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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: 371 Davis Drive (Mary Ann Thompson House) is located on the north side of Davis Drive at the corner of Davis Drive and Vincent Street in the Town of Newmarket. The subject property consists of a one-and-a-half storey building constructed in a Gothic Revival style built between 1871 and 1874.

Legal Description: PART LOTS 25 & 26 NORTH HURON STREET, PLAN 78, TOWN OF 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

371 Davis Drive is a representative example of Gothic Revival architectural style. The one-and-a-half storey building follows a L-shaped plan, with overhanging eaves, cross gable roof which showcases a small, steeply pitched gable peak, and a larger front gable peak, both of which have elaborately decorated bargeboard that includes gingerbread trim and finials which are key characteristics of Gothic Revival architecture. The rhythmic and balanced placement of the rectangular window openings, the one-storey canted bay window and the rectangular on e-storey bay windows are common design elements associated with Gothic Revival buildings. The asymmetrical but balanced façade has a central rectangular entryway opening and classically inspired front porch with a pedimented lean-to roof supported by an architrave and wood columns sitting on stone piers which are all additional features associated with the Gothic Revival style.

Historical and Associative Value

371 Davis Drive is associated with the historic Village of Newmarket. 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. Similarly, the rhythmical lot lines and layout of the section of Davis Drive surrounding the subject property were also established by the mid-19th century. 371 Davis Drive is a visual remnant of the growth and prosperity in the Village of Newmarket during the 19th century.

Although 371 Davis Drive is located at the edge of the historic village increased development along this important arterial road continued into the 20th century. The presence of buildings which lined the north and south side of the street were in place by 1929 and reflect the growth and prosperity of the village of Newmarket. Many of these residences in the village of Newmarket, were owned by local merchants who owned and/or worked within the commercial core, including merchant James Kelman who lived at 371 Davis Drive in 1884. Within the larger context, 371 David Drive is legible as a historic building and exhibits setback, massing, style, and decorative details consistent with the character of the historic Village of Newmarket. Making it a visual remnant of an important period of social and economic development for the historic Village of Newmarket's growth.

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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