## Cobourg Aaxpayers Association

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## **Time to Pay Attention**

Election campaigning has started for the 2022 municipal election. We remain a nonpartisan organization and do not support specific candidates. We will remind you of how this Council voted on important issues

The final decision is yours and we will provide you the information you need to make that decision. Remember that your decision will affect all our lives for the next four years.

## Vote wisely!

## **Elections Page**

We have created an Elections page on our web site that lists the candidates and also provides links to other resources you may find helpful. The Elections page can be found here: <u>https://cobourgtaxpayers.ca/election-2022/</u>

We will continue updating the page with information on a regular basis. We will publish at least weekly on various topics and issues that come up in this election.



Here are some important links for your review.

Let's start with remembering the results from the previous election(s). You can find the information here: <u>https://cobourgtaxpayers.ca/election-results-2006-to-2018/</u>

For six of the candidates running in this election, we have their campaign material from the 2018 election. Have a look and see if they delivered on what they promised: <u>https://cobourgtaxpayers.ca/candidates-election-material/</u>

Although the average increase for the 2022 Town's Property tax was 4.1%, the overall operating budget increased 6.3%. Two of the Councillors voted against this significant increase. The others who voted to increase your taxes significantly now need to explain themselves to you. You can read about it here: https://cobourgtaxpayers.ca/2021/12/11/cobourg-tax-increase-not-acceptable/

We summarized the recorded voting from the 2022 Budget Meeting. Which Councillors voted to increase spending? <u>https://cobourgtaxpayers.ca/recorded-vote-on-2022-operating-capital-budget/</u>

As the German philosopher Georg Hegel famously said,

"The only thing that we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history."

Learn how Councillors voted because if reelected, they will likely continue to vote the same way. Learn from history!