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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: 602 Pearson Street (Jared Irwin House) is located on the south side of Pearson Street in the Town of Newmarket. The subject property contains a two storey brick building constructed between 1840 and 1853.

Legal Description: PCL 105-1 SEC C81; PT LT 105 PL 81 PT 1 65R17887; NEWMARKET

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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

602 Pearson Street is an early and representative example of building constructed in the Georgian architectural style. 602 Pearson Street was built between 1840 and 1853 and is among one of the early extant buildings in Newmarket. The two-storey, red brick building constructed in a Flemish bond follows a generally rectangular plan with a symmetrical three-bay façade topped by a simple side gable roof with overhanging porkchop return eaves, and single exterior brick chimney which is typical massing of a Georgian residence. Moreover, the box like massing includes rectangular window opening framed by a flat arch voussoirs housing replica eight-over-twelve windows, a formal rectangular entranceway opening topped by a rectangular transom and an open porch with turned posts which are addition elements of the Georgian style.

Historical and Associative Value

602 Pearson Street directly associated with Samuel Pearson and the Irwin family who were early settlers to Newmarket, and Pickering College. 602 Pearson Street was built between 1840 and 1853 by farmer Samuel Pearson. Samuel Pearson was born in Pennsylvania in 1797 and he arrived in Ontario with his family from Pennsylvania around 1802. Samuel and his wife Rache Webb Irwin were Quakers, and they purchased the subject lands in 1840 and built their residence and farm which was depicted on an 1853 map.

Samuel Pearson sold the subject property to his brother-in-law Jared Irwin in March 1855. Jared Irwin was born in 1803, in Pennsylvania. The Irwin family were also Quaker Loyalists, and Jared's father Charles Irwin settled around the Newmarket area in 1810. Jared Irwin married Lydia Kennedy in 1827, and one of their children was the well-known

portrait artist, Benoni Irwin. Prior to occupying the subject property, Jared Irwin was involved in the Rebellion of 1837, which resulted in his spending a short time incarcerated for his participation in the Reformist uprising. Later in his life, Jared Irwin served as one of Newmarket's Overseer of Highways, a minor municipal position. Jared Irwin sold the property to his son, Edwin Irwin, in 1864, although Edwin sold it outside the Irwin family around a decade later, in 1875. In 1933, 602 Pearson Street and the surrounding lands associated with the Pearson and Irwin farmstead was sold to Pickering College. The subject property was used as a home of Harry Beer, Pickering College's headmaster from 1953 until 1978.

Contextual Value

602 Pearson Street is physically and historically linked to its surroundings. Pearson Street was original the laneway from Prospect Street to gain access to the Pearson farmhouse. The street orientation and the farmhouse orientation reflect the original layout and configuration of the laneway. In keeping with the historical configuration, 602 Pearson Street is the only building on this streetscape which is oriented towards Prospect Street. 602 Pearson Street is historically linked to its surroundings, specifically Pickering College. The original Pearson/Irwin farmland is now the location of Pickering College. The building at 602 Pearson Street was also historical used as a residence for the headmaster of Pickering College.

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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