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Notice of Intention to Designate Property of Cultural Heritage Value and Interest

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Notice is Hereby Given that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Newmarket intends to designate as a property of cultural heritage value and interest the following property in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990:

Property Description: 415 Davis Drive (The Charles Denne House).

415 Davis Drive or the Charles Denne House, is located on the north-west corner at the intersection of Davis Drive and Main Street, Lot 94, Concession 1 in the Town of Newmarket, York Region. The property consists of two-and-a-half storey, red brick residential structure with cut limestone detailing that was built in 1904.

Legal Description: PT LOTS 17,18,19,20,21,22,23 & 24, N HURON PL 78 AS IN R202078, EXCEPT PTS 1, 6 & 7, YR1371151; PT RESERVE IN REAR OF LOTS 17 TO 26 INC. N HURON ST PL 78 WHITCHURCH AS IN R202078; DESCRIPTION MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN FUTURE AS IN R202078; S/T R269231,R265684; S/T R265684 & R269231; S/T EASE OVER PTS 3 & 4, YR1371151; S/T TEMP EASE OVER PTS 2,5 & 8, YR1371151. S/T EASE UNTIL 2014/05/31 OVER PTS 1, 2 & 3 ON EXPRO PLAN YR1886755. SUBJECT TO AN EASEMENT OVER PTS 1, 2 & 3 EXPRO PLAN YR2094598 UNTIL 2015/10/31 AS IN YR2094598; TOWN OF NEWMARKET.

Publication Date: November 11, 2021

Last Date for Objection: December 11, 2021

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Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Physical/Design Value

415 Davis Drive is a representative example of an Edwardian style house with Queen Anne style influences built at the turn of the century. The two-and-a-half storey red brick structure with red shingled gables displays the transition in architectural styles from the opulent and ornate Queen Anne style to the simplified, refined aesthetics preferred in Edwardian architecture. Elements typical of the Queen Anne Style include the sunburst decorated pediments, the small gables through which the chimneys emerge, multiple gables, varied cladding and asymmetrical massing. The Edwardian influence emerges in the simplification of these typically ornate Queen Anne Elements, like the protruding yet flattened two storey bay windows on the façade and east elevation that blend in with the rest of the elevation, unadorned limestone window lintels

and sills, simplified soffit/dentil treatment with no brackets, simple Tuscan columns and subdued pilasters on the porches and the less heavy, streamlined chimneys.

Historical and Associative Value

415 Davis Drive is associated with Charles Denne, who over the course of his life was a successful merchant and prominent citizen of Newmarket. Charles Denne, who purchased the property in 1895 was born in Thornhill, Ontario but moved to Newmarket with his family at the age of five. Denne worked and operated businesses in butchering and pork and egg wholesale. Upon his retirement, Charles Denne remained a prominent member of the Newmarket community, acting as a member of Municipal council, chairperson of the Newmarket Cemetery Board and president of both the Horticultural Society and Humane Society.

415 Davis Drive has a direct association with Josephine Denne (nee Forsyth), wife of Charles Denne and daughter of James and Margaret Forsyth who built and operated the King George Hotel/Forsyth House, a historical hotel and meeting house on Main Street. Following James Forsyth's death, Margaret Forsyth continued to operate the hotel with the help of her four daughters, including Josephine.

415 Davis Drive is also associated with local Newmarket builder John Ough who designed the house. John Ough is noted to have designed or contributed to several other buildings in Newmarket including 425 Davis Drive (located directly adjacent to 415 Davis Drive) and the Queensville School. Ough was the proprietor of the Eagle Hotel and was the leader of the Newmarket Orchestra.

Contextual Value

415 Davis Drive is prominently positioned at the northwest corner of Davis Drive and Main Street in downtown Newmarket making it a landmark in the community.

The property's historical architectural style and massing contributes to and maintains the historical character of downtown Newmarket.

415 Davis is historically linked to its surroundings and alongside 425 Davis Drive, anchors the historic downtown area of Newmarket.

Heritage Attributes

- Two-and-a-half storey Edwardian style house with Queen Anne influences
- Cross gable roof
- Protruding two storey bay windows
- Red brick cladding with string course details in brick bond
- Rectangular window and door openings, one-over-one sash windows with four pane storm windows
- Rusticated cut limestone lintels and sills on window and door openings, porch piers and foundation

- Four large pedimented gables with imbricated shingle pattern
 - Two gables with double square window
- Pronounced cornice, finished with wooden soffit and dentils
- Two tall interior red brick chimneys emerging from small gables with sunburst pediment pattern
- Two elevated entryway porches with gable roof supported by Tuscan style columns
- Sunburst pattern in pediments
- Location in the historical downtown of Newmarket

Additional information, including a full description of the rationale for designation is available upon request from Devon Morton, Planner, Committee of Adjustment and Cultural Heritage, Planning Services at 905 895 5193, extension 2458, or at dmorton@newmarket.ca during regular business hours.

Dated at the Town of Newmarket

Lisa Lyons, City Clerk

this 11th day of November, 2021

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