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## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

### **BY-LAW NO. 11-2000**

# A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE GRENVILLE HOUSE AS BEING OF 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 a property within the municipality including all buildings and structures thereon to be of historic or architectural value or interest.
- 2. Council has served the Notice of Intention upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation providing Notice of Intention to designate the building known as the Grenville House on the Lands as being of historic or architectural 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 11th day of December, 1999.
- 3. 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 Grenville House on the Lands to be of historic or 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;
  - (f) "Notice of Intention" means the Notice set out in Schedule "B" annexed to and made part of this by-law.
- 2. The building located on the lands and known as the "Grenville House" is designated as being of 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 newspapers having general circulation in the City.

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

THIS 7th DAY OF March 2000.

Mayor 18 City-Clerk Same St.

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In the City of Thorold, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, being composed of Part Lot 123, NP 898 as in RO 662140 S/T and T/W RO 662140.

### "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 AND PREMISES AT THE FOLLOWING MUNICIPAL ADDRESS 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 Grenville House, located at 7 Queen Street South, as a property of 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:

The Grenville House 7 Queen Street South Thorold, Ontario

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The rich story of the Grenville family indicates that this home is historically significant. The Grenvilles were involved in Thorold both politically and through their entrepreneurship. The house, of Classical Revival style with the L-shaped drawn from Gothic Revival, was built about 1856. It was originally built for Thomas Spinks, a native of Ireland.

The first Grenvilles to settle in Thorold were Daniel Sorby Grenville (from England), born 1788 and wife Anne Maria Bouman (from New Jersey whose family were United Empire Loyalists). Anne Maria's father served with Butler's Rangers and Daniel was a gunner during the War of 1812. Daniel and Anne Maria assisted settlers in 1812 during the American invasion.

In 1871 John and Thomas Grenville assumed ownership of 7 Queen Street South. They were partners in a blacksmith and carriage business and erected the large three storey stone building on Albert Street, known as Grenville Hall, which housed the carriage business. The upper storey of Grenville Hall was used as a meeting place by many lodges, as well as the Presbyterians before constructing their first brick church on Ormond Street.

John Grenville served as Ensign to Lieutenant of the 1st Battalion in 1862. He was a member of Council when the village of Thorold was incorporated into a town in 1875, and became the first Reeve, serving in this capacity again in 1877. He was elected Mayor in 1879-80, and served as postmaster for 12 years. Although rejected by the government of the day, his proposal of the Grenville route for the Welland Canal from Allanburg to the mountain brow west of Thorold (which would have led it to Port Dalhousie in almost a straight line), gave him prominence beyond Thorold.

John and his wife Mercy Ett Wheeler had six children; his son Walter worked for Sir W.P. Howland of the Welland Mills. Walter later started an asbestos and wallboard business in Thorold, served on Council for 4 years, as Reeve for 3 and as Thorold's tax collector and assessor for 2 years. Another son, Thomas was a painter and partner with A.T. Stanley in the firm Stanley & Grenville, located on Albert Street.

John D. Grenville was named Master Workman for the Summit Lodge. His son Charles fought in WW I with the 86th machine gun section and was killed at age 28 at Vimy Ridge.

May Grenville served as a nurse overseas; she received a medal for her work at Verdun. In 1933, during the depression, May came home and started a knitting business that grew into a large enterprise. She was recognized by The Mail & Empire Newspaper, Toronto and the Monarch Knitting Co.

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The house remained in the Grenville family until 1981; in 1993 it was sold to its present owner.

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 <u>Monday</u>. January 11, 2000. 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 11th day of December, 1999.

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