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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:** 393 Botsford Street (William and Margaret Brown House, Brown/Currey House) is located on the corner of Botsford Street and Victoria Street in the Town of Newmarket. The subject property contains two-storey Gothic Revival building which was constructed in 1884.

**Legal Description:** PART LOT 86, PLAN 81, 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

**393 Botsford Street is a representative example of a building constructed in the Gothic Revival architectural style.** The two-storey, buff brick building follows a “L-shaped” plan with a projecting rear wing topped with a complex roofline showcasing overhanging eaves and an intersecting-gable roof with prominent front and side gable peaks which is typical of the Gothic Revival design. The subject building includes rhythmically placed single segmentally arched window openings with brick voussiors. The façade showcases a one-storey bay window with flat roof and decorative brick banding and formal centrally placed entryway topped by a segmentally arched transom and including a single door which are all common features of Gothic Revival design. 393 Botsford Street also includes a classically inspired front porch with an ornamented architrave supported by square wood columns and ornamented two-storey side elevation porch with chamfered wood columns, decorative brackets and lancet style wood railing which are additional features of the Gothic Revival style.

##### Historical and Associative Value

**393 Botsford Street is 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 South 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 historic 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.

**393 Botsford Street reflect the work of local builder and carpenter William Brown.** William Brown was born in 1847, although little is known about his early life. By 1874, he was living in Newmarket, where he married Margaret Hill. William Brown was a professional carpenter who constructed many residences on Botsford Street, Church Street, and Timothy Street, among others, in the late 19th century. Based on extant residences constructed by William Brown, most were of brick construction and relatively utilitarian in design. Many of his buildings possessed front porches or verandahs and were constructed on an L-shaped plan and constructed with brick. 393 Botsford Street reflects the work of builder William Brown who played a role in the construction of several 19th century buildings in the historic village.

##### Contextual Value

**393 Botsford Street is important in supporting the 19th century character of the historic Village of Newmarket.**

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 period. 393 Botsford Street exhibits setback, massing, style, decorative details consistent with the historic village character.

**393 Botsford Street is visually and historically linked to the adjacent building to the west (387 Botsford Street).** The buildings were made by the same builder and share the same façade orientation, overall massing, height, setback and similar decorative detailing.

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.

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

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