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# Corporation of the Town of Newmarket

## By-law 2018-52

A By-law to Designate a Property as Being of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

The Erastus Jackson House (171 Church Street)

Whereas pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Council of a Municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest; and,

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises at:

171 Church Street  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4C1

and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the Erastus Jackson House, and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality; and,

Whereas the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law; and,

Whereas the Council of the Town of Newmarket deems it advisable to pass such a by-law;

Therefore Be It Enacted by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket as follows:

1. THAT the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

The Erastus Jackson House  
171 Church Street  
Town of Newmarket  
The Regional Municipality of York

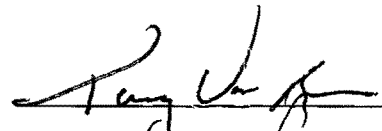
2. And That the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office

Enacted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

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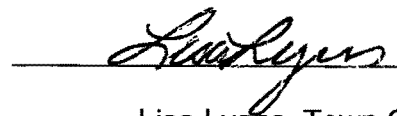
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Tony Van Bynen, Mayor



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Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk

## **SCHEDULE 'A' TO BY-LAW 2018-52**

In the Town of Newmarket in the Regional Municipality of York, property descriptions as follows:

LT 7 PL 29 NEWMARKET; LT 8 PL 29 NEWMARKET; LT 10 PL 29 NEWMARKET; LANE PL 29 NEWMARKET EXCEPT PT 6 65R224 ; TOWN OF NEWMARKET, Regional Municipality of York

**SCHEDULE 'B' TO BY-LAW 2018-52**  
**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Erastus Jackson House  
171 Church Street

The Erastus Jackson House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance.

**Description of Property**

The Erastus Jackson House, located at 171 Church Street, is situated on the southeast corner of Church Street and Park Avenue, in the Town of Newmarket. The property contains a one-and-a-half storey Gothic Revival style residence constructed circa 1876.

**Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

**Physical/Design Value**

171 Church Street is a representative example of a Gothic Revival style house. Typical of the Gothic Revival style is the house's cross-gable roof, the sharply pitched gables on the façade and finely scaled gingerbread trim with pendants. The house displays a high degree of craftsmanship in the gingerbread trim and Victorian bay window in the projecting gable end. The bay window has wood frame detailing including decorative brackets, between which are small shields with cross detail. The building features an entryway with transom and sidelights. A porch with a wooden railing wraps around from the façade to the north elevation and is supported by round wooden columns. The south elevation features a square window opening with a stained glass window.

**Historical/Associative Value**

171 Church Street is associated with Erastus Jackson, a prominent local politician, land owner and owner of the *Newmarket Era* newspaper. Jackson, along with E.R. Henderson, purchased the New Era newspaper in 1853, but he became the sole owner of the paper by 1854. The paper was renamed the *Newmarket Era* in 1861. Jackson sold the paper to his son Lyman Jackson in 1883 and retired in 1885. Erastus Jackson held various offices in Newmarket, including as a member of municipal council in 1858, Reeve (1871–1876; 1877–1881), Mayor (1890 and 1891), coroner, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, president of the Mechanics Institute, treasurer of the North York Agricultural Society and president of the Canadian Press Association. In 1883, Jackson was appointed Warden of York County. Erastus Jackson also owned many properties: the 1910 census shows that Jackson owned ten properties at the time. He is also credited with the purchase of lands for and the development of the Newmarket Fairgrounds and market. Erastus Jackson and his second wife Sophia resided at 171 Church Street by 1894 until he sold the property to Wilmot C. Lundy in 1911. Erastus Jackson died at Newmarket on January 6, 1919.

**Contextual Value**

171 Church Street is important in supporting the character of Newmarket's residential historic core. The property is part of a row of historic homes and contributes to the streetscape of Church Street. The houses have similar setbacks, lot coverage and scale and their varying architectural styles (Edwardian, Georgian and Gothic Revival) add to the character of the street.

**Cultural Heritage Attributes**

- One-and-a-half-storey Gothic Revival house;

- Cross-gable roof;
- Sharply pitched gables on the façade;
- Finely scaled gingerbread trim on the gables, including pendants;
- Three-bay window in the projecting gable end with wood frame detailing including decorative brackets, between which are small shields with cross detail;
- Stained glass window on the south elevation;
- Stone foundation;
- Situation close to the road; and
- Location on a street with other historic homes.