

Notice of Intention to Designate Property Under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act

Take Notice that the Council of the City of Thorold intends to pass a By-law on May 30th, 2023, under Section 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act for the property described as follows:

Lock 25, Battle of Beaverdams Park (PT TWP LOTS 16 AND;17 PLAN 897 P)

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

The historical value of Lock 25 lies principally in its association with the Second Welland Canal and thus its role in facilitating marine trade between Lakes Ontario and Erie, not only in the Niagara region but throughout the entire Great Lakes waterway system. It is located in reclaimed First and Second Welland Canals lands, which since 1976 belong to the Battle of Beaverdams Park. The partially excavated remains include portions of the two parallel lock walls and their flared ends. Lock 25 along with 16 other locks of the Second Canal was constructed from limestone quarried nearby between 1841 and 1845. Only the capstones of Lock 25's chamber walls and gate ends are visible while the remainder of the lock remains below the surface. Each of the visible lock walls is approximately 46m long and are separated by the 8m wide chamber. The exposed stonework has been used as seating for the bandshell structure opposite to the west since 1979. The Lock remains are part of the visible dc ultural landscape of downtown Thorold, as a reminder of the various Welland Canals' impact on the historic character of the community.

A statement of notice of objection to the designation may be served on the City Clerk via email (clerk@thorold.ca) or using the address below within thirty (30) days after the date of this publication of the Notice of Intention to Designate, that being May 28th, 2023.

WHAT LANDS ARE AFFECTED?



- Lock 25, Battle of Beaverdams Park
- South of Sullivan Avenue, west of Ormond Street South

NEED MORE INFORMATION? CONTACT US!

Additional information and material, including the Cultural Heritage Report – Lock 25, Second Welland Canal may be obtained from the City of Thorold Planning Division at City Hall (3540 Schmon Parkway) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Development Services Department, Planning Division Planning@thorold.ca / 905-227-6613

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