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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, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18:

Property Description: 331 Botsford Street (Joseph Millard House) is located on the corner of Botsford Street and Lorne Avenue in the Town of Newmarket. The subject property contains a two-and-a-half storey Queen Anne building which was constructed between 1880 and 1891.

Legal Description: PART LOT 19, PLAN 48, NEWMARKET

Publication Date: Nov 1, 2024

Last Date for Objection: Dec 1, 2024

Any notice of objection to this Notice of Intention to Designate, setting out the reason for objection and all relevant facts, must be served upon the Town Clerk within 30 days of the first publication of this notice.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

Physical/ Design Value

331 Botsford Street is a representative example of a building constructed in the Queen Anne architectural style. The two-and-a-half storey, brick building follows an irregular plan with complex roofline showcasing a pyramidal hip roof intersected by a side gable accentuated by wide overhanging eaves and finished with prominent large projecting front, side, and rear gable pediments, which create the playful and asymmetrical composition typical of the Queen Anne design. The rusticated stone foundation extends into the envelope and contrasts against the red brick envelope and the building design includes a two-storey, projecting canted walls positioned along the façade and side elevation which is representative of the irregular composition of Queen Anne design. The variety of window openings and sizes, which include segmentally, rounded, rectangular and oculus style window openings, with brick voussoirs and rusticated stone sills which are characteristics of the Queen Anne style. There are a variety of porches found on the building including an enclosed two-storey porch with flat roof, a semi-circular porch constructed with brick and concrete and ribbon windows, and an upper storey enclosed porch located above the enclosed portico and entranceway with rectangular door opening flanked by narrow sidelights. The use of mixed materials and ornamental design of openings is representative of the Queen Anne design aesthetic.

Historical and Associative Value

331 Botsford Street is directly associated with the historic Village of Newmarket, Thomas Robertson, and Peter W. Pearson. The lots lines, layout, and built form of the historic village of Newmarket was well established in the mid-19th century and evident in a well-established commercial core found along Main Street South and the large presence of residences located along several side streets. 331 Botsford Street is a residential building located near the historic commercial core. The development of the commercial core and surrounding residential streetscapes in the mid-19th century played a significant role in the social and economic development and growth of the historic Village of Newmarket. It is likely that the brick used in the construction of the residence was from the Stickwood Brickyard, which

produced both red and buff/yellow- coloured bricks during this time period. Local historians indicate that almost all of the brick buildings built in Newmarket between 1860 and 1910 were likely constructed with bricks that originated at the Stickwood Brickyard. The use of locally made bricks reflect the concentrated development and prosperity of the historic village.

331 Botsford Street is associated with local lawyer Thomas J. Robinson. Thomas Jaffray George Mahon Robertson was born on October 2, 1841, in Dublin, Ireland. The Robertson family settled in York County in 1847, and Thomas Robertson moved to Newmarket in 1875 after passing the bar a few years earlier. The 1891 census strongly resembles the description of 331 Botsford Street, suggesting that the building was constructed for Thomas Robertson, as his residence sometime between 1880 and 1891. Thomas Robertson was a barrister by profession maintained a law office on Main Street, however he also played a prominent and respected role within the community. Thomas served as Newmarket's mayor from 1894 until 1896, was partially responsible for bringing the Office Specialty Manufacturing Company Ltd to Newmarket in 1895, served as the town's de-fact legal advisor, was involved with the Mechanics' Institute, the Public Library Board and served as the Secretary Treasurer of the High School Board. Thomas J. Robinson died on November 19, 1917, in Newmarket.

Thomas Robinson sold 331 Botsford Street to lumber and coal merchant Peter W. Pearson in 1909. Peter William Pearson was born on December 20, 1862 (or 1863). The Pearson family were early settlers and played an influential role the Newmarket's social, economic, and municipal affairs. Peter Pearson was particularly active in Newmarket's civic affairs. He served as Newmarket's mayor from 1908 until 1911, as a Town Reeve in 1913, and as a County Warden in 1926. He also represented the riding of York North as its MPP in the provincial legislature from 1926 to 1930. It is possible that Pearson made substantial improvements to 331 Botsford Street between 1909 and 1930. Peter Pearson died on September 16, 1946, in Waterloo, Ontario.

Contextual Value

331 Botsford Street is important in supporting the 19th century character of the historic Village of Newmarket. Located off or parallel to Main Street, the buildings along the side streets are comprised of predominantly one to two-and-a-half storey residences, primarily brick construction, most using bricks from Stickwood's brickyard, with modest setbacks and include a range of architectural styles from that period. Many of the early residences were owned by local merchants who owned and/or worked within the commercial core. 331 Botsford Street exhibits setback, massing, style, decorative details consistent with the historic village character.

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

Dated at the Town of Newmarket this 1st day of Nov, 2024

Town Clerk | Town of Newmarket

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