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June 26, 2002

Ms. Rita Caldarone Secretary, Heritage Policy and Program Development Heritage & Libraries Branch Ministry of Culture 400 University Avenue, 4th Floor Toronto, ON M7A 2R9

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Dear Ms. Caldarone:

Re: Designation of The Welland Mills Pine Street North, East Side <u>Under Ontario Heritage Act - By-law No. 34-2002</u>

Please be advised that Thorold City Council, at its May 7, 2002 meeting, adopted By-Law No. 34-2002 which designates The Welland Mills, 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 is being published in the Thorold News May 18, 2002.

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. 775449 registered June 12, 2002 for your records.

We trust this is in order.

Yours very truly,

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Adele Arbour, MCIP, RPP, City Planner

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AA:am Attach.

cc: J.K. Bice, City ClerkL. Mitchell, City AdministratorS. Ellis, City Solicitor

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# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

#### **BY-LAW NO. 34-2002**

# A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE WELLAND MILLS, LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF PINE STREET BETWEEN ST. DAVID'S ROAD WEST AND ALBERT STREET WEST 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. 2009104 Ontario Inc. owns the lands.
- 3. Council has served the Notice of Intention upon 2009104 Ontario Inc. and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation providing Notice of Intention to designate The Welland Mills located on the Lands of historic and architectural value or interest and has caused Notice of Intention to be published in the Thorold News, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2002.
- 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 designating of the building known as The Welland Mills 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 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 Welland Mills and the Lands upon which it is situated as such are described in Schedule "A" annexed to this By-law are 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 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 MAY, 2002.

Mayor

City Clerk

Vohn K. Big

Robin Davidson

#### SCHEDULE "A"

#### **DESCRIPTION**

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City of Thorold, formerly Town of Thorold, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, formerly County of Welland Being Lots 31A, 32, 33 and 91, Part of Block "JJ" Plan 898 and Part of Township Lot 17 (Thorold) Designated as Parts 1 to 5 inclusive, Reference Plan 59R-11673 Subject to an easement over Part 1 59R-11673 as in Nos. 44788A and 50054A Notice of Claim Inst. No. 767712.

The lands described are located on the east side of Pine Street North, between St. David's Street West and Albert Street.

#### **SCHEDULE "B"**

# NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER O.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 Welland Mills located on the east side of Pine Street North, located between St. David's Street West and Albert Street, municipally known as 67 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 O.18, Section 29.

# REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

The Welland Mills East Side of Pine Street North Between St. David's Street West and Albert Street West Thorold, Ontario

The Welland Mills is located on the east side of Pine Street across from the Pine Plaza.

The researcher who completed the background report on the history of The Welland Mills stated that *this was the only heritage building researched in the Region with such a large number of people of major significance to the history of the province and the nation.* The building was plaqued by The Ontario Heritage Foundation in 1986 when it was recognized as one of Upper Canada's largest flour mills, solidly built and functional in design ... an excellent example of the province's early milling technology.

# **Historical Significance**

The Welland Mills was built in 1846-47 by Jacob Keefer on the second Welland Canal. The Keefer name is well known in Thorold; the Keefers were entrepreneurs and considered Thorold's founding family. Maplehurst, one of our outstanding buildings in Thorold was built by Hugh Keefer and was the family home.

The Welland Mills was capable of manufacturing 300 barrels of flour per day and the store house was capable of containing 70,000 bu. of wheat and 5,000 barrels of flour. The cooper shop, when in full operation, employed 12 hands.

Thomas Rodman Merritt (son of Wm. Hamilton Merritt) owned a one-third interest in The Welland Mills in 1858. Names of note connected to the mill were Thomas C. Street, Oswald & Zimmerman, Richard Miller, Wm. Eccles, Hon. Sir Thomas Galt, Hon. Wm. Cayley, Sylvester Neelon, Wm. and John L. Spink. Throughout its history the mill has had a series of prominent owners including the well known Howland family, the Hedley Shaw Milling Co., and later the Maple Leaf Milling Company.

# Architectural Significance

The Welland Mills with its symmetrical facade, is an exceptional example of an early industrial building in the neo-classical vernacular, of considerable intrinsic architectural merit and of historical significance for both local connections and the development of the provincial merchant milling industry. In form, proportion, material and design, it is an outstanding representative of the functional tradition. The exterior is of bold coursed stonework, emphasized by tooled quoins, with stone sills and lintels to openings, and is surmounted by gable roofs of low pitch with simple cornices and sloped eaves. With three full floors, a basement and capacious roof space, the U-shaped complex still forms a dominant anchor to downtown Thorold.

The Welland Mills is a landmark; it contributes greatly to the City scene, and expresses, in its statuesque dignity, an industrial heritage tending to be forgotten, yet upon which the success of Canada so much depended. The Welland Mills is the most architectonic of industrial buildings in the Niagara Region from the first half of the 19th century, one of the most notable in Ontario and possibly of national significance. Its handsome proportions, simple bold detail, regularity and well executed masonry represent the best of its period. The building is notable for its neo-classic design and massive functional structure; it is a dominant anchor to the downtown.

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, April 22, 2002. 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 23rd day of March, 2002.

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