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Thorold

August 14, 2018

Ontario Heritage Trust
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Re: 51 Welland Street South, Thorold, Ontario "The Parsonage"
Notice of Intention to Designate under Section 29 (1) of the Ontario Heritage Act,
R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18
Plan Rolls Part Lot 18, Part Lot 19, NP 890 891
Roll No: 273100000409700

Please be advised that the City of Thorold has issued a Notice of Intention to Designate 51 Welland Street South.

Notice has been provided:

- To the owners of 51 Welland Street South by mail;
- To the community by publishing the notice in the August 9th edition of Niagara This Week (notice attached); and,
- To the Ontario Heritage Trust with this mailing.

If you wish to receive any additional information regarding this property, or if you have any comments to provide regarding this property, you may contact the undersigned at any time.

Sincerely,

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE UNDER THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT

In the matter of the Ontario Heritage Act and in the Matter of the lands in the City of Thorold known municipally as 51 Welland Street South,

Notice is hereby given that the City of Thorold intends to designate 51 Welland Street South "The Parsonage" under Section 29(1), Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

Description of Property

The Italianate style dwelling known as the "Parsonage", located at 51 Welland Street South, was formerly affiliated with St. John the Evangelist Church in Thorold-- which is slightly more than half a kilometer away at the corner of Clairmont and Carleton streets. The property's legal description is Plan Rolls Part Lot 18, Part Lot 19, NP890 891.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The "Parsonage" is located in the "Old Town" of Thorold and contributes, along with several other houses of the late nineteenth century, to the heritage character of the street. It is a landmark structure on the street due to its architectural details and its original double-lot setting.

The Italianate two-storey structure, which is in remarkable condition, is constructed of soft local red brick with a hipped roof that has overhanging eaves. The front-facing façade has asymmetrical, double bay round-headed windows--which are typical for this style of house. The round-headed windows continue on the north and west façades. The west façade previously had a rear door which has now been bricked in. It displays a high degree of craftsmanship in its exterior and interior construction.

The home's interior has vaulted ceilings and many fireplaces. The front living/drawing room, which was once Dr. Anderson's medical office, features original windows and a fireplace that is located in the central chimney. The straight flight staircase has its original balusters. On the south side of the home is the dining room and at the rear is the kitchen. The kitchen's tin ceiling was revealed during renovation work in the early twenty-first century. Above the dining room are two bedrooms and a bathroom, all connected with a narrow hallway.

Several additions have been made to the original structure: the two-storey kitchen at the rear of the home; to the west of the kitchen is a single-storey saltbox lean-to room; an

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attached garage is on the north façade of the home; and abutting the south facade of the home is a sunroom.

The property was part of a 200-acre Crown grant to Quaker John Hill Sr. in 1801. In 1826, his daughter Elizabeth Havens sold 90 ½ acres to William Youell. The Secretary of the Welland Canal Company "Squire" James Black bought the land from Youell in 1830 and sold it in 1847 to Dr. Henry Rolls. Rolls sold "Lots 18 and 19 in Block 2 on the west side of Welland Street, south of Claremount Street as laid out on the map or plan of the property of the said Henry Rolls made by Edward Gardiner esquire principal land surveyor" to the wardens of St. John the Evangelist Church

In 1875, the "Parsonage" was built by Isaac Usher to be the residence of rectors of St. John the Evangelist Church. The first rector to live at the "Parsonage" was Rev. Thomas Tempest Robarts. The last rector to live at the "Parsonage" was Canon Frederick Pipe. He oversaw the sale of the property to the Provincial Paper Company in 1919. The Company used the house as a residence for its senior management. Records indicate that members of the Buss family lived at the Parsonage from 1923 until 1940. Dr. Alliston Anderson and his family were the next residents of the home. In 1969, the house was bought by Donald Measner and Josephine Meeker, geography professors at Brock University, who were also involved in the establishment of Heritage Thorold LACAC. The house was bought by Jonathan Charron and Jennifer Schmaltz in 2002 and remains in their possession to this day.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The key heritage attributes of the property include: the double-lot setting; the low-pitched hip roof; the facades with paired round-headed windows on the main and second storeys; the soft red local brick laid in the standard common bond pattern of the original block and the nineteenth century additions use of a double layer of bricks; the two chimneys (neither remains operational); the tin ceiling in the side (kitchen) wing; the fireplace in the living/drawing room; and the original balusters on the straight flight staircase.

The property is a landmark structure on Welland Street South and due to its long association as being the "Parsonage" of St. John the Evangelist Church has resulted in it having an important cultural heritage value to the community.

Additional Information

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available during business hours (8:30 am – 4:30 pm) at City Hall from the Department of Planning and Development Services.

Objection to Proposed Designation

Any person may within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of The City of Thorold their objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts.

Dated at the City of Thorold this 9th day of August, 2018.

Donna Delvecchio
Clerk, City of Thorold