

Corporation of the Town of Newmarket

By-law 2025-46

A By-law to designate the property at 67 Prospect Street, the Christopher Belfry House, as being of cultural heritage value or interest pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Whereas pursuant to Section 29, Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, 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 67 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 no 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 67 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 10th day of February, 2025.



John Taylor, Mayor



Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk

Schedule “A” to By-law 2025-46

Statement of Significance Reason for Designation

The Christopher Belfry House
67 Prospect Street
Newmarket, ON
L3Y 3T1

Reason for Designation

The property at 67 Prospect Street, also known as the Christopher Belfry 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

67 Prospect Street is located on the east side of Prospect Street in the Town of Newmarket. The subject property consists of a two-storey Italianate building constructed between 1885 and 1891.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest/Statement of Significance

Physical/Design Value

67 Prospect Street is a representative example of a building constructed in the Italianate architectural style. The two-storey brick building with asymmetrical but balanced façade follows an L-shaped plan with intersecting gable roof showcasing a prominent front and side gables with wide eaves which are characteristics of Italianate architecture. The segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs and stone sills and the two bay windows adorned with an elaborate cornice finished with wood brackets are key features associated with Italianate residential buildings. The one storey porch with large architrave decorated with rhythmically placed wood brackets supported by square wood posts are additional elements associated with the Italianate style.

Historical/Associative Value

67 Prospect Street directly associated with the historic Village of Newmarket and Christopher C. Belfry, a prosperous farmer who retired in Newmarket and served on several municipal committees. 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.

67 Prospect Street was built by retired farmer Christopher C. Belfry between 1885 and 1891 as a private family residence. Christopher Belfry was born in New York in 1817, and settled in East Gwillimbury, near Sharon, with his family around 1821. Belfry apprenticed as a carpenter and wheelwright, later working for Newmarket's first mayor and his brother-in-law William Cane, but also operated a store in Queensville and farms in both Queensville and Sharon. After moving to Newmarket in his later years, Christopher Belfry participated in local civic matter serving the community as a Justice of the Peace and a member of Newmarket's Town Council for 1884.

Contextual Value

67 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 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. 67 Prospect Street exhibits setback, massing, style, decorative details consistent with the historic character of the area.

Cultural Heritage Attributes

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

- Two-storey building constructed in the Italianate architecture style
- Brick construction
- Asymmetrical but balanced façade
- L-shaped plan
- Gable roof with ornamental woodwork in gable peaks
- Segmentally arched window openings with brick voussoirs
- Two bay windows with elaborate cornice and decorative brackets
- One-storey porch with large architrave decorated with rhythmically placed wood brackets supported by square wood

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- Two-storey building constructed in the Italianate architecture style
- Overall massing, setback, and decorative detail
- Location along Prospect Street

Schedule "B" to By-law 2025-46

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT LT 65 PL 125 NEWMARKET; PT LT 67 PL 125 NEWMARKET AS IN
R122428; NEWMARKET

Property Identification Number: 03610-0047 (LT)