

Corporation of the Town of Newmarket

By-law 2025-41

A By-law to designate the property at 484-488 Water Street, the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 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 484-488 Water 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,

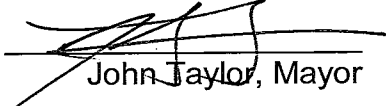
Whereas no notice of objection to the Notice of Intention to Designate was served to the Town Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket; and,

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

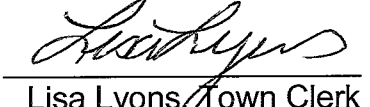
Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket enacts:

1. That the property at 484-488 Water 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 2025-41

Statement of Significance Reason for Designation

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church
484-488 Water Street
Newmarket, ON
L3Y 4X1

Reason for Designation

The property at 484-488 Water Street, also known as the St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, 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

484-488 Water Street is located on the south side of Water Street, where Water Street intersects with Eagle Street and D’Arcy Street at the foot of Main Street, in the Town of Newmarket. The subject property includes a Gothic Revival Presbyterian Church constructed between 1874 and early 1875.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest/Statement of Significance

Physical/Design Value

484-488 Water Street contains a representative example of a place of worship built in 1875 in the Gothic Revival architectural style. The 1874 portion of the building contains a large one-storey buff brick building following a rectangular plan with a tall, and highly visible, fieldstone foundation with wide mortar joints, and a prominent two-storey belltower. The building exhibits several Gothic Revival elements found in places of worship including a large steeply pitched front gable roof with overhanging eaves adorned with decorative rafters, brick buttressing, and lancet style window openings topped with decorative brick voussoirs arches housing stain-glass windows and finished with stone lug sills which are rhythmically positioned on the side elevation. The façade includes three tall, narrow lancet window openings that house stain glass windows and have decorative dichromatic brick voussoirs and overarching brick work and add to the ornate nature of the building. An ornate oculus windows and secondary entrances with lancet openings are found on the rear and side elevation also showcase the dichromatic brickwork found throughout the building. The asymmetrically positioned belltower has a rectangular base which tapers into the steeple which includes an octagonal section (belfry) which leads to a section of lancet style openings (lantern) currently boarded up, topped by a large metal spire. The belltower provides two highly ornamented entrances with surrounded by brick corbelling and dichromatic brick surrounds and house large wood doors with metal hinges which are representative of Gothic Revival design in places of worship.

Historical/Associative Value

484-488 Water Street is associated with the historic Village of Newmarket, the Presbyterian Church of Canada, and local architect John T. Stokes. 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. The development of the commercial core,

social and civic spaces, and surrounding residential streetscapes 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 church was from the Stickwood Brickyard, which produced both red and yellow/buff 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.

484-488 Water Street was built between 1874 and 1875 as the third Presbyterian church in Newmarket, and the second iteration of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church specifically. The first St. Andrew's was a smaller structure located on Timothy Street, and the second Presbyterian Church was located on what is now Prospect Street. In 1874, another Presbyterian Congregation, the Free Church Congregation, approached the members of St. Andrew's Church in order to unite their two churches. As a larger church was required to host the newly combined congregations, land was purchased from William McMaster at the intersection of Water Street, Eagle Street, and D'Arcy Street in 1874. The construction of the church began in 1874 and completed with dedication taking place on February 28, 1875. The church was constructed of buff brick with a tower and spire that rose 55 feet above the street, and an interior that was designed to fit 400 people. The building was constructed by Newmarket firm Dyer and Mitchell and was designed by architect John. T. Stokes.

484-448 Water Street reflects the work of local architect and civil engineer John T. Stokes. John T. Stokes designs included residential buildings, places of worship and public institutions. He worked predominately in the Gothic Revival style as reflected in his own Sharon residence (18817 Leslie Street,), the caretaker's residence at the Newmarket Cemetery (112 Main Street North), and numerous public commissions such as the Christian Baptist Church (135 Main Street South) and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (the subject property). Other commissions included the first and second North York Registry Offices in Newmarket, and public schools in Ringwood, Bolton, and Newmarket, among others. In addition to his architectural works John Stokes played a significant role in civic matters Stokes served as Sharon's postmaster, Inspector of Public Schools, and later as the Clerk-Treasurer of the Township of East Gwillimbury. He was appointed as the Superintendent of Public Roads for York County in 1874. John Stokes, along with Sir Casimir Gzowski, was one of the founding members of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers, which was established in 1887. John T. Stokes died of pneumonia on November 30, 1891, and is buried in the Newmarket Cemetery, whose caretaker's residence he designed.

Contextual Value

484-488 Water Street is important in defining and supporting the 19th century character of the historic Village of Newmarket. Several residential side streets, including Eagle and Water Streets, 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. 484-488 Water Street, as a place of worship represents the range of buildings and uses in the historic village and exhibits setback, massing, style, decorative details consistent with a place of worship and supports the historic character of the area.

Cultural Heritage Attributes

484-488 Water Street contains a representative example of a place of worship built in 1874 in the Gothic Revival architectural style. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

- The 1875 portion of the building, containing the large one-storey building with two-storey belltower, built in the Gothic Revival architectural style
- Buff brick construction with dichromatic detailing
- Fieldstone foundation with wide mortar joints
- Large steeply pitched front gable roof with overhanging eaves adorned with decorative rafters
- Brick buttressing
- Lancet window openings topped with decorative brick voussoirs arches housing stain-glass windows and finished with stone lug sills which are rhythmically positioned on the side elevation
- Three tall, narrow lancet window openings that house stain glass windows and have decorative dichromatic brick voussoirs and overarching brick work on façade
- Ornate oculus window
- Secondary entrances with lancet window openings
- Belltower with rectangular base, octagonal section (belfry), section of lancet style openings (lantern) topped by a large metal spire

484-488 Water Street is associated with the historic Village of Newmarket and the Presbyterian Church of Canada. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

- The 1875 portion of the building, containing the large one-storey building with two-storey belltower, built in the Gothic Revival architectural style
- Buff brick construction with dichromatic detailing
- Overall massing, setback, and decorative details

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- The 1875 portion of the building, containing the large one-storey building with two-storey belltower, built in the Gothic Revival architectural style
- Buff brick construction with dichromatic detailing
- Overall massing, setback, and decorative details
- Location on corner of Water Street and Eagle Street

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484-488 Water Street acts a landmark in the historic village of Newmarket. The property contains the following heritage attributes that reflect this value:

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Schedule "B" to By-law 2025-41

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

PT BLK A PL 75 NEWMARKET; PT BLK I PL 85 NEWMARKET
CONFIRMED BY 65BA236 AS IN R584966; NEWMARKET

Property Identification Number: 03607-0133 (LT)