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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

September 9, 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

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Dear Ms. Caldarone:

Re: Notice of Intention to Designate

Ontario Heritage Act Allanburg United Church

2364 Centre Street, Allanburg, City of Thorold

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, September 7, 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, MCIP, RPP,

City Planner

AA:am Attach.

cc. Heritage Thorold LACAC J.K. Bice, City Clerk

Fax: (905) 227-5590



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