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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: Designation of The Lynch House 65 Chapel Street South <u>Under Ontario HeritageAct - By-law No. 81-2006</u>

Please be advised that Thorold City Council, at its September 19, 2006 meeting, adopted By-Law No. 81-2006 which designates the Lynch House, as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18. A Notice of the Passage of the By-Law was published in Niagara This Week on September 22, 2006.

In accordance with Section 28(6)(a)(ii) of the Act, we have enclosed a certified copy of the registered By-Law being No. SN140499 registered October 19, 2006 for your records.

We trust this is in order.

Yours truly,

Adele Arbour, MCIP, RPP, Director of Planning & Building Services

AA:em Attach.

cc: J.K. Bice, City Clerk Robert & Margery Ritchie, owners

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

BY-LAW NO. 81-2006

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE LYNCH HOUSE , LOCATED AT THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF CHAPEL AND PORTLAND STREETS, MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS 65 CHAPEL STREET SOUTH AS BEING OF CULTURAL, HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS:

- 1. Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate a property within the municipality including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest.
- 2. own the Lands.
- 3. Council has served a Notice of Intention upon the Owners of the Lands and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust providing Notice of Intention to designate The Lynch House of cultural heritage value or interest and has caused Notice of Intention to be published in Niagara This Week, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality on the 21st day of July, 2006.
- 4. No Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the City.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. In this by-law and its preambles:
 - (a) "Building" means any premises or structures on the Lands.
 - (b) "City" means the Corporation of the City of Thorold;
 - (c) "Council" means the Council of the City;
 - (d) "Designated" or "Designation" means the designation of the building known as "The Lynch House" located at the North West Corner of Chapel and Portland Streets, municipally known as 65 Chapel Street South, in the City and located on the Lands, to be of cultural heritage value or interest, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Ch.O.18, as amended;
 - (e) "Lands" means lands and premises and buildings or improvements thereon, described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and made part of this By-law;
 - (f) "Notice of Intention" means the Notice set out in Schedule "B" annexed to and made part of this By-law.
- 2. The building known as "The Lynch House" and located on the Lands as such are described in Schedule "A" annexed to this By-law is Designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY ON THIS 22ND DAY OF Seateman 2006 CITY CLERK CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

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- 3. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law including a copy of the reasons for designation, as stated in Schedule "B" to this By-law, to be registered on the title to the Lands at the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Niagara South in the City of St. Catharines.
- 4. The Clerk of the City is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the Owners of the Lands and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause Notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City.
- 5. Amendments to Schedule "A" annexed to and made part of this By-law may be made by the Clerk of the City after passage of this By-law in order to register the By-law pursuant to Section 3 hereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL

THIS 19th DAY OF September, 2006.

R. Brock, Mayor Bice, City Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

DESCRIPTION

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises, situate, lying and being in the City of Thorold, formerly the Town of Thorold, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, formerly the County of Welland, and being:

Lands described as Lots 1 & 2 Block 1 Plan 890-891 S/S Portland St. Parts 1 & 2 59R2297; Thorold.

SCHEDULE "B"

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 Lynch House located at the north west corner of Chapel and Portland Streets, municipally known as 65 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:

The Lynch House 65 Chapel Street South Thorold, Ontario

The Lynch House is located at the north west corner of Chapel and Portland Streets.

Cultural Value

This outstanding, imposing Edwardian brick structure still in its original location, built by the Lynch brothers in 1908, has a commanding location in relation to the Welland Canal and is one of the most eye-catching and architecturally interesting buildings in the vicinity.

Architectural Significance

Hallmarks of the Edwardian style present in this house include simpleness and balance in the overall design, classically inspired "temple" dormers and porches, limestone lintels, sills and string course, cut stone bricks for the foundation, monochromatic brick design, increased fenestration, a single but tall chimney, bay windows and classically inspired portico at both the front and rear of the building. Although the building is not regular in form, it maintains a sense of symmetry and balance. The front porch of frame construction, displays smooth Classical lines and is in complete harmony with the brick design of the building. The classically inspired portico of the rear porch on the north side is reminiscent of a Greek Temple. An important feature is the beautifully engraved limestone lintel datestone over the front door. This door is constructed of oak with beveiled glass encompassing half the door. The stained glass transom of the front windows is a simple but effective example of the art of stained glass.

The house possesses some of the finest and most intact woodwork within its interior layout. The ground floor has large baseboards, exceptional moulding work, thick window and door frames, gorgeous oak doors, maple hardwood floors and a beautiful front entry staircase with fine woodwork features, newel post, balustrades and banister. There are pocket-style doors located in the front and rear parlours; the house contains three staircases. The woodwork located in the upper floor is as exceptional in detail as the ground floor.

Noteworthy is the well, located on the south side of the property which was used to service canal workers when building the Welland Canal. Due to proximity of construction, the well was utilized to quench the thirst of the canal workers at Lock 7, the Flight Locks and Lock 3 in St. Catharines.

Historical Significance

The house was built on part of the land holdings of Henry Rolls in the Village of Thorold. Edward, a stonecutter, James, a blacksmith and John a locktender on the 3rd Welland Canal, built this house in 1908. As tradesman and tending locks on the Canal, they were all involved in the early years of Thorold's development. Their sister Annie lived at the Lynch House as well. Transient sailors stayed on the third floor as their ships were docked at Thorold during the latter operation of the 3rd Welland Canal (c. 1908-1932). The twin of this house was built immediately west, fronting on Welland Street.

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