



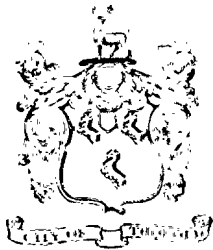
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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

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

Dear Ms. Caldarone:

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate
Ontario Heritage Act
The Calcott-Walker House
49 Carleton Street South, City of 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 Niagara This Week on Friday, August 6, 2004.

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, MCIP, RPP,
City Planner

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Attach.

cc. Heritage Thorold LACAC
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 The Calcott-Walker House located on the north west corner of Portland Street and Carleton Street South, municipally known as 49 Carleton Street South, 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.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

The Calcott-Walker House
North West Corner of Portland Street and Carleton Street South
Plan Rolls Survey Part Lot 11 NP890
Thorold, Ontario

The Calcott-Walker House is located on the north west corner of Portland Street and Carleton Street South.

Architectural Significance

This house occupies its original site and is comparable to other 19th century residences in the area which makes it a familiar landmark and helps maintain the present character of the neighbourhood.

This Italianate style house of brick construction has walls which are three bricks thick and a stone foundation. It was built in 1875 for James Calcott by Isaac Usher. Alterations to the house done c.1938 were designed by architect Robert Ian MacBeth of St. Catharines, who also designed the Registry Building, Art Deco style St. Catharines City Hall, the Central Fire Station in St. Catharines, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, and influenced the design of wartime housing in Niagara.

Features characteristic of the Italianate style include its boxy profile, topped with a hip roof, projecting eaves, supported by paired decorative brackets and segmentally arched openings capped with brick voussoirs (now obscured under stucco). Over the years it has undergone several major changes. The 1938 renovation added Colonial Revival elements such as the neoclassical pilasters and fanlight framing the front door and the exterior French doors to the dining room. Restoration work has retained the original style of the windows.

Historical Significance

Lot 11 on the west side of Carleton St. South came into existence when Dr. Henry Rolis had his large property subdivided in 1853. In 1867 it was sold to James Calcott who had a house built on this lot, but never lived there. The Calcott family rented it out over a period of 38 years and in 1913 it was purchased by the Walkers.

James Calcott was one of the oldest residents of the Niagara District and lived to be nearly 100 years old. His son, George Calcott was a merchant in Thorold and a municipal councillor in 1875 and 1878.

There were many tenants in the house over the years, eg. Robert Smith who owned a grocery store known as "The Stone Store" on Front Street; T.F. Cox was agent for the Quebec Bank on Front Street; the Lepper family - James owned a dry goods store on St. Paul St. in St. Catharines; the John H. Thompson family - he was publisher of the Thorold Post and had a strong background in this business.

The Walker family had an interesting history in the stone quarry business. During the 1980's and 90's they expanded to Walker Industries, becoming a large diversified corporation with operations across Ontario; they have a strong presence in the area supporting community and charitable projects.

The house was passed to Donald Walker when Martha Swayze Walker died about 1938. He had the house remodelled before his marriage to Helen Millen of Windsor. Donald was an avid sportsman, a swimmer, golfer and licenced pilot. He served on the Thorold Public School Board and was a member of many clubs and associations. The family moved to St. Catharines in 1953 and sold the house to Dr. Boyce Sherk.

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, September 6, 2004. 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 6th day of August, 2004.

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