

### **Corporation of the Town of Newmarket**

#### By-law 2025-17

A By-law to designate the property at 233 Prospect Street, the Pearson-Sutherland House, as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the <u>Ontario Heritage Act</u>.

**Whereas** pursuant to Section 29, Part IV of the <u>Ontario Heritage Act</u>, the Council of a municipality is authorized to enact By-laws to designate real property, including all the buildings and structures thereon, to be of cultural heritage value or interest; and,

**Whereas** authority was granted by Council to designate the property at 233 Prospect Street as being 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, and upon the Ontario Heritage Trust, Notice of Intention to Designate, and has caused such notice of intention to be published on the Town of Newmarket website for a period of 30 days in accordance with the municipality's Notice Policy addressing notice requirements under the Ontario Heritage Act; and,

Whereas a notice of objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate was served to the Town Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket; and,

Whereas the reasons for designation are set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law;

**Therefore** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket enacts:

- 1. That the property at 233 Prospect Street, more particularly described in Schedule "B" to this By-law, is hereby designated as being of cultural heritage value or interest.
- 2. That Schedule "A" and Schedule "B" is declared to form part of this By-law.
- 3. That the Town Clerk is authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be served on the owners of the lands described in Schedule "B" and on the Ontario Heritage Trust and to cause notice of the passing of this By-law to be published on the Town of Newmarket website for a period of 30 days in accordance with the municipality's Notice Policy addressing notice requirements under the Ontario Heritage Act.
- 4. And that the Municipal Solicitor or designate is authorized to cause a copy of this By-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule "B" to this By-law in the Land Registry Office.

Enacted and passed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

Lisa Lyons/Town Clerk

Jø∕n Taylor,

Mayor

#### Schedule "A" to By-law 2025-17

# Statement of Significance Reason for Designation

The Pearson-Sutherland House 233 Prospect Street Newmarket, ON L3Y 3T3

#### **Reason for Designation**

The property at 233 Prospect Street, also known as the Pearson-Sutherland House, is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1990 for its cultural heritage value or interest, and meets Ontario Regulation 9/06, for design/physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value.

#### **Description of Property**

233 Prospect Street is located on the east side of Prospect Street in the Town of Newmarket. The property is in the historic core of the settlement and consists of a two-storey Italianate building constructed between 1888 and 1891.

# Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest/Statement of Significance

#### Physical/Design Value

233 Prospect Street is a representative example of a building constructed in the Italianate architectural style. The two-and-a-half storey building follows an irregular plan with asymmetrical but balanced facade and complex roofline with prominent gables, Dutch gable, and hip sections, wide overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails, and ornamental brackets, bargeboard, and finials in gable peaks are typical features associated with Italianate architecture. The buff brick construction with raised decorative banding coursed in a common bond, the cantered wall and two-and-a-half storey bay window, and the ornate large chimney finished with ornamental brickwork in the form of arches, stepped brick, and belt course features are associated with the Italianate style. The prominent and large façade arched window, round windows in gable peaks, the rhythmically positions tall and narrow segmental window openings all with decorative brick voussoirs and stone sills, as well as the one-storey bay window with large arched window, decorative voussoirs, metal cresting, and carved brackets located adjacent to the recessed formal entranceway are all features associated with the Italianate style.

#### Historical/Associative Value

233 Prospect Street is directly associated with the historic Village of Newmarket and James J. Pearson. 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 reflects the concentrated development and prosperity of the historic core.

233 Prospect Street was built between 1888 and 1891 as a residence for James J. Pearson and his wife, Mary Jane Pearson. James J Pearson was the son of James Pearson, an early Quaker settler who arrived around 1800 to Whitchurch Township. James J. Pearson was educated at Oberlin College in Ohio and after a brief career in the sawmilling trade, he was appointed as the Registrar for North York in 1863, a position which he filled for over forty years. He was also involved in other several civic matters such as serving as a Justice of the Peace and as one of the first members of the Newmarket Central Board of Health, created in 1886.

#### **Contextual Value**

233 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. 233 Prospect Street exhibits setback, massing, style, decorative details consistent with the historic village character.

#### **Cultural Heritage Attributes**

233 Prospect Street is a representative example of a building constructed in the Italianate architectural style. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

- Two-and-a-half storey Italianate building
- Irregular plan with asymmetrical but balanced facade
- Complex roofline with prominent gables, Dutch gable, and hip sections
- Wide overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails, and ornamental brackets, bargeboard, and finials in gable peaks
- Buff brick construction coursed in a common bond with raised decorative banding
- The cantered wall design and two-and-a-half storey bay window
- Ornate large chimney finished with ornamental brickwork in the form of arches, stepped brick, and belt course
- Large façade window with decorative surrounds
- Rounded windows in gable peaks and rhythmically positions tall and narrow segmental window openings with decorative brick voussoirs and stone sills
- One-storey bay window with large arched window, decorative voussoirs, metal cresting, and carved brackets
- Formal entranceway

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- Two-storey Italianate residence
- Overall massing, setback, and decorative detail Location on Prospect Street

## Schedule "B" to By-law 2025-17

#### **LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

PT LT 4 E OF PROSPECT ST., PT LT 5 E OF PROSPECT ST., PT LT 1 N OF LYDIA ST. PL 85 AS IN R512650, SAVE AND EXCEPT PTS 1 & 2, 65R34147; TOWN OF NEWMARKET

Property Identification Number: 03612-0554 (LT)