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Thorold

August 15, 2005

Ms. Rita Caldarone
Secretary, Heritage Policy and
Program Development
Heritage & Libraries Branch
Ministry of Culture
400 University Avenue, 4th Floor
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CONSERVATION REVIEW
BOARD

Dear Ms. Caldarone:

Re: Designation of Trinity United Church
15 Pine Street South
Under Ontario Heritage Act - By-law No. 47-2005

Please be advised that Thorold City Council, at its June 7, 2005 meeting, adopted By-Law No. 47-2005 which designates Trinity United Church, 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 June 10, 2005.

In accordance with Section 28(6)(a)(ii) of the Act, we have enclosed a certified copy of the registered By-Law being No. SN86215 registered August 5, 2005 for your records.

We trust this is in order.

Yours very truly,

Adele Arbour, MCIP, RPP,
City Planner

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Attach.

cc: J.K. Bice, City Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

BY-LAW NO. 47 -2005

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE TRINITY UNITED CHURCH,
LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF PINE STREET, SOUTH OF
ALBERT STREET WEST AND NORTH OF SULLIVAN AVENUE 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. Trinity United Church 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 Trinity Church 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 6th day of May, 2005.
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 "Trinity United Church" located at 15 Pine 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 "Trinity United Church" 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.

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 7th DAY OF June, 2005.


Deputy Mayor


City Clerk

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY

ON THIS 15th DAY OF August 2005


Deputy City Clerk
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

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:

Plan George Keefer Pt Lot 4 Pt Lot 5 NP889 Plan 11 Pt Lot 76 NP 898

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 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 cultural heritage 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 NP899-894~~
Plan George Keefer Pt Lot 4 Pt Lot 5 NP 889-Plan 11 Pt Lot 76 NP 898
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
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