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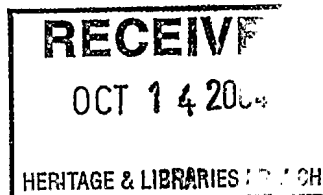


# CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

October 12, 2004

*Niagara*

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 Calcott-Walker House  
49 Carleton Street South  
Under Ontario Heritage Act - By-law No. 63-2004

Please be advised that Thorold City Council, at its September 7, 2004 meeting, adopted By-Law No. 63-2004 which designates The Calcott-Walker House, as being of historic value and 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 17, 2004.

In accordance with Section 28(6)(a)(ii) of the Act, we have enclosed a certified copy of the registered By-Law being No. SN50249 registered September 22, 2004 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, Acting City Administrator/City Clerk

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD**

**BY-LAW NO. 63 -2004**

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE CALCOTT-WALKER HOUSE,  
LOCATED ON THE NORTH WEST CORNER OF PORTLAND  
STREET AND CARLETON STREET SOUTH AS BEING OF  
ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC 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 architectural or historic value or interest.
2. [REDACTED] (Title formally in the name of [REDACTED], maiden name of [REDACTED]) own the Lands.
3. Council has served a Notice of Intention upon the Owners of the Lands and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation providing Notice of Intention to designate The Calcott-Walker House of historic and architectural 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004.
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:**

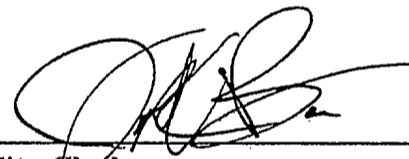
1. In this by-law and its preambles:
  - (a) "Building" means any premises or structures on the Lands.
  - (b) "City" means the Corporation of the City of Thorold;
  - (c) "Council" means the Council of the City;
  - (d) "Designated" or "Designation" means the designation of the building known as "The Calcott-Walker House" located at 49 Carleton Street South in the City and located on the Lands upon to be of historic and architectural 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 Calcott-Walker House" and located on the Lands as such are described in Schedule "A" annexed to this By-law is Designated as being of architectural and historic value and interest.

3. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law and 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 at Welland.
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 Foundation 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 7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.

  
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Mayor

  
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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 Pt Lot 11 Plan 890-891 W/S Carleton Street South as in RO560655; City of 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 Calcott-Walker House located on the north west corner of Portland Street and Carleton Street South, municipally known as 49 Carleton Street South, as a property of architectural and historical 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:

The Calcott-Walker House  
North West Corner of Portland Street and Carleton Street South  
Plan Rolls Survey Part Lot 11 NP890  
Thorold, Ontario

The Calcott-Walker House is located on the north west corner of Portland Street and Carleton Street South.

#### Architectural Significance

This house occupies its original site and is comparable to other 19th century residences in the area which makes it a familiar landmark and helps maintain the present character of the neighbourhood.

This Italianate style house of brick construction has walls which are three bricks thick and a stone foundation. It was built in 1875 for James Calcott by Isaac Usher. Alterations to the house done c.1938 were designed by architect Robert Ian MacBeth of St. Catharines, who also designed the Registry Building, Art Deco style St. Catharines City Hall, the Central Fire Station in St. Catharines, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, and influenced the design of wartime housing in Niagara.

Features characteristic of the Italianate style include its boxy profile, topped with a hip roof, projecting eaves, supported by paired decorative brackets and segmentally arched openings capped with brick voussoirs (now obscured under stucco). Over the years it has undergone several major changes. The 1938 renovation added Colonial Revival elements such as the neoclassical pilasters and fanlight framing the front door and the exterior French doors to the dining room. Restoration work has retained the original style of the windows.

#### Historical Significance

Lot 11 on the west side of Carleton St. South came into existence when Dr. Henry Rolls had his large property subdivided in 1853. In 1867 it was sold to James Calcott who had a house built on this lot, but never lived there. The Calcott family rented it out over a period of 38 years and in 1913 it was purchased by the Walkers.

James Calcott was one of the oldest residents of the Niagara District and lived to be nearly 100 years old. His son, George Calcott was a merchant in Thorold and a municipal councillor in 1875 and 1878.

There were many tenants in the house over the years, eg. Robert Smith who owned a grocery store known as "*The Stone Store*" on Front Street; T.F. Cox was agent for the Quebec Bank on Front Street; the Lepper family - James owned a dry goods store on St. Paul St. in St. Catharines; the John H. Thompson family - he was publisher of the Thorold Post and had a strong background in this business.

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The Walker family had an interesting history in the stone quarry business. During the 1980's and 90's they expanded to Walker Industries, becoming a large diversified corporation with operations across Ontario; they have a strong presence in the area supporting community and charitable projects.

The house was passed to Donald Walker when Martha Swayze Walker died about 1938. He had the house remodelled before his marriage to Helen Millen of Windsor. Donald was an avid sportsman, a swimmer, golfer and licenced pilot. He served on the Thorold Public School Board and was a member of many clubs and associations. The family moved to St. Catharines in 1953 and sold the house to Dr. Boyce Sherk.

Dr. Sherk was married to Mildred Hare and they raised seven children in the house. Dr. Sherk was a fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (Canada) and International College of Surgeons, the Royal Canadian Military Institute of Toronto, Niagara Peninsula Military Institute and Western University Club. He served in England with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps. He founded the St. Catharines Medical Clinic and later became chief of surgery at St. Catharines General Hospital. All of the children went on to successful careers. Dr. Sherk died in 1980 and in 1984 Mildred sold the house to Norbert & Sandra Mischke; in 1989 it was sold to the current owners, [REDACTED].

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, September 6, 2004. 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 August, 2004.**

J. K. Bice, City Clerk  
Corporation of the City of Thorold  
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