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Thorold

March 31, 2006



Where Ships Climb The Mountain...

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 2nd Welland Canal River Lock
South Street South road allowance
And adjacent municipal property
Plan M5, Lot 3
Port Robinson East

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 Niagara This Week on Friday, March 24, 2006.

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.

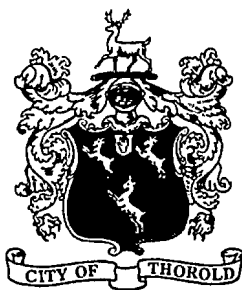
cc: Heritage Thorold LACAC
J.K. Bice, City Clerk

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 the Second Welland Canal River Lock located within the South Street South road allowance and adjacent land, near the intersection of River Street and Canby Street, 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:

Second Welland Canal River Lock
South Street South road allowance and adjacent municipal property
Plan M5, Lot 3
Port Robinson East
Thorold, Ontario

The Second Welland Canal River Lock is located on the South Street South road allowance near the intersection of River Street and Canby Street.

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The River Lock at Port Robinson is one of seven locks that were constructed within the present day limits of the City of Thorold for use on the 2nd Welland Canal. This lock was constructed sometime in the latter part of 1849 to accommodate the traffic flowing from the 2nd Welland Canal into the upper Welland River.

Four lift locks were constructed within Thorold proper - Lock 22 at Townline Road (partially demolished and buried), Lock 23 just south of St. David's Road on the former paper mill property on Front Street (buried), Lock 24 at Albert Street between the old and new Firehalls (buried), and Lock 25 located between Clairmont St./Sullivan Avenue and Lyndon Street in the Battle of Beaverdams Park (partially excavated).

Even as late as the 1860's the importance of the 2nd Canal River Lock at Port Robinson was upheld. According to British Military and Naval Records of June 2, 1862, the lock was considered one of the "most vulnerable" points along the Welland Canal should a war with the U.S.A. break out.

This lock has architectural, cultural and historical significance to our City. The Welland Canal and the remains of the former first, second and third Welland Canals continue to play an important role in defining the history of the history of the Niagara Peninsula, particularly among the canal communities. Since Port Robinson owes its very existence to the Welland Canal, and the development of the Village in the 19th century to the proximity of the Second Canal River Lock, the historical importance of this structure cannot be ignored.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available 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 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, April 24, 2006**. 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 24th day of March, 2006

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold intends to designate the DeCou House Monument located on the north side of Decew Road, west of Merrittville Highway, municipally known as 2350 Decew Road, 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:

DeCou House Monument
North side of Decew Road
Thorold, Ontario

DeCou House Monument is located on the north side of Decew Road, west of Merrittville Highway.

Cultural Value

John DeCou was involved in many aspects of our local history and development of the area. The DeCou stone house played a pivotal role in the War of 1812, the Battle of Beaverdams and Laura Secord's famous walk.

Architectural Significance

This monument incorporates the remains of a Georgian style house built by Captain John DeCou early in the 19th century. The visible portion of the monument which was constructed in the early 1950's, after the second of two fires had gutted the home, consists of a portion of the original limestone walls of the house rising to the level of the lower first floor window sills, a flagstone floor and a plaque mounted on a calm constructed at the rear wall (unveiled Oct. 13-53). Beneath the floor is the original basement of the home which was filled with the rubble from those portions of the walls of the house which had remained standing after the fire and which were taken down when the monument was constructed. This monument is unique in that it presents somewhat of the appearance of a ruin uncovered or exposed by an archaeological dig.

Historical Significance

The DeCou family were of French Huguenot origins (W.coast of France-Saintonge province). In 1798 John DeCou married Catherine Dochstader who was born at Fort Niagara in 1781, the daughter of a Loyalist who had lost his life while fighting in New York state with Col. John Butler's Corps of Rangers during the Revolutionary War. John and Catharine had ten children. In 1804 DeCou was elected a director of the Niagara District Agricultural Society (first in Upper Canada); he was Township of Thorold Collector, Assessor and Township In Warden and one of the founders of the Niagara Library.

John DeCou was Lieutenant of a company of militia in the 2nd Regiment of Lincoln, District of Niagara in 1809; General Brock became a regular visitor at DeCou's home. The house was used as a store and garrison for British troops in the war of 1812. Lt. James FitzGibbon of the 49th regiment took up residence at the stone house along with a troop of volunteers. At one period while John DeCou was in prison, the house was occupied by soldiers while the Indian allies camped in the farm's fields. The house remained a military outpost well into 1814. The house was ransacked twice by the Americans in 1813-14.

John DeCou's grist mills employed many and a settlement called "DeCew Town" grew near them with a school, church and blacksmith shop. John DeCou became one of the incorporators of the Welland Canal when it was formed in 1824. In 1833 after the destruction of his milling business, he purchased 600 acres of bush land on DeCuanla Creek in N. Cayuga where he constructed a dam across the creek and built two sawmills and a grist mill. A hamlet sprang up known as "DeCewsville". He was active in political matters and died in 1855; he was buried at DeCewsville.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION SEMINAR GROWING A HEALTHY LAWN

TUESDAY MARCH 28, 2006 - 6:30P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
THOROLD SECONDARY SCHOOL - SMALL GYM

WITH GUEST SPEAKER

STACEY HICKMAN - ENTOMOLOGIST • 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

INTRODUCTION

- Natural Insect Control and what we are all about
- What is a Pesticide?
- Pesticides effects including human health and environment
- What is IPM?

BUGS IN THE LAWN

- Do you see brown patches in your lawn? What does this mean?
- Simple descriptions of the most common pest problems including cinch bugs, crane flies and lawn grubs
- Non-toxic/Low Impact treatments for the common lawn pests
- Demonstration of how to use beneficial nematodes

APPROVED PRODUCTS -Where to find them and what to look for!

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

SHOWCASE OF PRODUCTS - PRESENTED BY

WORM WORKS - RIDGEWAY
NATURAL INSECT CONTROL - STEVENSVILLE
NIAGARA HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT - THOROLD
NORTHERN LIGHTS HYDROPONICS - Fonthill
URBAN ORGANICS - ST CATHARINES

DOOR PRIZES

FREE INFORMATIVE AND COLORFUL BOOKLET
"A GUIDE TO PESTICIDE & HERBICIDE FREE GREENSPACE"