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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:** 75 Prospect Street (Eugene Cane House) is located on the east side of Prospect Street at the intersection of Prospect Street and Queen Street. The subject property contains a large two-storey Queen Anne building constructed between 1874 and 1891.

**Legal Description:** PT LT 67 PL 125 NEWMARKET; LT 69 PL 125 NEWMARKET AS IN R372087; 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

**75 Prospect Street is a representative example of the Queen Anne architectural style.** The large two-and-a-half storey brick building with protruding bays, recessed entrance and various projecting elements creates an asymmetrical façade and overall irregular plan which is a typical characteristic of Queen Anne design. The complex roof with overhanging eaves showcases elaborately decorative gabled pediments expressed in carved wood scrolls, fish scale siding, dentils, and decorative paneling, and the ornate gable peak with decorative woodwork in the form of bargeboard and finial are indicative of the playful composition typical in Queen Anne design. In addition to the roofline detailing, the subject property includes several surfaces finishes illustrated in the raised brick belt courses and the projecting stepped brick detail near the roofline. The use of rounded, rectangular and segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs and the large rectangular window openings located on the two-storey canted wall with heavy rock faced lintels and sills and stain glass window are also expressions of the variation and stylishness of Queen Anne architecture. The one-storey porch on the facade includes a Classically inspired gable pediment position over the single rectangular door opening and has an ornate architrave with dentils which is carried through the porch roofline. Classical detailing is also expressed in the one-storey bay window in the form of engaged columns and elaborate architrave with dentils. Despite the complex roof and irregular composition, the subject property remains beautifully balanced through its decorative details and legible as a Queen Anne design.

#### Historical and Associative Value

**75 Prospect Street is directly associated with the historic Village of Newmarket and the Cane family.** 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. 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 the mid 19th century played a significant role in the social and economic development and growth of the Village of Newmarket. It is likely that the brick used in the construction of the residence was from the Stickwood Brickyard, which produced both red and buff/yellow- coloured bricks during this time period. Local historians indicate that almost all of the brick buildings built in Newmarket between 1860 and 1910 were likely constructed with bricks that originated at the Stickwood Brickyard. The use of locally made bricks reflect the concentrated development and prosperity of the historic core.

**75 Prospect Street is directly associated with the Cane family.** William Cane and his son Joseph "Eugene" Cane were the owners of William Cane & Sons, a prosperous lumber business in the Town of Newmarket. William Cane's business was originally located in Queensville, but after a series of fires he moved the operations to Newmarket in the 1870s, where the factory produced wood products for many homes in the area. When Newmarket received Town status in 1881, William Cane was elected as the Town's first mayor. The residence at 75 Prospect Street was built between 1874 and 1891 by William Cane for his son, Joseph Eugene Cane, who purchased the house from his father in 1897. In addition to his role at William Cane & Sons, Eugene served as the North York License Commissioner in 1893 and 1903. 75 Prospect Street remained in the Cane family until 1942, when Eugene Cane's widow Myrtle Cane sold the house to the Dales family.

#### Contextual Value

**75 Prospect Street is important in supporting the 19th century character of the historic Village of Newmarket.** Several residential side streets, including Prospect 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. 75 Prospect Street exhibits massing, style, decorative details consistent with the historic village character and is legible as an early building along the streetscape.

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 [um Mahmood@newmarket.ca](mailto:um Mahmood@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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