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August 15, 2008

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 Stone Store  
11 Front Street South  
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 will be published in Niagara News on August 20, 2008.

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

I trust this is in order.

Yours truly,

Adele Arbour, MCIP, RPP  
Director of Planning & Building Services

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Attach.

cc: Heritage Thorold LACAC  
Susan Daniels, Acting City Clerk

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**City of Thorold**

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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, PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thorold intends to designate the Stone Store located at 11 Front Street South, south of Albert Street on the west side of Front Street South, 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:

The Stone Store  
11 Front Street South  
Part Lot 55, Part Township Lot 17, NP889, RP 59R3145, Parts 1 and 2  
Thorold Ontario

The Stone Store is located at 11 Front Street South, south of Albert Street on the west side of Front Street South.

### Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The street on which this building is located developed as the commercial centre of the Village of Thorold with the opening of the first Welland Canal in 1829. This north-south street approximately paralleled the east side of the Canal. Because of the street's location and orientation to the Canal, the Canal is actually at the rear of the properties that are on the west side of Front Street. This is significant since the street "fronts" the old canals, mills, millraces and other related structures. The NS & T. Railway Co. in the early 1900's ran on a trestle through the properties at the westerly rear of Front Street South. This "Stone Store" was an impressive building when it was constructed 150 years ago and to this day it continues to enhance the streetscape of downtown Thorold.

### Architectural Value

Stone mason and master builder – William Martin was engaged in the construction of many outstanding buildings and it is most likely that he built the Stone Store between 1853 and 1857 on the property owned by William and his two brothers, John and Robert. It is a handsome 2-storey stone building with a gable roof and basement walls of rubble stone. To the south of the building is an alleyway that once led down to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Welland Canal and Lot 24 located behind the store. The building displays many of the Italianate-style features popular in commercial buildings in the 1850's, such as round-headed windows, brackets and columns. This stone building has survived relatively unchanged since photographs taken of it c. 1900. The building has a moderately pitched gable roof with end gables that project above the roofline to form a firewall. The chimneys, one in each of the gable ends of the roof are symmetrically located at the apex of the gable. The front façade exhibits the rectangular, cast iron columns made by A. Dobbie of Thorold. One of the striking interior features is the decorative pressed pattern tin ceiling. Modernization has been done in a respectful way during the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

### Historical Significance

The name "The Stone Store" was used because most of the other commercial buildings constructed on Front Street at that time were built of wood and later brick. One of the first businesses to occupy the commercial space was a drapery store owned by Mrs. Rosetta McClelland. Over the years it has served the community as a grocery store, stationary and bookstore, TV store and currently as a fine clothing store.

Further information respecting the proposed designation is available in the Planning and Building Services Department during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, 905-227-6613, 3540 Schmon Parkway, Thorold.

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 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 Friday September 19, 2008. 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 20th day of August, 2008  
Susan Daniels, Acting City Clerk