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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

September 25, 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 Munro House
5 Ormond Street South
Under Ontario Heritage Act - By-law No. 75-2002

Please be advised that Thorold City Council, at its September 3, 2002 meeting, adopted By-Law No. 75-2002 which designates The Munro House, 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 September 14, 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. 776053 registered September 18, 2002 for your records.

We trust this is in order.

Yours very truly,

Adele Arbour, MCIP, RPP,
City Planner

AA:am
Attach.

cc: J.K. Bice, City Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

BY-LAW NO. 75 - 2002

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE MUNRO HOUSE 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 historic or architectural value or interest.
2. ██████████ owns the lands.
3. Council has served the Notice of Intention upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation providing Notice of Intention to designate The Munro House on the Lands as being of architectural and historic 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 22nd day of June, 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 Munro House on the Lands to be of historic or 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 Munro House located on the Lands is designated as being of architectural and historic value and interest.

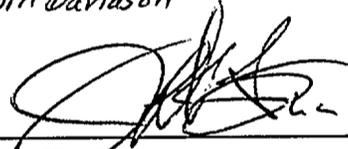
3. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law and a copy of the reasons for designation, as stated in Schedule "B" to this by-law, to be registered on the title to the lands at the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Niagara South at Welland.
4. The Clerk of 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 newspapers 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 3rd DAY OF September 2002.



Mayor
Robin Davidson



City Clerk
John K. Bice

SCHEDULE "A"

DESCRIPTION OF LANDS:

FIRSTLY: Lot No. 2 on the west side of Ormond Street, north of Clairmont Street in the Rolls Survey, Registered Plan No. 23 as now shown on Corporation Plan No. 11 of the said Town of Thorold, now known as Plan 890 and 891, City of Thorold.

SECONDLY: Lot No. 35 in the rear of Lot No. 8 on the east side of Front Street, according to the George Keefer Survey and Corporation Plan No. 11 of the Town of Thorold, now known as Plan 889 and 898, City of Thorold; **SAVE AND EXCEPT** a small strip thereof conveyed to Connolly B. Hare by registered Deed No. 2153 which said excepted portion is more particularly described as follows; that is to say:

COMMENCING at the northwest corner of the said Lot No. 35; THENCE easterly along the northerly limits of the said lot, 3 feet; THENCE southerly parallel with the westerly limits of the said lot, 23.5 feet; THENCE westerly parallel with the northerly limits of the said lot 3 feet to the westerly limits thereof; THENCE northerly along the westerly limits of the said lot 23.5 feet more or less to the place of beginning;

AND FURTHER SAVE AND EXCEPT those lands conveyed to The Corporation of the Town of Thorold by Instrument 32064A registered on the 19th day of November, 1959 and more particularly described as follows; that is to say:

FIRSTLY: Part of Lot No. 35 in the rear of Lot No. 8 on the east side of Front Street, according to the George Keefer Survey, as now shown on Corporation Plan No. 11 for the said Town of Thorold, now known as Plan 898, City of Thorold, which said parcel is more particularly described by R. J. Matthews, O.L.S. of the office of R. Blake Erwin, O.L.S. as follows:

COMMENCING at a point in the northerly limit of Lot No. 35, between Front Street and Ormond Street, north of Clairmont Street, according to the George Keefer's Survey, as shown on Corporation Plan No. 11 for the Town of Thorold, now known as Plan 898, City of Thorold, distant therein easterly 3.98 feet from an iron stake marking the northwest corner of said Lot No. 35; THENCE easterly in the northerly limit of said Lot No. 35, 88.14 feet to an iron stake, said stake being distant westerly in the said northerly limit of Lot No. 35, 38.0 feet from the northeast corner of said Lot No. 35; THENCE southerly parallel to the easterly limit of said Lot No. 35, 65.93 feet to an iron stake planted in the southerly limit of said Lot No. 35; THENCE westerly in the southerly limit of said Lot No. 35, 92.75 feet to the southwest corner of said Lot No. 35; THENCE northerly in the westerly limit of said Lot No. 35, 42.49 feet to an iron stake planted in the southerly limit of the lands described in Registered Instrument No. 4720; THENCE easterly in the said southerly limit of the lands described in Registered Instrument No. 4720 and parallel with the northerly limit of Lot No. 35, 4.07 feet to the southeast corner of the lands described in said Registered Instrument No. 4720; THENCE northerly in the easterly limit of the lands described in said Registered Instrument No. 4720, 23.31 feet more or less to the point of commencement.

