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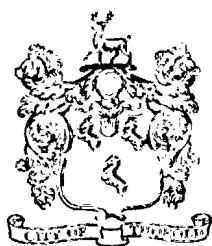


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77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
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Attention: Mr. John Ota

Dear Mr. Ota:

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate  
Ontario Heritage Act  
The Grenville House - 7 Queen Street South, Thorold

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 published in the Thorold News on Saturday December 11, 1999.

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*

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

AA:am  
Attach.

cc. Heritage Thorold L.A.C.A.C.  
J.K. Bice, City Clerk



## 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 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 O.18, Section 29.

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

The Grenville House  
7 Queen Street South  
Thorold, Ontario

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.

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 Monday, 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