



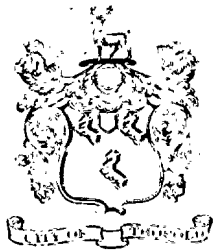
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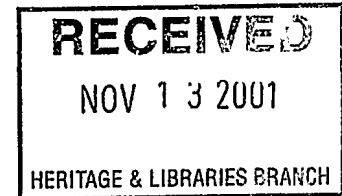
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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

November 8, 2001

Ministry of Citizenship, Culture & Recreation
Cultural Programs Branch
Heritage Properties & Museums Programs Unit
4th Floor, 400 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M7A 2R9



Attention: Ms. Heather Thomson

Dear Ms. Thomson:

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate
Ontario Heritage Act
Maplehurst, 14 St. David's Street West
City of Thorold

Please be advised that Thorold City Council at Special Council on November 6, 2001 endorsed the following recommendation, regarding the above noted topic:

Planning and Building Services Report PBS2001-46 dated November 1, 2001 regarding Thorold LACAC Proposed Historical and Architectural Designation of Maplehurst, 14 St. David's Street West.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee recommends the endorsement of the historical and architectural designation of Maplehurst.

We enclose 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 was published in the Thorold News on Saturday, November 10, 2001. A copy of Report PBS2001-46 is attached for your files.

I trust this is in order.

Yours very truly,

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

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Attach.

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

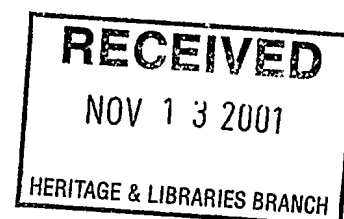
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, CHAPTER 0.18 AND IN THE MATTER OF THE LANDS 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 Maplehurst, located at 14 St. David's Street West, 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:

Maplehurst
14 St. David's Street West
Part Block 11, Plan 11, NP898,
Part Lots 4 and 5, Plan 1890
Thorold, Ontario

The Keefer House known as Maplehurst, is located on the northwest corner of St. David's Street West and John Street.

HISTORICAL

Maplehurst is a landmark in the City of Thorold and a source of pride to its citizens. Built by Hugh Keefer and located on the highest elevation, the first stone for Maplehurst was laid May 20, 1885 and a year later the building was near completion. Second only to the home of William Hamilton Merritt, it is the most important residence connected to the development of the Welland Canal and is, therefore, important to the development of Canada and to our Canadian history.

It is the home of Thorold's founding family who were leading citizens in the community and entrepreneurs. George served in the Lincoln Militia during the War of 1812; the Keefer house was commandeered as a hospital by the American occupation forces in 1813; George's wife Catherine (Lampman) died of typhoid fever after nursing American soldiers wounded in the Battle of Beaverdams. A surveyor, a cabinet-maker, and local magistrate, George operated a general store, built and operated a grist mill and two saw mills, thus creating the nucleus of the new settlement. He was an original stock-holder and first president of William Hamilton Merritt's Welland Canal Company when the first sod was turned November 30, 1824.

Samuel, one of George's sons, superintended the building of the stone locks on the 2nd Canal, planned the Parliament Buildings, built the first suspension bridge in Canada at Ottawa and the longest suspension bridge in the world at that time at Niagara Falls (1868). Another son, Thomas C. Keefer was an author and eminent canal and railway engineer for the Canadian government. He was President of both the Canadian and American Societies of Civil Engineers.

Jacob Keefer founded the Welland Mills (the largest in Canada) in 1845; this mill later became the Maple Leaf Flour Mills. Hugh, the builder of Maplehurst, built Vancouver's first sewer system. He also owned granite and sandstone quarries as well as a brickyard in Vancouver.

ARCHITECTURAL

Maplehurst is located in a dramatic setting; the significance of the landscape is its high elevation with commanding views. The principle public viewscapes from the south and southeast enhance the City's urban heritage. The exterior facades of the south, east and west, including the verandah are important areas of the exterior, as is the stone wall along the south boundary of the property.

Significant exterior architectural features include the following:

- Richardsonian Romanesque style
- Iron Cresting
- Red stone with Queenston white stone trim
- Stone Chimneys
- Front entrance and double doors
- Roof wood soffits/facias
- Double-hung wood windows
- Roof cupola
- Gable decorative barge boards

Significant historic interior spaces (1st floor):

<u>Vestibule</u>	double doors wood mouldings stained glass
<u>Hall</u>	grand staircase doors and panelling wood mouldings
<u>Double Parlour</u>	fireplaces dividing arch doors and windows wood mouldings
<u>Library</u>	fireplace doors and windows wood mouldings
<u>Dining Room</u>	fireplace bay window doors and windows wood mouldings

The skylit former billiard room in the roof space on the third floor is significant, including ceiling profile, wood mouldings and clerestory window. As well, the unique stairwell to the roof deck is considered of architectural significance.

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, December 10, 2001. 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 10th day of November, 2001.

J. K. Bice, City Clerk
Corporation of the City of Thorold
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Thorold, Ontario L2V 4A7