a sign, carriage and ornamental painter*".

In the 1860's painters had a wide range of decorative and artistic skills, including graining, decorative gilding, fresco work and paper hanging. Matthew described himself as an "*Ornamental Painter*" and he probably would have been skilled in many of these techniques, which were extremely popular at that time.

In 1909 the house and property was sold to James Turner, a blacksmith. His father, George Turner, was the Thorold Town Reeve in 1887 and Mayor in 1892 and 1902.

Architectural Significance

The house at 22 Portland Street is situated in a quiet neighbourhood on the corner of Portland and Welland Street South, in an attractive residential area of tree-lined streets. A variety of 19th and early 20th century architectural styles can be found here, adding to the architectural richness of the build landscape.

This brick house can be described as an "*Ontario Cottage*", the style exudes warmth and homeliness. Built in 1859, this vernacular Ontario Cottage with romantic Gothic touches, has a 3-bay facade with end gables, a pitched roof with cedar shingles, a central Gothic gable and a rear wing. A wing was often a later addition to an Ontario Cottage; however, in this case, it may have been built at the same time as the main house.

The "*Ontario Cottage*" of the 1850's evolved from the popular "*Regency Cottage*" style of the 1830's. Verandahs continued to be popular and this house has an attractive open verandah along part of the south-facing facade. The foundation of the house is coursed rubble; foundation stones can best be seen from the basement. The main doorway has an attractive Classical Revival square headed transom with sidelights and a plain lintel above the opening.

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, June 9, 2003. 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 10th day of May, 2003.

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