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November 27, 2008

Mr. Richard Moorhouse,
Executive Director
Ontario Heritage Trust
10 Adelaide Street East
Toronto, ON M5C 1J3



Dear Mr. Moorhouse:

Re: Designation of Memorial Park
13 Albert Street East
Under Ontario Heritage Act - By-law Nos. 126-2007 & 103-2008

Please be advised that Thorold City Council, at its November 6, 2007 meeting, adopted By-law 126-2007 which designates Memorial Park, as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18. A Notice of the Passage of the By-Law was already published in Niagara This Week on November 14, 2007.

An Amending Designation By-law was also registered to include certain lands that were omitted from the initial Designation By-law. Thorold City Council, at its October 7, 2008 meeting, adopted By-law 103-2008 which designates Memorial Park, as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18.

In accordance with Section 28(6)(a)(ii) of the Act, we have enclosed a copy of the registered By-Law being No. SN227191 registered October 30, 2008 for your records.

We trust this is in order.

Yours truly,

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

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Attach.

cc: S. Daniels, City Clerk

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD

BY-LAW NO. 126-2007

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE MEMORIAL PARK AS A PROPERTY
OF CULTURAL HERITAGE VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS:

1. Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate a property within the municipality including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest in accordance with the recommendation of Report PBS2007-54 adopted at a Special Council meeting held on July 17, 2007.
2. The Corporation of the City of Thorold owns the lands.
3. Council has served a Notice of Intention upon the Ontario Heritage Trust providing Notice of Intention to designate Memorial Park on the Lands as being of cultural heritage value or interest and has caused such Notice of Intention to be published in Niagara This Week, a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality on the 10th day of August, 2007.
4. No Notice of Objection to the proposed designation has been served upon the City.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF
THOROLD ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. In this by-law and its preambles:
 - (a) "Building" means any premises or structures on the Lands.
 - (b) "City" means the Corporation of the City of Thorold;
 - (c) "Council" means the Council of the City;
 - (d) "Designated" or "Designation" means the designating of Memorial Park on the Lands to be of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the relevant provisions in the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18 as amended;
 - (e) "Lands" means lands and premises and buildings or improvements thereon, described in Schedule "A" annexed hereto and made part of this by-law;
 - (f) "Notice of Intention" means the Notice set out in Schedule "B" annexed to and made part of this by-law.
2. The Memorial Park located on the Lands is designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
3. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law including a copy of the reasons for designation, as stated in Schedule "B" to this by-law, to be registered on the title to the lands at the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Niagara South in the City of St. Catharines.
4. The Clerk of the City is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served upon the Owners of the Lands and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause Notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City.

5. The description in Schedule "A" annexed to and made part of this by-law may if required, be amended by the Clerk of the City after passage of this by-law in order to register the by-law pursuant to Section 3 hereof.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED BY COUNCIL THIS
6th DAY OF NOVEMBER , 2007.


Henry D'Angela, Mayor


John K. Bice, City Clerk

SCHEDULE "A"

DESCRIPTION

ALL AND SINGULAR that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Thorold, formerly the Town of Thorold, in the Regional Municipality of Niagara, formerly the County of Welland, and being:

Lands described as:

13 Albert Street East
Plan 11, Lot 224 NP 898
Thorold, Ontario

located at the intersection of Carleton Street South and Chapel Street South.

SCHEDULE "B"

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 Memorial Park located at 13 Albert Street East at the intersection of Carleton Street South and Chapel 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:

Memorial Park
13 Albert Street East
Plan 11, Lot 224 NP 898
Thorold, Ontario

Memorial Park is located at Albert Street East near the intersection of Carleton Street South and Chapel Street South.

Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

In 1919 the Town of Thorold purchased this land from the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of the Town of Thorold; it was to become a lasting memorial to the Men of Thorold who lost their lives for King and Country during the Great War - 1914 to 1918, and would be known as Memorial Park.

The Soldiers Monument was constructed and dedicated in 1921 and remains as a testament to the brave men of Thorold who fought and died in both World Wars and the Conflict in Korea. In 1999 this monument was designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

This parcel of land is still known as Memorial Park and was part of Dr. Henry Rolis Estate. The land was acquired by D.B. Crombie, who sold it to the Board of Trustees of the Public Schools of the Town of Thorold; it remains today one of the finest pieces of greenspace within the bounds of downtown Thorold.

The entrance to the park, off Albert St. East, was laid out with shrubs and plantings by members of the Thorold Horticultural Society. With the receipt of its charter in 1929 at a public meeting held in the park, Memorial Park is where the Society began. With the construction of a new bandshell, the park became the home for the popular Thorold Reed Band concerts.

There are mature stands of hardwood trees located in the park; many indigenous species, notably ash, maple, sycamore and beech can be found, along with several species of flowering bushes and ornamental shrubs. All of this gives an air of Victorian/Edwardian charm to this place, lending a feel of walking in an area steeped in history. Memorial Park is one of the only "passive" parks in the City.

Memorial Park's natural and remaining built architectural features remain in their original locations within their original environment. This park is an outstanding example of Thorold's natural heritage.... a wonderful area of peace, solemnity and reflection in our City."

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 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 Thursday, October 4, 2007. 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 10th day of August, 2007

John K. Bice, City Clerk
Corporation of the City of Thorold
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Thorold, Ontario L2V 4A7