



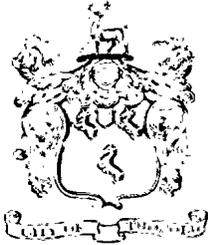
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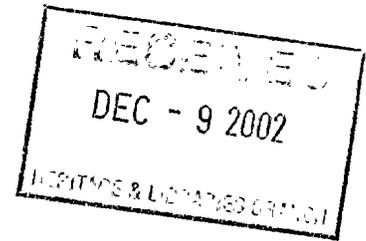
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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

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: Notice of Intention to Designate
Ontario Heritage Act
The Thorold Post Office Building
18 Front Street North
City of Thorold

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of Thorold on December 3, 2002 at General Committee, supported the following recommendation.

“The General Committee endorse the architectural and historical designation of The Thorold Post Office Building located at 18 Front Street North.”

The Notice of Intention to Designate will be published in the Thorold News on Saturday, December 7, 2002. A copy of Report PBS2002-48 and a copy of the Notice of Intention is enclosed for your information.

Yours very truly,

Adele Arbour, MCIP, RPP,
City Planner

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Attach.

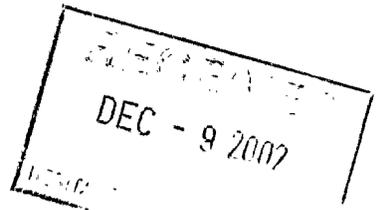
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

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 Thorold's Post Office Building, located at 18 Front Street North, 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:

Thorold's Post Office Building
18 Front Street North
Part of Lots 14 and 15, NP 889
Thorold, Ontario

Thorold's Post Office Building, is located on the east side of Front Street North, south of Regent Street and north of Albert Street, in downtown Thorold.

ARCHITECTURAL

The cornerstone of this building was laid by G.H. Pettit, MP and the building was officially opened in May of 1936. George P. Foley was our Postmaster at that time and our Mayor was Wm. Hutt. N.A. Kearns was the architect and the contractor was R. Timms Construction Co. of Welland.

Like many federal buildings, our own Post Office appears massive and impressive. Being part of our downtown, it has become one of Thorold's landmarks, part of the fabric of our community and a meeting place.

A building does not have to be old to be valuable. The Post Office was one of the few federal buildings built in Thorold; there was only one other building similar to Thorold's Post Office built during the same time period.

The building, using white ground Queenston stone in the front and red brick for the sides and rear, is very imposing, and was finished in a manner to befit any small city in Canada of the 1930's.

HISTORICAL

Post Offices in Canada have always been important buildings to any community; they were central points and meeting places for the residents of our municipalities.

At the time of opening in 1936 the ground floor of Thorold's Post Office was given entirely to post office requirements, except the room which was needed for the stairway to the next floor where the Customs and other federal business was transacted. The janitor's residence was at the rear upstairs, reached from the inside and outside and was a roomy and well-arranged space, providing for a family. The basement was dry and well-lighted and extends under the entire building, with the heating plant in the rear.

A number of years ago when the Federal Government was in the process of closing many of their postal outlets in Canada, there was a loud cry heard across the land, and a group called "Rural Dignity" was formed as a lobby group, with members in towns and hamlets across this country. This illustrates the passion with which we hold our right to our own identity as Canadians living in small communities, and the importance of having our own Post Office building.

Today this building standing in a key location, is still operating as our central Post Office, is extremely important to our community and serves its citizens and businesses well.

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, January 6, 2003. 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 December, 2002.

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