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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 Carr-Millar-McMillan Block  
31-33-35 Front Street South  
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 will be published in the Niagara This Week on July 21, 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  
Director of Planning & Building Services

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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 31-33-35 Front 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:

The Carr-Millar-McMillan Block  
31-33-35 Front Street South  
Thorold, Ontario

#### Cultural Value

Since the opening of the 1st Welland Canal in 1829, Thorold's commercial area has centered around Front Street. The rear of this building abutted the public works lands of the 2nd Welland Canal. The Carr-Millar-McMillan Block constructed c. 1868 has been part of the downtown streetscape, commercial activities and social connections since that time.

#### Architectural Significance

Although the exterior has seen many changes, particularly during the 1940's as the heritage elements of the facade are exposed, the building continues to connect to the streetscape through its scale, business use and linear connectivity.

#### Historical Significance

This brick building, built by Thomas-D. Scott, a confectioner/baker, and Geo. F. Florey, a merchant and miller, displayed features of the Italianate style and used innovative materials such as cast iron and plate glass. In 1877 Matthew X. Carr, a bookseller, operated a stationery/musical goods store in the building. At one time it was known as Carr's Block. In 1881 John Heaton bought the property; he became the steamship agent and continued to operate the stationery business.

In 1883 the property was purchased by James Millar (the Millar House) who sold gentleman's furnishings and dry goods. The Millar family lived above the store. James died in 1905 and his son, David E. Millar managed the business for the next 15 years. Father and son were active members of the community; David was a Councillor and Mayor of Thorold.

The McMillan family owned the property from 1922-1960. Dr. Wm. H. McMillan used the downstairs for his office while the family lived upstairs. He was Thorold's Mayor, and in 1951 he was elected MP for Welland riding. His son Don also a Doctor, served as Thorold's Mayor.

33 Front Street South was used as Martin's Book Store from 1948-60; the Ker Family operated Ker's Book & Stationery Store and owned the building for 26 years; later it became Tatarnic's Book Store.

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 August 22, 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 21st day of July, 2006

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