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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:** 429 Botsford Street (Friends/Congregationalist Church, Magic Kingdom Learning Centre). 429 Botsford Street is located on the north side of Botsford Street in the Town of Newmarket. The former place of worship consists of a large one-storey with rear wing built in a Gothic Revival architecture style and was constructed in the 1896.

**Legal Description:** LOT 54, PLAN 81, EXCEPT PT 5 65R224; 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**

**429 Botsford Street is a representative example of a former place of worship constructed in the Gothic Revival architectural style.** The simple and symmetrical design of the large one-storey building, with a one-storey rear wing, follows a rectangular plan building with a steeply pitched front gable roof, rhythmically placed side windows, and buff brick envelope with brick belt course, which is typical of Gothic Revival structures. The vestibule includes the original lancet arch entryway opening and two segmentally arched window openings with decorative brick voussoirs which are additional features associated with places of worship built in a Gothic Revival style.

##### **Historical and Associative Value**

**429 Botsford Street has historical value for serving as a place of worship within the Town of Newmarket for almost 100 years.** The site was originally home to a Congregationalist Church, which was housed in a frame building from 1843 until the declining congregation left circa 1890s. The building purchased in 1895 by the Quakers for use as a Meeting House after a split within the Society of Friends. The frame building was destroyed by fire at the end of 1895. The Quakers rebuilt the brick Meeting House in 1896 (the exact building at 429 Botsford Street), likely using locally manufactured bricks from Stickworks brickyard, and opened for service the same year. The church was built by local craftsmen Nelson May, W.R. Traviss, and E. Groom. The Quaker congregation constructed a two-and-a-half storey brick and concrete block residence at the rear of the property in 1907 for use as the church Manse. The Quakers used the facility for almost 100 years. The building was sold

for non-religious purposes in 1983, ending 140 years of religious occupation on the site.

##### **Contextual Value**

**429 Botsford Street is important in supporting the 19th century character of the historic Village of Newmarket.** Several residential side streets, including Botsford 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 most using bricks from Stickwood's brickyard, with modest setbacks and include a range of architectural styles from that time period. 429 Botsford Street as a former place of worship represents the range of buildings and uses in the historic village and exhibits setback, massing, style, decorative details consistent with a place of worship of that time period and supports the historic character of the area and the name of adjacent "Church Street".

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 November, 2024**

**Town Clerk | Town of Newmarket**

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