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October 16, 2007

CONGRADA SULLANDO SUL

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

Memorial Park Designation

Near the intersection of Carleton Street South and Chapel Street South,

13 Albert Street East City of Thorold, Ontario

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 Niagara This Week on August 10, 2007.

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

I trust this is in order.

Yours truly,

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Attach.

Adele Arbour, MCIP, RPP

Director of Planning & Building Services

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cc:

Heritage Thorold LACAC

J.K. Bice, City Clerk

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 Memorial Park located at 13 Albert Street East, near the intersection of Carleton Street South and Chapel 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:

Memorial Park 13 Albert Street East Plan 11, Lot 224 NP 898 Thorold, Ontario

Memorial Park is located at Albert Street East near the intersection of Carleton Street South and Chapel Street South.

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

In 1919 the Town of Thorold purchased this land from the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of the Town of Thorold; it was to become a lasting memorial to the Men of Thorold who lost their lives for King and Country during the Great War - 1914 to 1918, and would be known as Memorial Park.

The Soldiers Monument was constructed and dedicated in 1921 and remains as a testament to the brave men of Thorold who fought and died in both World Wars and the Conflict of Korea. In 1999 this monument was designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

This parcel of land is still known as Memorial Park and was part of Dr. Henry Rolls Estate. The land was acquired by D.B. Crombie, who sold it to the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of the Town of Thorold; it remains today one of the finest pieces of greenspace within the bounds of downtown Thorold.

The entrance to the park, off Albert St. East, was laid out with shrubs and plantings by members of the Thorold Horticultural Society. With the receipt of its charter in 1929 at a public meeting held in the park, Memorial Park is where the Society began. With the construction of a new bandshell, the park became the home for the popular Thorold Reed Band concerts.

There are mature stands of hardwood trees located in the park; many indigenous species, notably ash, maple, sycamore and beech can be found, along with several species of flowering bushes and ornamental shrubs. All of this gives an air of Victorian/Edwardian charm to this place, lending a feel of walking in an area steeped in history. Memorial Park is one of the only "passive" parks in the City.

Memorial Park's natural and remaining built architectural features remain in their original locations within their original environment. This park is an outstanding example of Thorold's natural heritage, a wonderful area of peace, solemnity and reflection in our City.

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.,-Menday to Friday, 227-6613, 3540 Schmon Parkway, 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 <u>Thursday October 4th, 2007</u>. 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 August, 2007

John K. Bice, City Clerk Corporation of the City of Thorold P.O. Box 1044, 3540 Schmon Parkway Thorold, Ontario L2V 4A7