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CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF NEWMARKET

BYLAW NUMBER 1989-13

A BYLAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS 135 MAIN STREET SOUTH, NEWMARKET AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST. (CHRISTIAN BAPTIST CHURCH)

WHEREAS Section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act 1980 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact bylaws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historic value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as 135 Main Street South, Newmarket and upon the The Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket as follows:

1. There is designated as being of architectural and historical value or interest the real property known as 135 Main Street South, Newmarket, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.
2. The reasons for designation of 135 Main Street South, Newmarket, are described in Schedule "B" hereto.
3. The Municipal Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw to be registered against the property described in Schedule "A" hereto in the proper land registry office.

4. The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this bylaw to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this bylaw to be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

PASSED this 9th day of January, 1989.

"R.J. Twinney"

R. J. Twinney, Mayor

"Robert M. Prentice"

Robert M. Prentice, Clerk

SCHEDULE "A" to Bylaw 1989-13

All and singlar that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Newmarket in the Regional Municipality of York and being composed of all of Lot Number 17 of Plan Number 81 together with the west part of Lot Number 1 of Plan Number 15 as set out in Survey 65R-3111, both Plans and Survey being registered in the Registry Office of the Registry Division of York Region.

SCHEDULE "B" to Bylaw 1989-13

The property identified as the Christian Baptist Church at 135 Main Street South is worthy of designation for historical and architectural reasons.

The Christian Baptist Church was built in 1874 by Contractor Jacob Johnson according to the designs of Architect John T. Stokes. The cornerstone was laid by the Earl of Dufferin, Governor General of Canada, at a ceremony on July 25, 1874 at which "The Maple Leaf Forever" was first sung in public. The building was the third church construction in Newmarket by the Christian Church denomination.

The church is a finely embellished example of High Victorian Gothic Revival, a style identified by polychromatic brick work (here stuccoed) pointed arch openings and mock buttresses. The building, following a Latin cross plan, rests on a stone plinth and is covered by a steeply pitched gable roof, presently clad with asphalt shingles. The entrance tower is centered on the facade and rises to a polygonal steeple displaying decorative windows. At the base, a gabled porch contains a compound pointed arch portal with two doors. The forms are repeated in the triple gable opening over the entrance, the central section filled by a memorial stone tablet. A single turret survives to the left of the entry. Varied window shapes throughout include pointed arch, lancet ribbon, rose, circular, quatrefoil, and segmental, the majority filled with stained glass. Several elements, including decorative brick work, minarets and finials, brackets, and stained glass windows, now missing or rearranged, are documented in historical photographs. The church, with its prominent location and high spire, remains a dominant landmark on the Newmarket skyline.