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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:** 61 Prospect Street (Vernon Cane House) is located on the east side of Prospect Street in the Town of Newmarket. The property consists of a two-storey Queen Anne building constructed circa 1920.

**Legal Description:** PT LT 2 PL 89 WHITCHURCH; PT LT 65 PL 125 NEWMARKET AS IN R661534; 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

**61 Prospect Street is a representative example of a building constructed in the Queen Anne architectural style.**

The two-storey frame building follows an irregular plan and complex roofline with gable roof and intricate jerkinhead roof with overhanging eaves, gable dormers, ornate brick chimney, wide front gable with hip-capped return eaves which are characteristics associated with Queen Anne designs. The prominent two-storey hexagonal tower and one-storey open porch with upper storey balcony supported by freestanding and engaged wood columns on masonry piers create the playful and asymmetrical composition associated with Queen Anne design. The building showcases a variety of sizes of window including rhythmically placed rectangular openings, one-storey canted bay window, paired windows and square windows and the formal rectangular front entrance opening flanked with wide sidelights and upper storey arched porch door openings are also features associated with the Queen Anne style.

#### Historical and Associative Value

**61 Prospect Street is directly associated with the historic Village of Newmarket and patriarch William Cane and his grandson Vernon 'Eugene' Cane.** 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 and the large presence of residences located along several side streets. Simultaneously, Prospect Street, located on the east side of the Holland River and part of a community known as Garbutt Hill, developed during the mid-19th century and continuing into the 20th century. Garbutt Hill was the site of several important businesses such as the Stickwood Brickyard, the pump factory, Thomas Gardiner's foundry, later occupied by the Newmarket Dairy, and the York County Hospital. By 1865, several small bridges and makeshift roads had been constructed across the Holland River and Timothy Street

extending the road to Garbutt Hill (Prospect Street) was opened the same year. The development of the commercial core and surrounding residential streetscapes, including the community of Garbutt Hill, in throughout the mid-19th century and early 20th century played a significant role in the social and economic development and growth of the Village of Newmarket.

**61 Prospect Street is associated with members of the Cane family.** William Cane purchased the subject land in 1874 and was active in local economic and civic matters. William served on the village council and was elected as Newmarket's first mayor when it reached town status in 1881. At one time, William was one of the community's largest employers as owner of the Cane and Sons factory which produced lumber for construction, along with other uses. Verne Eugene Cane began his career working with his father, Joseph Eugene Cane, at the lumber factory, but eventually became an automobile buyer under the supervision of his uncle, Ken Robertson before he opened his own dealership. At the time of 61 Prospect Street's construction in 1920, Vernon Eugene Cane was considered a prominent local businessman and owned an automobile dealership on Main Street across the river from his residence. The subject property remained in the Cane family ownership until 1967.

#### Contextual Value

**61 Prospect Street is important in supporting the 19th century and early 20th century character of the historic Village of Newmarket.** Several residential side streets, including Prospect Street, were established in the historic village core, near the commercial Main Street. Located off or parallel to Main Street, the buildings on Prospect Street, 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. 61 Prospect 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](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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