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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 <u>Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.</u> <u>O.18:</u>

**Property Description:** 233 Prospect Street (Pearson-Sutherland House) is located on the east side of Prospect Street in the Town of Newmarket. The property is in the historic core of the settlement and consists of a two-storey Italianate building constructed between 1888 and 1891.

Legal Description: PT LT 4 E OF PROSPECT ST., PT LT 5 E OF PROSPECT ST., PT LT 1 N OF LYDIA ST. PL 85 AS IN R512650, SAVE AND EXCEPT PTS 1 & 2, 65R34147 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**

## 233 Prospect Street is a representative example of a building constructed in the Italianate architectural style.

The two-and-a-half storey building follows an irregular plan with asymmetrical but balanced façade and complex roofline with prominent gables, Dutch gable, and hip sections, wide overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails, and ornamental brackets, bargeboard, and finials in gable peaks are typical features associated with Italianate architecture. The buff brick construction with raised decorative banding coursed in a common bond, the cantered wall and two-and-a-half storey bay window, and the ornate large chimney finished with ornamental brickwork in the form of arches, stepped brick, and belt course features are associated with the Italianate style. The prominent and large façade arched window, round windows in gable peaks, the rhythmically positions tall and narrow segmental window openings all with decorative brick voussoirs and stone sills, as well as the one-storey bay window with large arched window, decorative voussoirs, metal cresting, and carved brackets located adjacent to the recessed formal entranceway are all features associated with the Italianate style.

## **Historical and Associative Value**

233 Prospect Street is directly associated with the historic Village of Newmarket and James J. 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 wellestablished commercial core found along Main Street and the large presence of residences located along several side streets. Simultaneously, Prospect Street, located on the east side of the Holland River and part of a community known as Garbutt Hill, developed during the mid-19th century. Garbutt Hill was the site of several important businesses such as the Stickwood Brickyard, the pump factory, Thomas Gardiner's foundry, later occupied by the Newmarket Dairy, and the York County Hospital. By 1865, several small bridges and makeshift roads had been constructed across the Holland River and Timothy Street extending the road to Garbutt Hill (Prospect Street) was opened the same year. The development of the commercial core and surrounding residential streetscapes, including the community of Garbutt Hill, in the mid-19th century played a significant role in the social and economic development and arowth of the 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 core.

233 Prospect Street was built between 1888 and 1891 as a residence for James J. Pearson and his wife, Mary Jane Pearson. James J Pearson was the son of James Pearson, an early Quaker settler who arrived around 1800 to Whitchurch Township. James J. Pearson was educated at Oberlin College in Ohio and after a brief career in the sawmilling trade, he was appointed as the Registrar for North York in 1863, a position which he filled for over forty years. He was also involved in other several civic matters such as serving as a Justice of the Peace and as one of the first members of the Newmarket Central Board of Health, created in 1886.

## **Contextual Value**

233 Prospect Street is important in supporting the 19th century character of the historic Village of Newmarket. Several residential side streets, including Prospect Street, were established in the village core, near the commercial Main Street. 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 time period. 233 Prospect 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 <u>umahmood@newmarket.ca</u> during regular business hours.

Dated at the Town of Newmarket this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Nov, 2024 Town Clerk | Town of Newmarket P.O. Box 328, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7