



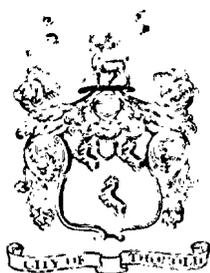
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CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

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Ms. Rita Caldarone
Secretary, Heritage Policy and
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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 Constable House
5 Wellington Street North, 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 will be published in the Thorold News on Saturday, August 9, 2003.

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

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Attach.

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

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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 The Constable House located on the former Wellington Street and is accessed from a laneway on Albert Street, municipally known as 5 Wellington 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.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

The Constable House
Overlooking the Welland Canal, north of Albert Street East
Plan 10816 Part Lot 6 to Part Lot 9 Plus
Lane NP893, Plan 59R-7597, Parts 1 & 2
Thorold, Ontario

The Constable House is accessed via a laneway from Albert Street.

Architectural Significance

The Constable House is executed in a simplified version of the "Jacobethan" style, and is possibly the only example of this early 20th Century Renaissance Revival style in Thorold's domestic architecture. Characteristics of this style include the red sandstone construction with contrasting white limestone corner quoins and window surrounds, the parapeted gables on the east and south side with limestone trim, the grouped windows on the east and south facades and the neoclassical front doorcase with side lights.

Built of "Grimsby granite" from Griffith's quarry (the same stone used to build Maplehurst), on a limestone foundation, the stone is laid in a random pattern and accented with a white raised ribbon mortar joint. The interior woodwork is all executed in the simple "arts and crafts" style of the early 20th Century.

Historical Significance

This history of this property and house, its owners and residents, is closely tied to the economic development and changing topography of Thorold brought about by the development of the Welland Canal, in particular, the construction of the 4th Welland Canal (1913-30). The property originally was deeded to John Hill, a Quaker and United Empire Loyalist who received his Crown grant for military service in the Revolutionary War. It then passed to John Hoover, another UEL. In 1849 Hoover left the acreage to his son David, who had it subdivided for building lots in 1862.

After being subdivided, the first owner of lots 6, 7 and 8 (west side of Wellington St. North) was William Rouse (Rowse), who left the property to his sons Patrick and John. Eventually it passed to Engineer Philip Rowse who sold the lots to John Constable, a stone cutter, in 1906. John worked as a stonecutter on a number of local projects, including Maplehurst in 1885-86. John sold the south half of lot 6 and lot 7 to his son Robert, also a stonecutter, and father and son began construction of the present house in the spring of 1907, completing it before Robert's marriage to Janet Notman in June of that year. Robert worked on numerous local construction projects, including being in charge of the stone work of the new Thorold Public School in 1914 (later named L.G. Lorriman School).

Early in 1913 the Constable property was expropriated by the Crown for construction of the 4th Welland Canal. From 1914 to 1927 the house was the residence of John Leslie Simmons, who worked as a superintendent on the construction of the canal; he was killed in 1928 while working on the canal in Port Colborne. After canal construction was complete, Wellington Street had disappeared and the house which once faced the street, was left perched on a cliff facing the current canal, with access via a laneway from Albert Street.

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, September 8, 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 9th day of August, 2003.

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