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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

BY-LAW NUMBER 78-23

A BY-LAW TO DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY
KNOWN MUNICIPALLY AS _____

Imperial Hall

16 Lang Street,

AS BEING OF ARCHITECTURAL AND/OR
HISTORICAL VALUE OR INTEREST

WHEREAS section 29 of The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974 authorizes the Council of a municipality to enact by-laws to designate real property, including all buildings and structures thereon, to be of architectural or historical value or interest; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt has caused to be served on the owners of the lands and premises known as Imperial Hall
at 16 Lang Street

and upon the Ontario Heritage Foundation, notice of intention to so designate the aforesaid real property and has caused such notice of intention to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks; and

WHEREAS no notice of objection to the proposed designation has been served on the clerk of the Municipality;

THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Cobalt enacts as follows:

- 1) There is designated as being of architectural and/or historical value or interest the real property known as Imperial Hall
at 16 Lang Street, more particularly described in
schedule A hereto.
- 2) The municipal solicitor is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be registered against the property described in Schedule A hereto in the proper land registry office.
- 3) The Clerk is hereby authorized to cause a copy of this by-law to be served on the owner of the aforesaid property and on the Ontario Heritage Foundation and to cause notice of the passing of this by-law to be published in the same newspaper having general circulation in the municipality once for each of three consecutive weeks.

READ A FIRST, AND SECOND TIME THIS 20th. day of November 19 78.

READ A THIRD AND FINAL TIME THIS 11th. day of December 19 78.

S. B. Lonsdale
MAYOR

P. J. Slaght
CLERK

I, P. J. Slaght, Clerk do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of By-Law
No. 78-23 duly passed by Council at a meeting held on December 11th. 1978.

P. J. Slaght
CLERK

Imperial Hall
ca. 1906

Address: 16 Lang Street

Original Owner: Constant Thomas

Present Use: Billiard hall, apartments

Lot and parcel: Fl M1017 Lt 91, Tel 4179 SST 24.6 x 80

Short Statement of Reasons for Designation

The Imperial Hall is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. The upper facade, though of a later date, recalls the Oriental-style decoration typical of many turn-of-the-century West Coast buildings; the structure is one of the two retail buildings surviving from the earliest days of Cobalt and forms an integral part of the Lang Street cross-section of Cobalt's first decade.

Reasons for Designation

The Imperial Hall is recommended for designation for architectural and historical reasons. Although the facade trim of this three-storey frame building dates from the 1930's, the "stick" construction of the stringcourse, cornice, and oriel windows recalls the Oriental-style decoration typical of many turn-of-the-century West Coast buildings. The three double hung windows on the third floor and the tin clad side walls are survivals from the early days of the building. This structure and its near neighbor, the original Silver City Drug Store, are the two earliest retail buildings surviving in Cobalt and form an integral part of the Lang Street cross-section of Cobalt's first decade.