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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: 471 D'Arcy Street (Peck House) is located on the north side of D'Arcy Street in the Town of Newmarket. The subject property contains a two-storey vernacular frame building that was constructed in 1865 and underwent modifications in 1890.

Legal Description: LT 77 PL 81 NEWMARKET; 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

471 D'Arcy Street is a symmetrical two-storey frame building constructed in 1865 and underwent modifications in 1890. The main level of the building reflects the form and style of Neoclassical architecture expressed primarily in the clapboard siding, gable roof ends and the style and composition of windows and doors treatments. In contrast, the upper portion appears to be where the 1890 alterations were applied by local architect William Bunney. Bunney's architectural style typically involved Edwardian and Queen Anne design motifs often with artistic and stylistic finishes. The large centrally placed gable peak, upper storey rectangular windows with decorative arched surrounds and trefoil decorations appear to draw influence from the more ornate and decorative Gothic Revival and Queen Anne style associated with the picturesque movement. 471 D'Arcy Street is a representative 19th century vernacular building influenced by Neoclassical principles and the picturesque movement.

Historical and Associative Value

471 D'Arcy Street is directly associated with the historic Village of Newmarket and Dr. Stephen N. Peck. 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 dentist Stephen N. Peck who is associated with 471 D'Arcy Street.

In 1860 the lands associated with 471 D'Arcy was under the ownership of Henry John Boulton, the son of D'Arcy Boulton.

The Boulton family were a prominent and influential family involved in political and legal matters throughout the early 19th century. Boulton sold his land to Newmarket dentist Stephen Northrup Peck in 1864. Dr. Peck was born in New York in 1814 and immigrated to Newmarket prior to 1861, where he served the community as a dentist. Dr. Peck was one of five local dentists practicing in Newmarket during the late 19th century, in the era before anesthetic drugs were used to relieve the pain of tooth extractions. Dr. Peck's dental office was located in the Wasley Block on the east side of Main Street, opposite the Railroad Hotel (currently 234 Main Street). Dr. Peck built 471 D'Arcy Street between 1864 and his death in 1865. His widow, Susan Peck, and later their daughter, Ida Peck, lived in the residence until it was sold out of the Peck family in 1903.

Contextual Value

471 D'Arcy Street is important in supporting the 19th century character of the historic Village of Newmarket. Several residential side streets, including D'Arcy 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. 471 D'Arcy Street as a former place of worship represents the range of buildings and uses in the historic village and exhibits setback, massing, style, decorative details consistent with a place of worship of that time period and supports the historic character of the area.

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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