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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 Lynch House
North West Corner of Chapel and Portland Streets
65 Chapel Street South
City of Thorold, Ontario

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 July 21, 2006.

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
Director of Planning & Building Services

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Attach.


cc: Heritage Thorold LACAC
J.K. Bice, City Clerk

City of Thorold

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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 Lynch House located at the north west corner of Chapel and Portland Streets, municipally known as 65 Chapel Street South, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 2005 Chapter 0.18, Section 29.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

The Lynch House
65 Chapel Street South
Thorold, Ontario

The Lynch House is located at the north west corner of Chapel and Portland Streets.

Cultural Value

This outstanding, imposing Edwardian brick structure still in its original location, built by the Lynch brothers in 1908, has a commanding location in relation to the Welland Canal and is one of the most eye-catching and architecturally interesting buildings in the vicinity.

Architectural Significance

Hallmarks of the Edwardian style present in this house include simpleness and balance in the overall design, classically inspired "temple" dormers and porches, limestone lintels, sills and string course, cut stone bricks for the foundation, monochromatic brick design, increased fenestration, a single but tall chimney, bay windows and classically inspired portico at both the front and rear of the building. Although the building is not regular in form, it maintains a sense of symmetry and balance. The front porch of frame construction, displays smooth Classical lines and is in complete harmony with the brick design of the building. The classically inspired portico of the rear porch on the north side is reminiscent of a Greek Temple. An important feature is the beautifully engraved limestone lintel datestone over the front door. This door is constructed of oak with bevelled glass encompassing half the door. The stained glass transom of the front windows is a simple but effective example of the art of stained glass.

The house possesses some of the finest and most intact woodwork within its interior layout. The ground floor has large baseboards, exceptional moulding work, thick window and door frames, gorgeous oak doors, maple hardwood floors and a beautiful front entry staircase with fine woodwork features, newel post, balustrades and banister. There are pocket-style doors located in the front and rear parlours; the house contains three staircases. The woodwork located in the upper floor is as exceptional in detail as the ground floor.

Noteworthy is the well, located on the south side of the property which was used to service canal workers when building the Welland Canal. Due to proximity of construction, the well was utilized to quench the thirst of the canal workers at Lock 7, the Flight Locks and Lock 3 in St. Catharines.

Historical Significance

The house was built on part of the land holdings of Henry Rolls in the Village of Thorold. Edward, a stonecutter, James, a blacksmith and John a locktender on the 3rd Welland Canal, built this house in 1908. As tradesman and tending locks on the Canal, they were all involved in the early years of Thorold's development. Their sister Annie lived at the Lynch House as well. Transient sailors stayed on the third floor as their ships were docked at Thorold during the latter operation of the 3rd Welland Canal (c. 1908-1932). The twin of this house was built immediately west, fronting on Welland Street.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available in the Planning and Building Services Department during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, 227-6613, 8 Carleton Street South, Thorold.

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 August 22, 2006. 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 21st day of JULY, 2006

John K. Bice, City Clerk
Corporation of the City of Thorold
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