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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: 421 Queen Street (Denne House, Jacob Johnson House) is located on the north side of Queen Street in the Town of Newmarket. The property contains a two-storey building constructed circa 1878.

Legal Description: LOT 38 NORTH SIDE MILL (QUEEN) STREET, PLAN 222, 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

421 Queen Street is a representative example of a building constructed in the Italianate architectural style. The large, two-storey red brick building coursed in a stretcher bond follows a rectangular plan and has a balanced and symmetrical façade with two-storey central frontispiece which are common features of Italianate design. The side gable roof with intersecting front gable has wide overhanging eaves adorned with carved wood brackets while the gable peaks are ornamented with heavy and ornate bargeboard of varying motifs which add to the decorative aesthetic of the building and are key characteristics of Italianate architecture. There are two, one-storey bay windows with hip roofs and rhythmically placed wood brackets that flank the centrally placed entryway that create a grandeur and balanced aesthetic common to Italianate style. The building has rectangular window openings with flat arched brick voussoirs and a small upper storey balcony which is access by a rectangular opening with flat arch voussoirs and French doors. The formal main entrance consists of a single ornate wood door adorned with wood carved panels topped by a rectangular four pane transom and flanked by glass and wood panelled sidelights, which is further accentuated by classically inspired engaged columns with acanthus style brackets. The entryway is protected by a one-storey open portico with wide overhanging eaves and heavy classical elements such as circular columns with capitals sitting on pillars and supporting a plain architrave which are in keeping with the Italianate style.

Historical and Associative Value

421 Queen Street is associated with the historic Village of Newmarket and local builder and businessman Jacob H. Johnson. 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 development of commercial and residential buildings in the mid-19th century played a significant role in the social and economic development and growth of the Village of Newmarket. Many early merchants with stores on Main Street lived in the nearby side streets, including planing mill owner and local builder Jacob Henry Johnson who was associated with 421 Queen Street.

421 Queen Street was built around 1878 by local builder and respected businessman Jacob H. Johnson. Jacob Henry Johnson was born on May 21, 1837, in East Gwillimbury to Samuel Johnson (1808-1882) and Henrietta Groome (1818-1891). Jacob H. Johnson operated a steam factory and planing mill at the corner of Mill (Queen) Street and Main Street in Newmarket. His factory produced goods such as window sashes, doors, blinds, and other carved items such as stair bannisters. Johnson was also a local builder and was responsible for the construction of numerous houses, barns, commercial buildings and institutional buildings in Newmarket, Sharon, and Queensville. One of Jacob Johnson most notable residences was that of Mr. Samuel Sykes (57 Main Street South) in Newmarket, which at that time was considered one of the finest residences in the area. In 1881, Jacob Johnson moved to Huntsville, Ontario, and sold his business and house in Newmarket.

Contextual Value

421 Queen Street is important in supporting the late 19th and early 20th century character of the historic Village of Newmarket. Several residential side streets, including Queen 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 with modest setbacks and include a range of architectural styles from that time period. 421 Queen Street exhibits setback, massing, style, decorative details consistent with the historic village character.

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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