AND SECONDLY: That portion of Lot No. 8 on the east side of Front Street, according to the George Keefer Survey, as now shown on Corporation Plan No. 11 for the said Town, now known as Plan 898, City of Thorold, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at an iron stake planted in the easterly limit of said Lot No. 8, said point being distant northerly 31.49 feet when measured in the easterly limit of said Lot No. 8 from the southeasterly angle of said Lot No. 8; THENCE westerly 130.89 feet to a cut cross in the westerly limit of said Lot No. 8, said cross being distant northerly 31.55 feet when measured in the westerly limit of said Lot No. 8 from the southwesterly angle of said Lot No. 8;

THENCE northerly in the westerly limit of said Lot No. 8, 11 feet to a cut cross; THENCE easterly 130.93 feet to an iron stake planted in the easterly limit of said Lot No. 8, said stake being distant northerly 11 feet when measured in the easterly limit of said Lot No. 8 from the point of commencement; THENCE southerly in the easterly limit of said Lot No. 8, 11 feet to the place of beginning. Being the land secondly described in registered Deed No. 10503.

The above legal description relates to The Munro House, municipally known as 5 Ormond Street South, 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 The Munro House, located at 5 Ormond 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.

SHORT STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

The Munro House
5 Ormond Street South
Plan Rolls Lot 2, NP 890 and 891
Plan George Keefer Lot 35, Plan 889
Thorold, Ontario

The Munro House, is located on the west side of Ormond Street South, north of Clairmont Street and south of Albert Street.

ARCHITECTURAL

This house, still standing on its original site, was built in 1866 and completed in 1868. It is a conspicuous and familiar structure in the context of the neighbourhood. The house, built by James Munro, remained in the Munro family until 2001.

Outside

Several architectural styles are evident - early Italianate, Neo-classical and Classic Revival. The house is built of brick, three bricks thick. Located on the south side, the front door design with arched transom and side lights is significant. The importance of the outside of the house is recognized, the pillars at each side of the entrance gate, the porches, the inside windows (excluding storm windows) and two pair of arched windows in the attic are all significant features.

Inside

The mouldings, register covers and grates throughout the house are significant. In the drawing room/parlour, the archway, leaded windows on the north side, three French doors, the chandelier and two brass sidelights are important features. In the living room, the corner fireplace and fireplace cupboard, two gas lights and pocket door are significant. The leaded windows under the stairway and on the stairway are important features of the house, as well as the French door in the upstairs hall and five upstairs transoms.

HISTORICAL

James Munro came to Canada in 1844 to work in the firm of Whan & McLean, Niagara-on-the-Lake (then the Capital of Upper Canada and a centre of distribution for the province). He was placed in charge of their Thorold branch store when it opened in 1846. Located on the east side of Front Street, the building was a mammoth department store with 26 rooms and large residence above and at the rear. A fire in 1866 completely destroyed the Munro store, but James rebuilt the store and a new house on Ormond Street. In 1875 he had a new building erected on Front Street to house the Bank of Commerce. During the 1870's and '80's he was also proprietor of a wood and coal yard at Lock 25.

James, along with Jacob Keefer organized a joint stock cotton factory in Thorold in 1847; other principal shareholders were Rev. Thos. Brock Fuller, John Brown (owner of cement and plaster mills) and railway contractor Samuel Zimmerman. The factory was located on the mill race between Front Street and the Welland Canal. Cotton from the factory won a prize at the Provincial Exhibition and the mill was acknowledged to be the first cotton factory established in Ontario. In 1967 the Archeological and Historic Sites Board of Ontario erected a historic plaque near the site.

James married Elizabeth Patterson who, after marriage, operated a private school in Thorold. She was a member of the Thorold & Beaverdams Historical Society and was named historian. Both Elizabeth and James were very involved in community and church life, attending St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. James was active in the building of the first church on Ormond Street in 1859. He was a Councillor, Assessor, an Auditor for the Village and Welland County, and the first treasurer of the Mechanic's Institute (later Thorold Public Library).

They had 6 children (3 of whom died young). Jessie taught at Thorold High School; Col. Donald James Caldwell Munro entered the banking business, and later his father's business. He served as Town Treasurer, Police Magistrate and Vice President of the Thorold Horticultural Society when it was organized in 1929. Col. Munro was active in the military and a member of the National Rifle Assoc., winning prizes in England. Ruth Gibson Munro Cameron, well known in the community was the only child of Donald and Jean. She worked at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce for 39 years.

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, July 22, 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 22nd day of June, 2002.

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