

**Notice of Intent to Designate Property
of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

Take Notice that the Council of the City of Pickering intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under *Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18*:

**681 Pleasant Street, Pickering Ontario
Lot 6, Block D, Plan 65**

Description of Property

681 Pleasant Street is located on the east side of Pleasant Street, north of Commerce Street, within the historic Village of Fairport.

Reason for Designation

681 Pleasant Street is of cultural heritage value or interest as a well-preserved example of a nineteenth-century Gothic Revival farmhouse. It is significant for its architectural design, its direct associations with prominent historical figures in Fairport's development, and its integral role in defining the character of the village core.

The property exhibits design or physical value as an increasingly rare example of a vernacular Gothic Revival residence, characterized by its T-shaped plan and steeply pitched gable with a pointed-arch window. The building is representative of mid-to-late nineteenth century village and rural architecture in Ontario. It demonstrates a high degree of period craftsmanship through its use of refined red brick masonry, buff brick detailing, and segmental-arched openings with decorative brick voussoirs, which illustrate stylistic expression and architectural integrity.

The property also has historical and associative value through its connections with Thomas Mansfield Sr., a key merchant and community leader in Fairport, and its long-term relationship with the nearby Mansfield General Store. The house embodies the nineteenth-century pattern of merchant-residence integration in small lakeport villages.

Summary of Attributes for Designation

Exterior Design / Physical Attributes:

- original form, scale, and massing
- red brick construction with buff brick detailing
- steeply pitched front gable with pointed-arch window
- segmental-arched window openings with decorative voussoirs

- tall, narrow windows and symmetrical front façade
- bracketed eaves
- orientation of the house towards Pleasant Street with a shallow setback consistent with the historic village grid, and
- the property's visual and historical relationship with the Mansfield General Store at 1291 Commerce Street

Historical / Associative Attributes:

- association with Thomas Mansfield Sr., a prominent early local merchant in Fairport, and
- historical associations between Thomas Mansfield Sr., his place of residence at 681 Pleasant Street and his place of work nearby at 1291 Commercial Street

Contextual Attributes:

- proximity and visual relationship to 1291 Commercial Street
- location within the historic core of Fairport, and
- contribution to the streetscape and understanding of village life in the late 1800s

Notice of Objection

Any person may submit a Notice of Objection together with a statement of reasons for the objection and all relevant facts within 30 days of the publication of this Notice. A Notice of Objection can be submitted to the City Clerk by email to clerks@pickering.ca or delivered to the Clerk's Office located at the Pickering Civic Complex, One The Esplanade, Pickering, ON from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Additional Information

A copy of the Designation Report is available on the City's website ([PLN 01-26](#)) or at the Clerk's Office located at the Pickering Civic Complex, One The Esplanade, Pickering, ON from Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Further information regarding this matter may be obtained by contacting the City of Pickering, City Development Department at 905.420.4617 or toll free at 1.866.683.2760.

DATED at the City of Pickering this 6th day of March, 2026

Susan Cassel, City Clerk
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