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# CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

December 5, 2002

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

Dear Ms. Caldarone:

Re: Designation of The Allanburg United Church

2364 Centre Street

Under Ontario Heritage Act - By-law No. 89-2002

Please be advised that Thorold City Council, at its November 19, 2002 meeting, adopted By-Law No. 89-2002 which designates The Allanburg United Church, as being of architectural and historic value and 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 the Thorold News December 7, 2002.

In accordance with Section 28(6)(a)(ii) of the Act, we have enclosed a certified copy of the registered By-Law being Instrument No. 229428 registered November 27, 2002 for your records.

We trust this is in order.

Yours very truly,

AA:am Attach.

Adele Arbour, MCIP, RPP,

City Planner

cc: J.K. Bice, City Clerk

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# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

# BY-LAW NO. 89 - 2002

# A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE ALLANBURG UNITED CHURCH AT 2364 CENTRE STREET AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORIC VALUE OR INTEREST

#### WHEREAS:

- 1. Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 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 architectural or historic value or interest.
- 2. The Trustees of the Allanburg Congregation of the United Church of Canada owns the lands.
- 3. Council has served the Notice of Intention upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation providing Notice of Intention to designate Allanburg United Church as being of historic and architectural value or interest and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in the Thorold News, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality on the 7th day of September, 2002.
- 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 designating of the building known as Allanburg United Church and the Lands upon which it is situated to be of historic and architectural value or interest pursuant to the relevant provisions in the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18 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 Allanburg United Church and the Lands upon which it is situated as such are described in Schedule "A" annexed to this By-law are designated as being of architectural and historic value and interest.

- 3. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law and 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 at Welland.
- 4. The Clerk of the City is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause Notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City.
- 5. The description in Schedule "A" annexed to and made part of this By-law may, if required, be amended by the Clerk of the City for the purposes of the registration of this By-law.

# READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL

THIS 19th DAY OF November, 2002.

Mayor

City Clerk

# **SCHEDULE "A"**

# **DESCRIPTION OF LANDS:**

Lot 83 on the east side of Centre Street, north of Falls Street as shown on Plan M28 for the Town of Thorold now in the City of Thorold, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

The above legal description relates to Allanburg United Church, municipally known as 2364 Centre Street, Allanburg, Thorold, Ontario.

### 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 Allanburg United Church, located at 2364 Centre Street, 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:

Allanburg United Church 2364 Centre Street Plan M28, Lot 83, Allanburg Thorold, Ontario

Allanburg United Church, is located on the east side of Centre Street, north of Falls Street in Allanburg.

#### **ARCHITECTURAL**

This red brick church set on a stone foundation was built in 1876. It is built in the Italianate style with round arched door and window openings which are capped by elaborate hood mouldings of corbelled brick. Its four corners are accented by identical brick pilasters. Under the eaves of the north, west and south sides a frieze of corbelled bricks imitates the wooden eave brackets common on many Italianate buildings.

Above the front doors is a transom window with a tympanum under the arch. Within the tympanum is a circular window on which is painted the legend "Methodist Church A.D. 1876." Beneath the front gable is a quatrefoil window accented by an arched moulding of corbelled brick.

# HISTORICAL

The first Methodist circuit organized near Allanburg was the Niagara Circuit under Thomas Demorest and William Ryerson. Thorold remained part of the St. Catharines circuit from 1832 to 1854; by 1841 the first Methodist Society of Allanburg was formed. Allanburg became part of the Thorold circuit in 1854 along with Thorold, Fonthill, Port Robinson and St. John's West. In November 1857 a lot was obtained and a trustee board consisting of Daniel Williams, Benjah Williams, George Williams and William Ware was elected. The first church, a white frame building, was built across from the town hall in 1858.

After 15 years the congregation had outgrown the first church. Lots 83 and 84 on the east side of Centre Street were purchased from John Brown in April, 1876. The Rev. Mr. Maxwell of St. Catharines spoke at the dedication of the new church on December 24, 1876. The new church became a focal point for the Allanburg community. The first person baptised in the new church was Sarah Huffa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Huffa, in December 1876. The church celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in September, 1935.

The church occupies its original site and is the only surviving building in the village of Allanburg constructed solely for use as a church, and therefore is an important visual landmark in the context of the village.

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, October 7, 2002. 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 7th day of September, 2002.

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