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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  
DeCou House Monument  
North Side of Decew Road  
West of Merrittville Highway  
2350 Decew Road  
City of Thorold, Ontario

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 Niagara This Week on Friday, March 24, 2006.

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 Decou House Monument located on the north side of Decew Road, west of Merrittville Highway, municipally known as 2350 Decew Road, as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of The Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 2005 Chapter 0.18, Section 29.

### REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION:

DeCou House Monument  
North side of Decew Road  
Thorold, Ontario

DeCou House Monument is located on the north side of Decew Road, west of Merrittville Highway.

#### **Cultural Value**

John DeCou was involved in many aspects of our local history and development of the area. The DeCou stone house played a pivotal role in the War of 1812, the Battle of Beaverdams and Laura Secord's famous walk.

#### **Architectural Significance**

This monument incorporates the remains of a Georgian style house built by Captain John DeCou early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The visible portion of the monument which was constructed in the early 1950's, after the second of two fires had gutted the home, consists of a portion of the original limestone walls of the house rising to the level of the lower first floor window sills, a flagstone floor and a plaque mounted on a cairn constructed at the rear wall (unveiled Oct. 13-53). Beneath the floor is the original basement of the home which was filled with the rubble from those portions of the walls of the house which had remained standing after the fire and which were taken down when the monument was constructed. This monument is unique in that it presents somewhat of the appearance of