



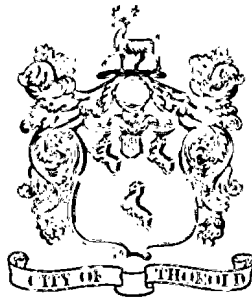
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April 8, 1998

The Ontario Heritage Foundation,
10 Adelaide St. E.
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Sirs:


Re: Notice of Intention to Designate
Ontario Heritage Act - Carnegie Library (Senior Centre)

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of a Notice of Intention to Designate the above noted property in accordance with Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18. This notice will be appearing in the Thorold News on April 11, 1998.

You have been notified, as required, under the provisions of Section 29 (3) of the Act.

I trust this is in order.

Yours very truly,


Adele Arbour, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.,
City Planner

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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 building, at the following municipal address, 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:

Carnegie Library (Senior Centre)
1 Ormond Street South
Plan Rolls Lot 5, Pt. Lot 4, NP 890 & 891
City of Thorold

Thorold's Carnegie Library was opened in April 1912, having been made possible by a donation of \$10,000.00 from Andrew Carnegie. The architect was A.E. Nicholson, who is also responsible for the Grimsby and Merriton Carnegie Libraries. In 1902, when the grant was given, the population of Thorold was 2,400.

In 1947, the interior of the library was remodelled, making it one of the most up-to-date libraries in Ontario. There were approximately 11,000 books on the shelves for a membership of 900. A music library was added with 200 record albums in circulation. Thorold's present library was built adjacent to Chestnut Hall, opening June 18th, 1983.

The Carnegie Library has a strong architectural presence and is a local landmark. This building is well-maintained and is a special place for our Thorold Seniors to celebrate and enjoy their time together. Reusing our heritage buildings makes them a key element of our community.

There are many important names connected to Thorold's Library system, i.e., Miss Minnie K. Tracy of the Tracy-Barber House, who was a Librarian for many years, Mr. John G. Keefer was the original Librarian, and Jacob Keefer became First Vice-President in 1858, with Rev. Thomas Brock Fuller acting as President.

Designation of this building is based on the interesting and distinctive history of Andrew Carnegie and the Carnegie Libraries in Ontario. An appearance of elegance, grace and dignity was common to all the Carnegie Library buildings, imparting a sense of pride and stability to their communities.

Born in Dunfermline, Scotland in 1835, and the son of a hand loom weaver, Andrew Carnegie rose from humble beginnings to a place where his name would be spoken with that of J.P. Morgan, Charles M. Schwab and John D. Rockefeller. His success and career in the American steel industry is legendary. The transfer of his empire to the U.S. Steel Corp. (J.P. Morgan) was, at that time, the greatest sale in history and made Andrew the richest man in the world. In 1911, he formed the \$125,000,000. Carnegie Corp. of New York. Its purpose was to promote the advancement of knowledge. During his lifetime, Andrew Carnegie gave away more than \$350 million dollars.

More than 2,500 public libraries were built throughout the English-speaking world in the early 1900's at a cost of over \$56 million, all funded by Andrew Carnegie. There were 1,681 libraries built in the United States, 660 in Great Britain and Ireland, and 125 in Canada, 111 of these in Ontario.

Valuing the heritage of our City is an important example to set for future generations. Our heritage gives us that special "sense of place" in a busy and confused world. Our Carnegie Library proudly stands in a place of importance, and is part of the rich history of the City.

This designation is for the historical aspects of the building.

Any person may object to the proposed designation within thirty (30) days after the date of the first 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 May 11, 1998. All objections received within the aforementioned time period will be referred to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED at the City of Thorold this 11th day of April, 1998.

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