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Niagara  
CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

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March 8, 2002



Ministry of Citizenship, Culture & Recreation  
Cultural Programs Branch  
Heritage Properties & Museums Programs Unit  
77 Bloor Street West, 2nd Floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 2R9

Attention: Mr. John Ota

Dear Mr. Ota:

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate  
Ontario Heritage Act  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
26 Clairmont Street  
City of Thorold

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Please find enclosed herewith a copy of a Notice of Intention to Designate the above noted property in accordance with Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18. This notice was published in the Thorold News on Saturday February 23, 2002.

You have been notified as required under the provisions of Section 29(3) of the Act.

I trust this is in order.

Yours very truly,

Adele Arbour, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.,  
City Planner

AA:am  
Attach.

cc. Heritage Thorold L.A.C.A.C.  
J.K. Bice, City Clerk



## 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 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, located at 26 Clairmont 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:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
26 Clairmont Street  
Plan Rolls Lot 3, NP 890 and 891  
Thorold, Ontario

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, is located on the northeast corner of Clairmont Street and Ormond Street South.

### ARCHITECTURAL

The cornerstone of the church was laid in June, 1883 and the building was completed in 1884. The church was designed by architect Wm. R. Gregg of Toronto. The Church Hall (1927) addition at the rear of the building, matches the original church in construction and materials. The hall was designed by the architectural firm Nicholson and MacBeth of St. Catharines.

The church occupies its original site, and is an important part of the landscape of the City. This imposing building is a conspicuous and familiar landmark in the context of the City of Thorold.

This limestone building is of random coursed rubblestone construction, divided by a raised square ribbon mortar joint with quoins accenting the attractive windows and doors. It is designed in a neo-Gothic style, typical of many late 19th century Presbyterian and Methodist churches, with its central focus on the "meetinghouse" design.

Of particular note are the two original diamond-paned stained glass windows from 1884 at the south end; the remaining post-1900 stained glass and the sanctuary are also outstanding features of the church.

### HISTORICAL

The congregation of St. Andrews dates its foundation from information on an indenture of 1802 which named Peter Lampman, Adam Hutt and George Miller as "the present Trustees of the Lutheran and Presbyterian Church in Thorold". Presbyterian services in Thorold had begun in 1801 when the Rev. Daniel Ward Eastman came to Upper Canada from the Presbytery of Morristown, N.J. and settled at Beaverdams. He and his successor - the Rev. John Burns, a Scottish Secession Minister, were the so-called "saddle bag" missionaries who preached and held services in various locations, including the old Lutheran and Presbyterian Church (often called "the Old German Meeting House") on Lot 6 of Thorold Township. Other early ministers who served the Thorold area were the Revs. Lewis Williams, Robert McGill and Colin McIntosh.

In April of 1853 the "station of Thorold in the Presbytery of Flamboro" petitioned to be set aside as a separate congregation. The petition was granted and the Rev. John McClure ordained three elders and received 46 members into the congregation. The Rev. Wm. Dickson was called to be St. Andrew's first minister in 1854. When it was first organized, the congregation worshipped in the Town Hall and in 1859 a brick church building was erected at 17 Ormond Street North (still standing), and the congregation remained there over 30 years. It was during the pastorate of Rev. C.D. McDonald, known as "the father of the church" that the present church building was erected.

While it would be impossible to enumerate them all, over the years many members of the congregation of St. Andrew's have made significant contributions to the community.

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, March 25, 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 23rd day of February, 2002.**

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