Thorold Deserves a Clearer Record: Mission Possible

Executive Summary
By Nicholas Bozza | September 30, 2026

Thorold voters deserve a clear, accessible account of how their councillors vote, what major decisions cost, and whose priorities those decisions serve. This first article introduces my mandate as a registered third-party advertiser. Future articles will be shorter and more focused, with executive summaries for readers who have less time.

My concern centres on the councillors commonly called the “Fab 4,” whom I call the UN-FAB FOUR: Mike De Divitiis, Nella Dekker (D’Epiro), Tim O’Hare, and Ken Sentence. I want them defeated **only if they cannot openly justify their records**. My focus is their public decisions and accountability. I welcome evidence that challenges my conclusions and am willing to reconsider them.

A clearer voting record. Watching meeting videos should not require days of investigation to identify who supported a motion. I previously asked former City Clerk Matthew Trennum why Thorold could not display votes as the Region did. As I recall, I was told the necessary technology was unavailable. I wanted a publicly accessible voting matrix listing each relevant motion, its date, and each councillor’s vote. Residents need that information to assess performance before an election.

Independent judgment. Repeated agreement deserves examination, but shared votes alone do not prove a hidden arrangement. I intend to examine where these councillors agreed, where they differed, their explanations, and the consequences. I will also examine the Mayor’s role in close or tied votes and share information that contradicts my concerns.

Costs beyond the photo opportunity. Major projects bring operating, maintenance, financing, and future obligations. They also carry an opportunity cost: money committed to one project is unavailable for roads, infrastructure, services, or other priorities. Grants do not remove the need to assess those trade-offs.

Canada Games Park. I intend to examine Thorold’s commitment to the facility on Brock University land, local use, and what the City owns or controls in return. I also raise concerns about whether a future Council would support a review. Residents should have understandable financial information and access to agreement terms before the City commits their money.

An informed vote. Councillors and readers may respond by email, and relevant responses and corrections deserve to be shared. You may reach a different conclusion from mine. My purpose is to encourage participation and help voters judge candidates by their records, priorities, and willingness to explain their decisions.

Your mission, Thorold taxpayers, should you choose to accept it: get informed before you vote, and choose independent thinkers who uphold transparency and accountability.

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