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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: 57 Main Street South (Samuel Sykes House) is located on the east side of Main Street South in the Town of Newmarket. The property consists of a two-storey Italianate building which was constructed in 1866.

Legal Description: PT LT 78 E/S MAIN ST PL 222 NEWMARKET AS IN R648990 SAVE & EXCEPT PTS 2, 3 & 6, 65R29437, NEWMARKET ; S/T EASEMENT IN GROSS OVER PT 5, 65R29437 AS IN YR972936. S/T EASE OVER PT 4, 65R29437 IN FAVOUR OF PT LT 78 E/S MAIN ST PL 222, PTS 2 & 3, 65R29437

Publication Date: Nov 1, 2024

Last Date for Object: 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

57 Main Street South is a representative example of a building constructed in the Italianate architectural style. The grand two-storey red brick building has a buff brick belted course, window surrounds, and quoins creating a dichromatic brick design which is common in Italianate buildings. The hip roof with wide overhanging eaves, ornate cornice with paired decorative wood brackets and an ornamental square belvedere with rounded row windows are typical features of the Italianate style. The rhythmically placed rectangular window openings with decorative buff brick surrounds and stone sills, combined with its recessed and formal double door entrance surrounded by moulded wood panels and topped by a rectangular transom showcases additional elements associated with the Italianate style.

57 Main Street displays a high degree of artistic value. The subject property retains all the significant and highly decorative features associated with Italianate architectural style. The legibility and retention of these original stylized elements, particularly the intact belvedere, decorative cornice, and moulded entrance surrounds, conveys the elegance, grandeur, and artistic design intent of the building.

Historical and Associative Value

57 Main Street South is directly associated with the historic Village of Newmarket and Samuel Sykes. 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 and the large presence of residences located along several side

streets. 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 Village of Newmarket. The brick used in the construction of the building was likely from the Stickwood Brickyard. 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.

57 Main Street South is directly associated with Samuel Sykes, who was a prominent and highly respected community member. English-born, Sykes trained as a mechanical engineer in England and moved to Toronto in 1855 where he worked as the mechanical superintendent at the Toronto Locomotive Works. Sykes was not only responsible for overseeing the construction of the first, locomotive engines in Toronto but the first 21 locomotive engines built in Canada. Samuel Sykes moved to Newmarket and opened the community's first foundry between 1856 and 1858, which was located on Davis Drive just east of the Holland River. Samuel Sykes was involved in other real estate ventures within the Newmarket, such as purchasing and refurbishing the Newmarket Brewery in the 1870s. As a well-known and a prominent businessman, Sykes was involved in many aspects of civic life such as serving on the Public-School Board and as a Conservative Councilman. Samuel Sykes died in 1911 and was buried with family members under a well-known marble monument in the Newmarket Cemetery.

Contextual Value

57 Main Street South is important in supporting the 19th century character of the historic Village of Newmarket. The subject property is location along a section of Main Street which was historically residential but in proximity to the historic commercial core. Many of the early residences we owned by local merchants who owned and/or worked within the commercial core. The buildings in the area 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 time period. 57 Main 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

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