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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: 112 Main Street North (Newmarket Cemetery House) is located on the north side of Botsford Street in the Town of Newmarket. The subject property, known as Newmarket Cemetery, contains a 19th century cemetery which includes the caretaker's house constructed in 1873 built in a Gothic Revival style.

Legal Description: PCL 360-1 SEC M73; PT LT 360 PL M73; PT 1, 65R3283; 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

112 Main Street North has physical value as an example of an 19th century cemetery which includes the caretaker's house constructed in 1873 in a Gothic Revival design.

Overall, the cemetery layout is in keeping with the picturesque movement design principles. The oldest portion of the cemetery dates to 1869 and includes memorials for some of the earliest settler families in Newmarket. This undesigned section includes memorials often clustered in familiar groups often with sporadically placed or oriented plots. To the rear of the cemetery is more organized with intentional layout and calm and reflective spaces integrating burial gardens, in-ground memorials, upright monuments, walkways, columbaria, and natural features such as mature tree and vegetation. The two-storey brick caretaker's house, currently covered with parging, has a symmetrical and balanced façade and follows a cross-shaped plan with intersecting side gable roof showcasing a prominent front gable which are characteristic of Gothic Revival architecture. The subject building includes rectangular window openings and stone sills and a prominent two-storey frontispiece with are also features associated with Gothic Revival buildings. The caretaker's house is located atop a rise in topography with the cemetery plots located to the north and rear of the building, this placement reflects the picturesque movement.

Historical and Associative Value

112 Main Street North has historic value as a 19th century cemetery that served the historic Village of Newmarket.

The purposed built caretaker's brick residence (now covered with parging) was constructed in 1873 by architect John T. Stokes on land owned by Thomas A. Lewis. Originally known as Pleasantview Cemetery, the Newmarket Cemetery, was established on land that belonged to local landowner

Thomas A. Lewis. Prior to the establishment of the Newmarket Cemetery, the town was served by a small burying ground on Eagle Street. Although the cemetery wasn't officially established until 1869, the first burial on the property took place on July 5, 1864, when local merchant Alfred Burns was interred. The original 12 acres of Thomas Lewis' property was officially sold to the Newmarket Cemetery Company in 1872, and in 1873. The caretaker's residence was designed by local architect John T. Stokes. The first caretaker, William Turrel, moved into the residence in 1875, and it the building was occupied by cemetery caretakers for decades and more recently used to support the management of the cemetery.

112 Main Street North reflects the work of British born local architect and civil engineer John T. Stokes. Stokes worked predominately in the Gothic Revival style as reflected in his own Sharon residence on Leslie Street, the caretaker's residence at the Newmarket Cemetery (subject property), and numerous public commissions such as the Christian Baptist Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, both in Newmarket. Other commissions included the first and second North York Registry Offices in Newmarket, and public schools in Ringwood, Bolton, and Newmarket, among others. In addition to his architectural works John Stokes played a significant role in civic matters and was a founding member of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers with Cazimir Gzowski and was also active as a municipal official in Sharon, Ontario. John T. Stokes died of pneumonia on November 30, 1891, and is buried in the Newmarket Cemetery, whose caretaker's residence he designed.

Contextual Value

112 Main Street North is easily distinguishable as a cemetery and important in defining the character of the area. The park like setting, location, size, and street frontage in relation to the encompassing suburban community defines this section of Main Street. The unobstructive views from Main Street to the caretaker's residence is a key part of this landscape.

112 Main Street North is a landmark within the Town of Newmarket. The cemetery occupies prominent open space, located along a major arterial road. It is a well-known marker in the community as it is among the early cemeteries in Newmarket and houses the remains of many generations of local citizens. The caretaker's residence located along the street on a rise of land is a local marker that denotes the entrance to the cemetery.

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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