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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: 698 Gorham Street (Phoebe J. Minter House) is located at the south side of Gorham Street in the Town of Newmarket. The subject property consists of a two-storey brick building constructed in a unique vernacular architectural style constructed in 1893.

Legal Description: PART LOT 10, PLAN 53, 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

698 Gorham Street is a unique expression of a 19th century vernacular building. The building showcases design influences associated with several styles including Queen Anne, Italianate, and Tudor. The two-storey brick building has a two-storey rectangular bay on the façade which showcases ornamental brick work including two rows of angle brick that visually separates the lower and upper storeys and a decorative brick band with circular design under the roofline which speaks to the Queen Anne influence. The prominent and complex roofline is comprised of a large front gable with jerkinhead design with extremely wide overhanging eaves and solid soffits influenced by the Tudor style adds to the uniqueness of the building's aesthetic. The building has various sized rectangular window openings, including façade's main level window opening with a rectangular transom topped by decorative three course recessed tall brick voussoir in soldier bond designed to mimic a keystone, as well as the upper level (paired) tall and narrow sash windows each with their own large three brick voussoir laid in soldier bond influenced by the Italianate aesthetic. The asymmetrical but balanced façade has an off-centre entryway opening with rectangular opening and one sidelight which add to the vernacular nature of the building.

Contextual Value

698 Gorham Street is important in supporting the late 19th and early 20th century expansion of 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 as shown in the commercial core found along Main Street and the large presence of residences located along several side streets. The expansion of the historic village in the late 19th and early 20th century resulting from the subdivision of several large land parcels associated with early settlers

created an increase of development, particularly along arterial roads, and saw the creation of several new side streets. The village's expansion naturally extended along the existing and arterial roads which served as important connectors for surrounding villages and often provided direct access the historic commercial core. The buildings located along these key roadways and 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.

The lands associated with a portion of the south side of Gorham Street were originally part of Eli Gorham's large landholding and used for his residence and woolen factory. The development of the south side of Gorham Street through Plan 53 in 1882 resulted in the creation of rhythmic lots along the streetscape and the construction of buildings which were well established by 1929. 698 Gorham Street supports the continued growth of the historic village into the late 19th century and early 20th century. Located on an important arterial road, 698 Gorham Street exhibits setback, massing, style, and decorative details consistent with the character of the expanded areas of the historic Village of Newmarket.

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 um Mahmood@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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