



An agency of the Government of Ontario



Un organisme du gouvernement de l'Ontario

This document was retrieved from the Ontario Heritage Act e-Register, which is accessible through the website of the Ontario Heritage Trust at **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.

Ce document est tiré du registre électronique, tenu aux fins de la *Loi sur le patrimoine de l'Ontario*, accessible à partir du site Web de la Fiducie du patrimoine ontarien sur **www.heritagetrust.on.ca**.



Corporation of the Town of Newmarket

By-law Number 2017-26

A By-law to designate a property as being of cultural heritage value or interest

The George Binns House (379 Botsford Street)

Whereas pursuant to Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Council of a Municipality is authorized to enact by-laws to designate a real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of Cultural Heritage 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 at:

379 Botsford Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 1S7

And upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, notice of intention to designate the George Binns House, and has caused such notice of intention to be published once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality;

And whereas the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law;

And whereas the Council of the Town of Newmarket deems it advisable to pass such a by-law;

Therefore be it enacted by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket as follows:

1. That the following real property, more particularly described in Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this by-law is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest:

The George Binns House
379 Botsford Street
Town of Newmarket
The Regional Municipality of York


2. And that the Town Solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the properties described in Schedule "A" attached hereto in the property Land Registry Office.

Enacted this 15th day of May, 2017

ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST

JAN 14 2020

RECEIVED


Tony Van Bynen, Mayor


Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk

Schedule 'A' to By-law 2017-26

In the Town of Newmarket in the Regional Municipality of York, property descriptions as follows:

Part of Lot 85, Plan 81, Town of Newmarket, Regional Municipality of York

Schedule 'B' to By-law 2017-26
Statement of significance

The George Binns House
379 Botsford Street

The George Binns House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in the following Statement of Significance.

Description of Property

The George Binns House, located at 379 Botsford Street, is situated on the north side of the road, in the Town of Newmarket. The property contains a two-and-a-half storey hip roof red brick house constructed circa 1906.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Physical/Design Value

The George Binns House is a good example of a two-and-a-half storey Edwardian house with Queen Anne elements. The L-shaped plan two-and-a-half storey house is constructed with red brick laid in stretcher bond with projecting bands of coursing at the sill level of the second storey window openings as well as at the lintel level of the basement window openings that both run around the entire perimeter of the house. The foundation is cut stone. Typical of Edwardian style, the house has a high hip roof with bracketed wide eaves broken by a hip roof dormer, a wrap-around verandah and a projecting pedimented over the two storey bay window. The Queen Anne influence is seen in the variety of decorative details and window openings including the projecting two storey bay on the west wing with a continuous border of lintel stones that carry across the tops of the three window openings. The wing is topped with a fish scale decorated pediment within which is a small window decorated with a fan motif in the peak. The façade is two-bay with an additional decorative oval stained glass window with a wood surround and radiating brick voussoirs. Several other stained glass windows are also found on the house: the single entranceway and large window opening with a stained glass transom and the large centrally placed stain glass arched window on the north elevation with has radiating brick voussoirs and a stone sill. The windows are topped with single lug rusticated stone lintels and sills. The verandah with sawed post balustrade is covered by a hip roof supported by half columns resting on brick stone foundations.

Historical/Associative Value

The George Binns House is associated with George Binns, who was a prominent citizen and shop owner in Newmarket. The house was built for George Alexander Binns (1867–1940) in 1906 where he lived until his death in 1940 when it was sold by his executors. George was the son of G.M. Binns, a printer of the first conservative newspaper in Newmarket, the Newmarket Courier. Binns began working in the hardware industry in 1890 with J.C. Robertson. By 1902 he started his own business in Newmarket with a focus on hardware, carriage, woodenware and sports. Two years later he bought the land for this house. He operated the business on Newmarket's main street for over 35 years. He sold his interest in his company to Mr. Rowland when he retired in 1928. The store was later known as MacNab Hardware. George Binns lived in the home with his wife, Emily (Watson) Binns, daughters Florence and Marjorie and son Gordon. George Binns was a prominent citizen in Newmarket; he served on Town Council, the high school board and cemetery board. He was a board member of the bicycle club, curling and bowling clubs, a charter member of the High Wheel Newmarket Bicycle Club (1885), and a Master of the Masonic Lodge. George Binns'

contribution to the Town of Newmarket is commemorated through the naming of "Binns Avenue" after him.

Contextual Value

The George Binns House's distinctive architecture and situation on a slight rise from the street makes it a landmark along Botsford Drive. The house supports the heritage character of the historic neighbourhood.

Cultural Heritage Attributes

- Two-and-a-half storey red brick construction
- Hip roof with two hip roof dormers
- Two bay façade with projecting two-storey bay window
- Fish scale decorate pediment on the façade with a rectangular window opening
- Off-centre oval stain glass window with radiating brick voussoirs and wood frame
- Central entranceway
- Large façade window with stain glass rectangular transom
- All window openings with stone lintels and sills
- Hip roof covered verandah
- Two-bay east and west elevations
- Large arched rear stain glass window with radiating brick voussoirs and stone sill
- Banded brick chimney