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Ms. Rita Caldarone
Secretary, Heritage Policy and
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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
Trinity United Church
15 Pine Street South
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 Niagara This Week on Friday, May 6, 2005.

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

City of Thorold

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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 Trinity United Church located on the west side of Pine Street, South of Albert Street West and North of Sullivan Avenue, municipally known as 15 Pine Street South, 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:

Trinity United Church
West Side of Pine Street, South of Albert Street West and North of Sullivan Avenue
Plan Rolls Part Lot 11 NP890 891
Thorold, Ontario

Trinity United Church is located on the west side of Pine Street and between Albert Street and Sullivan Avenue.

Cultural Value

This attractive Gothic Revival or Regency Gothic style church with beautifully detailed stained glass windows and impressive exterior, was completed in 1849 and remains in its original site making it a landmark in the community. It is the oldest church continuously used for worship in Thorold.

Historical Significance

Dr. Egerton Ryerson (known as "the father of education in Ontario") was the presiding minister when the first Methodist Church was built in 1832. He preached morning and evening sermons at the dedication of the present church January 21, 1849. Egerton Ryerson had an impressive career; he was the first president of the University of Victoria College and Superintendent of Schools for Upper Canada. With his Acts of 1846 and 1850 he is credited with having laid the foundation of the Public School System in Ontario.

Originally known as Thorold Methodist Church (and later - Thorold Wesleyan Methodist Church), on June 10, 1925 the Congregational, Methodist and part of the Presbyterian Churches joined to become the United Church of Canada, and the name Trinity United was born.

There were many noteworthy ministers who presided over the congregation of this church, including two brothers of Egerton Ryerson and William Griffin. As well, many prominent Thorold names are associated with the church, including Jacob Keefer, William McCleary and James H. Beatty.

Architectural

From records, it would appear likely that James Galbraith was the contractor who built this attractive church. It is constructed of a double wall of broken-coursed, squared, rock faced sandstone and limestone, with dressed limestone corner quoins. The Gothic Revival style of the church is characterized by gothic details applied to a fundamentally late Georgian structure. The neo-classical style of the church is observed in its balanced three-bay front facade with central bell tower entrance, flanked by two windows, neo-classical returns at the corners of the eaves and original three or four bay side elevations (later extended to five).

The Gothic style is expressed in its pointed arched window and door openings. The original elaborate interlacing window glazing bars of the Regency Gothic style survive in a window in the front wall of the tower, above the door. The incised gothic decoration on the tiger oak church pews mirrors the shape of the church windows.

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 6, 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 6th day of May, 2005.

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