



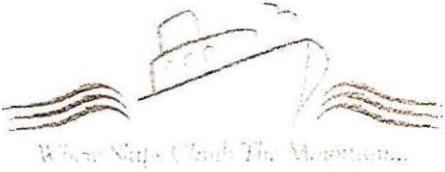
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August 16, 2010

Mr. Richard Moorhouse,
Executive Director
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3



Dear Mr. Moorhouse:

Re: Designation of the Griffiths House
1840 Decew Road
Under Ontario Heritage Act - By-law No. 56-2010

Please be advised that Thorold City Council, at its June 1, 2010 meeting, adopted By-Law No. 56-2010 which designates the Griffiths House, as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18. A Notice of the Passage of the By-Law was published in Niagara News on June 9, 2010.

In accordance with Section 28(6)(a)(ii) of the Act, we have enclosed a copy of the registered By-Law being SN288862 registered August 3, 2010 for your records.

We trust this is in order.

Yours truly,

Adele Arbour, MCIP, RPP,
Director of Planning & Building Services

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Attach.

cc: S. Daniels, City Clerk
Martin & Sarah Head, owners

City of Thorold

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

BY-LAW NO. 56-2010

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE GRIFFITHS HOUSE,
PART TOWNSHIP LOT 52, PART ROAD ALLOWANCE CLOSED,
MUNICIPALLY KNOWN AS 1840 DECEW ROAD
AS BEING OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS:

1. Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate a property within the municipality including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest in accordance with the recommendation of Report PBS2010-18 adopted at a Special Council meeting held on April 6, 2010.
2. [REDACTED] own the Lands.
3. Council has served a Notice of Intention upon the Owners of the Lands and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust providing Notice of Intention to designate The Griffiths House of cultural heritage value or interest and has caused Notice of Intention to be published in Niagara News, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality on the 14th day of April, 2010.
4. No Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the City.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this by-law and its preambles:
 - (a) "Building" means any premises or structures on the Lands.
 - (b) "City" means the Corporation of the City of Thorold;
 - (c) "Council" means the Council of the City;
 - (d) "Designated" or "Designation" means the designation of the building known as "The Griffiths House" located on the northwest corner of Lot 52, north and west of Beaverdams Road, Part Township Lot 52, Part Road Allowance Closed, municipally known as 1840 DeCew Road, in the City and located on the Lands, to be of cultural heritage value or interest, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Ch.O.18, as amended;
 - (e) "Lands" means lands and premises and buildings or improvements thereon, described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and made part of this By-law;
 - (f) "Notice of Intention" means the Notice set out in Schedule "B" annexed to and made part of this By-law.
2. The building known as "The Griffiths House" and located on the Lands as such are described in Schedule "A" annexed to this By-law is Designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
3. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law including a copy of the reasons for designation, as stated in Schedule "B" to this By-law, to be registered on the title to the Lands at the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Niagara South in the City of St. Catharines.

4. The Clerk of the City is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served upon the Owners of the Lands and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause Notice of the passing of this By-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City.
5. Amendments to Schedule "A" annexed to and made part of this By-law may be made by the Clerk of the City after passage of this By-law in order to register the By-law pursuant to Section 3 hereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND FINALLY PASSED BY COUNCIL
THIS 1st DAY OF JUNE, 2010.


Henry D'Angela, Mayor


Susan Daniels, City Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

DESCRIPTION

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Thorold, formerly the Town of Thorold, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, formerly the County of Welland, and being:

Lands described as Part Township Lot 52, Part Road Allowance Closed, municipally known as 1840 DeCew Road.

SCHEDULE "B"

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 Griffiths House located at 1840 DeCew Road at the northwest corner of Lot 52, north and west of Beaverdams Road, 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 Griffiths House
1840 DeCew Road
Part Township Lot 52 Pt Rd Allow Closed
Thorold, Ontario

The Griffiths House is located at 1840 DeCew Road north and west of Beaverdams Road.

Cultural Heritage Value

This stone house that has occupied the extreme northwest corner of Lot 52 in the former Township of Thorold for some 90 years is a greatly significant link between the early history of Thorold Township and its changing face in the 20th century. Indeed part of the house sits atop land originally set aside more than two centuries ago for a possible township road.

Architectural Value

The architectural style of this house is predominantly Colonial Revival but features elements of other styles as well, apparently the choices and preferences of the original owner/builder George Griffiths who designed the house himself, bringing together an eclectic and harmonious mix of style elements that collectively give the house its individuality. Colonial Revival style was largely based on the English colonial architecture of the 13 Colonies. 1840 DeCew Road much resembles the Dutch colonial style - particularly with its roof that flares out at the eaves. This house is unique in its use of stone as the building material for the first storey. The French doors flanking the central front door are more typical of Victorian or Regency Cottage styles, while the porch, portico and entranceway are Neo-Classical. The house is constructed of limestone which came from the ruins of the roadhouse which once stood at the intersection of Beaverdams and DeCew Roads. This stone presumably came from one of the old Thorold quarries. The upper part of the house is clad in siding. The two stone chimneys on either side of the house have been reconstructed from the roof line. The French storm doors in the front of the house were also restored.

Historical Value

This home was built on land once part of one of Thorold Township's many prosperous homestead farms, but this property, since 1922, has been residential and not agricultural. Home to members of the Griffiths family for the better part of the 20th century, the house is particularly notable for its long association with this intriguing family of socially concerned and active community builders, particularly Gertrude Knapp, socialist and activist, whose ongoing and valuable contribution to her community's political and social development received local and provincial recognition.

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, 3540 Schmon Parkway, 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 Friday, May 14, 2010. 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 14th day of April, 2010

Susan Daniels, City Clerk
Corporation of the City of Thorold
P.O. Box 1044, 3540 Schmon Parkway
Thorold, Ontario L2V 4A7