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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: 491-493-495 Eagle Street (John Hodge House) is located on the west side of Eagle Street, where Eagle Street intersects with D'Arcy Street, in the Town of Newmarket. The subject property includes Gothic Revival rowhouses constructed between 1883 and 1889.

Legal Description: PT LT 93 CON 1 WHITCHURCH, BEING A FORCED ROAD (AKA D"ARCY ST), AS SHOWN ON PLAN 81; S/T NE10608 NEWMARKET

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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

491-493-495 Eagle Street is a rare and representative example of rowhouses in Newmarket built in the Gothic Revival architectural style. The two-and-a-half storey brick building contains three units each with a rear wing, that share stylistic features and cohesive detailing. The building exhibits several representative Gothic Revival elements including the side gable roof with overhanging eaves with each unit showcasing a front gable peak finished with bargeboard, ornamental woodwork and contains an oculus window opening. The building exhibits ornate dichromatic brickwork expressed in the buff brick construction, raised red brick quoins, two decorative belt courses featuring a mix of headers and stretches in a dichromatic brick patterned composition and the brick voussiors of the window openings which all add to the Gothic Revival design. Each unit contains a one-storey canted bay-windows, rhythmically placed segmentally arched window openings with tin clad sills, a formal front entrances with rectangular door openings topped with rectangular transoms protected by a flat roof portico with chamfered wood posts sitting on squared wood piers adorned with brackets, scroll work, moulded and gingerbread trim which are all representative of the Gothic Revival architectural style. 491-493-495 Eagle Street is a rare example of rowhouses in Newmarket which has retained its massing and highly decorative Gothic Revival detailing since its construction in 1880s.

Historical and Associative Value

491-493-495 Eagle Street is directly associated with the historic Village of Newmarket and John Hodge. The lot 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. It is likely that the brick used

in the construction of the residence was from the Stickwood Brickyard, which produced both red and yellow/buff 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.

491-493-495 Eagle Street was built between 1883 and 1889 for local tinsmith and businessman John Hodge but was likely extant by 1886. John Hodge was born around 1837 in Dorset, England and moved with his family to Newmarket around 1854, where his father operated a tin and copper warehouse located on Water Street. John Hodge worked as a tinsmith with his father in the 1850s, and by 1863, John owned a brick store on Main Street on the opposite side of the road from Margaret Forsyth's Railroad Hotel. John was very active in the local community. John was a member of Newmarket's Fire Brigade for many years, was active in the Congregational Church, located at what is now 429 Botsford Street, and served as a fence viewer, or a person appointed by the municipality to resolve fencing issues in property disputes, in 1870. The rowhouses were constructed under the direction of John Hodge in the mid-1880s. This type of construction was unusual for Newmarket, as rowhouses were generally designed for larger cities.

Contextual Value

491-493-495 Eagle Street is important in defining and supporting the 19th century character of the historic Village of Newmarket. Several residential side streets, including Eagle 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. 491-493-495 Eagle Street exhibits setback, massing, style, decorative details consistent with the historic village character. The unique and rare rowhouse construction also contributes to the contextual value of the area.

491-493-495 Eagle Street acts as a visual landmark in the historic village, terminating the view from Water Street where its intersection with the historic commercial core on Main Street South. The clear visibility and location of the highly ornate and unique rowhouse construction act as a visual landmark in 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

Town Clerk | Town of Newmarket

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