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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: 458-460 Timothy Street (Margaret Forsyth House). 458-460 Timothy Street is located on the south side of Timothy Street in the Town of Newmarket. The two-and-a-half-storey residence built in the Italianate architectural style was constructed circa 1883.

Legal Description: PART LOTS 65 AND 71, PLAN 81, 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

458-460 Timothy Street is a representative example of the Italianate architectural style. The two-and-a-half storey building follows a L-shaped plan with a cross gable roof and overhanging eaves, brick construction, two-storey bay windows with decorative paired wood brackets, along the roofline, which are design elements associated with the Italianate style. Moreover, the asymmetrical façade with balanced and symmetrical elements includes segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs, two entryways with segmentally arched openings one of which features a transom, and open porch supported by wood post and decorative wood brackets are additional features of the Italianate architectural style.

Historical and Associative Value

458-460 Timothy Street is directly associated with the historic Village of Newmarket and the Forsyth family. 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. Many early merchants with stores on Main Street lived in the nearby side streets, including the Forsyth family who built and operated an inn at the corner of Main Street and Timothy Street.

James Forsyth purchased what is now the King George Hotel on the southwest corner of Timothy Street and Main Street in 1848 and constructed a new inn in the Georgian style which he called "Forsyth House". The inn is still extant today with a civic address of 232 Main Street. James married Margaret

Ross in 1850, who inherited his estate which included the lands associated with the hotel and the subject property after his death in 1858. Margaret continued to operate the hotel as the Railroad Hotel and would eventually lease it to other operators. The hotel was known by several names throughout the years, including the Pipher House, Proctor House, and the King George Hotel. Margaret Forsyth had 458-460 Timothy Street constructed as a duplex, adjacent to the hotel her husband built, on lands she inherited for herself and her daughter to live circa 1883. It is likely that the brick used for the construction was from Stickwood's 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 until 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. 458-460 Timothy Street stayed within the Forsyth family ownership until 1941.

Contextual Value

458-460 Timothy Street is important in supporting the 19th century character of the historic Village of Newmarket. Several residential side streets, including Timothy 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. 458-460 Timothy 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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