



An agency of the Government of Ontario



Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **[www.heritagetrust.on.ca](http://www.heritagetrust.on.ca)**.

---

Ce document est tiré du registre 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](http://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:** 67 Prospect Street (Christopher Belfry House) is located on the east side of Prospect Street in the Town of Newmarket. The subject property consists of a two-storey Italianate building constructed between 1885 and 1891.

**Legal Description:** PT LT 65 PL 125 NEWMARKET; PT LT 67 PL 125 NEWMARKET AS IN R122428; 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

**67 Prospect Street is a representative example of a building constructed in the Italianate architectural style.** The two-storey brick building with asymmetrical but balanced façade follows an L-shaped plan with intersecting gable roof showcasing a prominent front and side gables with wide eaves which are characteristics of Italianate architecture. The segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs and stone sills and the two bay windows adorned with an elaborate cornice finished with wood brackets are key features associated with Italianate residential buildings. The one storey porch with large architrave decorated with rhythmically placed wood brackets supported by square wood posts are additional elements associated with the Italianate style.

#### Historical and Associative Value

**67 Prospect Street directly associated with the historic Village of Newmarket and Christopher C. Belfry, a prosperous farmer who retired in Newmarket and served on several municipal committees.** 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. Simultaneously, Prospect Street, located on the east side of the Holland River and part of a community known as Garbutt Hill, developed during the mid-19th century. Garbutt Hill was the site of several important businesses such as the Stickwood Brickyard, the pump factory, Thomas Gardiner's foundry, later occupied by the Newmarket Dairy, and the York County Hospital. By 1865, several small bridges and makeshift roads had been constructed across the Holland River and Timothy Street extending the road to Garbutt Hill (Prospect Street) was opened the same year. The development of the commercial core and surrounding

residential streetscapes, including the community of Garbutt Hill, 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 buff/yellow-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. The use of locally made bricks reflect the concentrated development and prosperity of the historic core.

**67 Prospect Street was built by retired farmer Christopher C. Belfry between 1885 and 1891 as a private family residence.** Christopher Belfry was born in New York in 1817, and settled in East Gwillimbury, near Sharon, with his family around 1821. Belfry apprenticed as a carpenter and wheelwright, later working for Newmarket's first mayor and his brother-in-law William Cane, but also operated a store in Queensville and farms in both Queensville and Sharon. After moving to Newmarket in his later years, Christopher Belfry participated in local civic matter serving the community as a Justice of the Peace and a member of Newmarket's Town Council for 1884.

#### Contextual Value

**67 Prospect Street is important in supporting the 19th century character of the historic Village of Newmarket.** Several residential side streets, including Prospect Street, were established in the village core, near the commercial Main Street. Located off or parallel to Main Street, the buildings on Prospect Street 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. 67 Prospect Street exhibits setback, massing, style, decorative details consistent with 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](mailto:umahmood@newmarket.ca) during regular business hours.

RECEIVED  
2024/11/01  
(YYYY/MM/DD)  
Ontario Heritage Trust

Dated at the Town of Newmarket this 1<sup>st</sup> day of Nov, 2024

Town Clerk | Town of Newmarket

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