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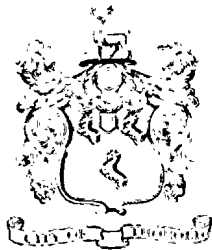


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# CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

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**CONSERVATION REVIEW  
BOARD**

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 Thorold Post Office Building  
Under Ontario Heritage Act - By-law No. 2-2003

Please be advised that Thorold City Council, at its January 14, 2003 meeting, adopted By-Law No. 2-2003 which designates The Thorold Post Office Building, as being of architectural and 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 the Thorold News January 25, 2003.

In accordance with Section 28(6)(a)(ii) of the Act, we have enclosed a certified copy of the registered By-Law being Instrument No. 776727 registered January 31, 2003 for your records.

We trust this is in order.

Yours very truly,

Adele Arbour, MCIP, RPP,  
City Planner

AA:am  
Attach.

cc: J.K. Bice, City Clerk

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD**

**BY-LAW NO. 2 - 2003**

**A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE THOROLD POST OFFICE  
BUILDING AT 18 FRONT STREET NORTH AS BEING OF  
ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUE OR INTEREST**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate property within the municipality including all buildings and structures thereon to be of historic or architectural value or interest;
2. The successor to His Majesty, The King, in the Right of the Dominion of Canada (Canada Post Corporation) owns the Lands;
3. Council has caused to be served upon the Owners of the Lands and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Notice of Intention to designate The Thorold Post Office Building on the Lands as being of architectural and historic value or interest and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in the Thorold News, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002;
4. The reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B";
5. No Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the Clerk of 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 designating of The Thorold Post Office Building and the Lands upon which it is situated to be of historic and architectural value or interest pursuant to the relevant provisions in the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 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, which lands and premises are known municipally as 18 Front Street North in the City;
  - (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 Thorold Post Office Building 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 and its schedules to be served upon the Owner 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. The description in Schedule "A" annexed to and made part of this By-law may, if required, be amended by the Clerk of the City for the purposes of the registration of this By-law.

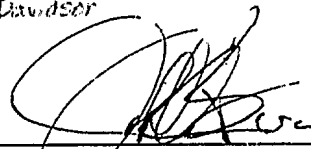
**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL**

**THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January 2003.**



**Mayor**

*Robin Davidson*



**City Clerk**

*John K. Bice*

## SCHEDULE "A"

### DESCRIPTION OF LANDS:

City of Thorold, Regional Municipality of Niagara,  
being composed of parts of Lots 14 and 15 on the east side of Front Street, north of Albert Street, (formerly Bridle Avenue) according to the Corporation Plan of the Town of Thorold, registered in the Registry Office for the County of Welland, which said parcel is more particularly described by R. Blake Erwin, O.L.S. as follows:

Commencing at an iron pipe marking the north westerly angle of the herein described lands, which said point is situate in the easterly limit of Front Street and distant northerly therein 16 feet 9 1/2 inches from the north westerly angle of lot number 14;

Thence South 89 degrees 3 minutes East parallel to the southerly face of a brick store situate on the lands immediately north of the herein described lands and distant southerly 6 inches therefrom and continuing thence to an iron pipe in the present established easterly limit of lot number 15, a total distance of 133 feet 3 1/2 inches;

Thence South 1 degree 15 minutes West, following a fence marking the present established easterly limits of lots number 14 and 15, a distance of 67 feet 6 inches to an iron pipe in northerly limit of a public lane across the southerly part of lot number 14;

Thence north 89 degrees 3 minutes west following the northerly limit of said public lane 133 feet 3 1/2 inches to an iron pipe in the easterly limit of Front Street;

Thence north 1 degree 15 minutes east in the easterly limit of Front Street 67 feet 6 inches to the place of beginning;

the said lands above described being the lands shewn bordered red on plan by R. Blake Erwin, O.L.S. dated Niagara Falls, Ontario, 26<sup>th</sup> January 1932 attached to Instrument No. 8884 registered on 16<sup>th</sup> of April 1932, which said plan forms part and parcel of this description..

Lands as previously described in No. 8884 (1932)

The above legal description relates to Thorold's Post Office Building, municipally known as 18 Front Street North, Thorold, Ontario.

## **"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 Thorold's Post Office Building, located at 18 Front Street North, 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.

#### **SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:**

Thorold's Post Office Building  
18 Front Street North  
Part of Lots 14 and 15, NP 889  
Thorold, Ontario

Thorold's Post Office Building, is located on the east side of Front Street North, south of Regent Street and north of Albert Street, in downtown Thorold.

#### **ARCHITECTURAL**

The cornerstone of this building was laid by G.H. Pettit, MP and the building was officially opened in May of 1936. George P. Foley was our Postmaster at that time and our Mayor was Wm. Hutt. N.A. Kearns was the architect and the contractor was R. Timms Construction Co. of Welland.

Like many federal buildings, our own Post Office appears massive and impressive. Being part of our downtown, it has become one of Thorold's landmarks, part of the fabric of our community and a meeting place.

A building does not have to be old to be valuable. The Post Office was one of the few federal buildings built in Thorold; there was only one other building similar to Thorold's Post Office built during the same time period.

The building, using white ground Queenston stone in the front and red brick for the sides and rear, is very imposing, and was finished in a manner to befit any small city in Canada of the 1930's.

#### **HISTORICAL**

Post Offices in Canada have always been important buildings to any community; they were central points and meeting places for the residents of our municipalities.

At the time of opening in 1936 the ground floor of Thorold's Post Office was given entirely to post office requirements, except the room which was needed for the stairway to the next floor where the Customs and other federal business was transacted. The janitor's residence was at the rear upstairs, reached from the inside and outside and was a roomy and well-arranged space, providing for a family. The basement was dry and well-lighted and extends under the entire building, with the heating plant in the rear.

A number of years ago when the Federal Government was in the process of closing many of their postal outlets in Canada, there was a loud cry heard across the land, and a group called "Rural Dignity" was formed as a lobby group, with members in towns and hamlets across this country. This illustrates the passion with which we hold our right to our own identity as Canadians living in small communities, and the importance of having our own Post Office building.

Today this building standing in a key location, is still operating as our central Post Office, is extremely important to our community and serves its citizens and businesses well.

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, January 6, 2003. 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 7th day of December, 2002.**

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