



An agency of the Government of Ontario



Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act e-Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

Ce document est tiré du registre électronique. tenu aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

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: 156 Church Street (Ernest E. Groome House) is located on the west side of Church Street in the Town of Newmarket. The property contains a two-storey building constructed in 1894.

Legal Description: LT 8 PL 31 NEWMARKET EXCEPT PT 15, 65R224 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

156 Church Street is a representative example of a building constructed in the Italian Villa architectural style. The two-storey brick building follows an L-shaped plan with irregular massing with multiple porches which are typical with Italian Villa design. The complex roofline with prominent front gable and wide overhanging eaves and wood brackets. The distinguishing feature of the Italian Villa design on 156 Church Street is the prominent two-storey ornate brick tower located at the corner of the L-shape plan which is topped by decorative iron cresting on top of a mansard roof with ornamental gable peaks which showcase woodwork, mould fascia, and finials. The two-storey rectangular bay-window contains paired tall and narrow window openings with brick voussoir and keystone on the upper level and large rectangular window with rectangular transom and have recessed voussoirs with keystone and stone stills which are characteristics of Italian Villa architectural style. 156 Church Street contains a large wrap around porch on the main level with enclosed sections with ornamented cornice, rhythmically placed wood brackets, and dentils which flank an open portico area supported by wood post as well as enclosed porch on the second level with flat roof and rectangular ribbon windows which are also characteristics of Italian Villa architectural style.

Historical and Associative Value

156 Church Street directly 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 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. 156 Church Street was built in 1894 for general painter Ernest Groome and his

family. 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.

Contextual Value

156 Church Street is important in supporting the 19th century character of the historic Village of Newmarket. Several residential side streets, including Church 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. 156 Church 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

P.O. Box 328, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7