Mike De Divitiis: The Independent Voice Voters Expected—and the Record Voters Must Assess

Executive Summary

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During the last election, I recall Mike De Divitiis assuring me that he would think independently, address student-related concerns and handle conflicts appropriately. I offered advice freely and welcomed his election. After four years, voters can compare those commitments with his record.

INDEPENDENCE AND COMMUNICATION

I and many other voters in Thorold so I am told believe Mike's voting record warrants scrutiny alongside Nella Dekker, Tim O'Hare and Ken Sentance—the group I call the "UN-FAB FOUR." Agreement alone does not establish improper coordination. I ask Mike to explain his reasoning and identify examples of independent judgment. My own difficulties obtaining follow-up, candidates' accounts of blocked communication and missed meetings, and my interpretation of a recorded exchange with a resident raise questions about responsiveness. These accounts should be assessed in their proper context.

PROPERTY INTERESTS AND COMMUNITY CONNECTION

The declaration-of-interest registry I reviewed, covering entries through July 16, 2026, lists no declarations by Mike. That does not establish wrongdoing. I ask how he assessed potential conflicts involving relevant business and property interests. Based on our conversations, I understand he lives outside Thorold and relies on a Thorold tenancy for qualification; the records should confirm the precise basis. Voters can assess that connection and ask why he switched from the mayoral race to seeking another council term.

DEVELOPMENT AND THE FORMER SUMMIT HOUSE

I understand that a property manager employed by Mike is also running for council. If accurate, this unusual situation deserves clarification. I also understand that a group associated with Mike purchased the former Summit House and may consider redevelopment for housing. I applaud the housing goal and recognize the value of efficient spending on temporary improvements. Ownership, plans, his role and any inspection findings need clarification. I have not verified rumours of work orders; an inspection alone does not establish a violation.

THE CASE FOR ANOTHER TERM

Mike's development experience and improved public communication could benefit Thorold. I ask him to explain his accomplishments, downtown projects, challenges and approach to residents who question him. Experience has value, but voters deserve evidence of results, independent judgment and accountability before granting another term.

A CAMPAIGN WEBSITE AND THE CASE FOR RE-ELECTION

As far as I am aware, the City's registered candidate list did not include a campaign website for Mike as of 11 p.m. on October 5, 2026. I see that as a missed opportunity to explain his record, interests and priorities. Seeking another term is like applying to voters for the job again: a website could help him "fill out the whole application" and demonstrate openness by addressing the questions that remain.

I welcome a substantive response and evidence that challenges my conclusions. These are my recollections, assessments and attributed accounts—not a finding of misconduct.

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