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Set in Stone? The Record Behind the Selfies

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This final instalment continues Part 4 of 5, moving from campaign promises and council decisions to public conduct, accountability and the explanations I believe residents should receive. The Special Edition is separate from this five-part series.

Public presentation and conduct under pressure

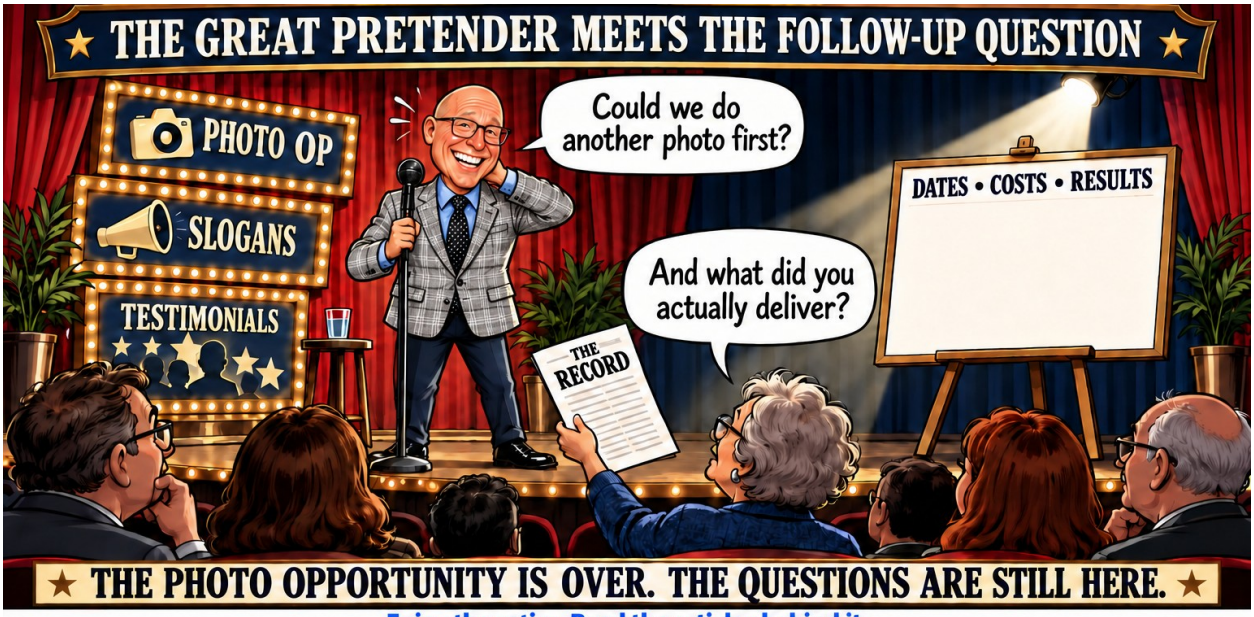
A campaign photograph can be retaken. A council decision is harder to airbrush. That is why I am looking beyond the pose to the record.

My criticism is not confined to policy. I am concerned about how O’Hare conducts himself when challenged and whether his conduct brings people together. In my view, the website’s prominent photographs and emphasis on favourable presentation invite comparison with how he handles disagreement. I use “photo junkie” as a rhetorical description of what I consider an excessive emphasis on being pictured, not as a medical label or evidence of his motives. The screenshots establish the prominence of the photographs; my interpretation of that presentation remains opinion. [1] In this imagined selfie economy, even a former prime minister might ask whether the camera deserves overtime. No connection to, or work for, Justin Trudeau is alleged.

I regard some of the exchanges described to me as divisive and difficult to reconcile with his message of inclusion. I am concerned that his approach may have aggravated disagreements within council and the community. However, I do not have a comprehensive conduct record or evidence measuring how much division he caused. The fact that a subject provoked controversy does not establish that one councillor created it. My concern is his reported contribution to those disagreements, rather than a claim that he caused them all.

Leadership includes explaining disagreement without implying that those on the other side lack compassion or understanding. A councillor can advocate firmly for a community and still recognize that colleagues may reach a different conclusion after considering the same evidence. I want to see that distinction in practice.

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The reported exchange involving Former Mayor Mal Woodhouse

Earlier articles described my recollection that O'Hare sought advice from former Mayor Mal Woodhouse before his first election. Advice is not the same as agreeing to manage a campaign or endorsing a candidate. [2]

According to Nicholas Bozza's account of Woodhouse's Facebook statement, Woodhouse said O'Hare had claimed that Woodhouse agreed to be his campaign manager. Woodhouse denied that he had agreed to take that role and described the claim as false. The same account says O'Hare asked Woodhouse for an endorsement in this election. These details are attributed to the author's account of the post; the original statement and O'Hare's response have not been reviewed here. [28]

Bozza further reports that Woodhouse felt slighted when O'Hare described him as "100% biased" in a Facebook discussion in which, according to that account, O'Hare had not previously been participating. That wording is relayed by the author, not independently authenticated from the original post. Entering a public conversation is not itself misconduct; my concern is whether the intervention was accurate, fair and respectful. [28]

If these accounts are accurate, I find the contrast troubling: seeking someone's endorsement while publicly dismissing that person as wholly biased calls for an explanation.

Earlier advice creates no obligation of permanent agreement, but disagreement does not excuse misrepresenting someone's role. I also received an account that Woodhouse regarded the comments as defamatory and offered an opportunity to discuss them.

If a claim about his campaign role was inaccurate, my view is that a correction—and, where warranted, an apology—would be appropriate. This passage concerns O'Hare's reported conduct, not a mayoral contest. [28]

Boy, oh boy—Desi had the right idea: O'Hare seems to keep putting himself in positions where there's a whole lot of "splainin'" to do.

Satire note: The preceding line is the author's sitcom-inspired parody and opinion, not an authenticated quotation from Desi Arnaz or a television episode. It implies no endorsement and does not establish wrongdoing.

The cemetery dispute requires a clear chronology

Two different circumstances must not be combined. The June 2026 reporting identifies an infant already buried in Section A. The February reporting concerns Alina Masud, an 18-year-old whose proposed Lakeview burial was halted and who was buried in Niagara Falls. **The young woman was not the person described as lying alone in Section A.** [15,27]

The City's December 2025 statement attributed the Masud plot allocation to a staff operational error that senior staff corrected. It said the matter did not come before council. That explanation concerns the Masud arrangements; it does not establish how the earlier infant burial in Section A was authorized. [26]

That earlier burial raises an administrative question: who authorized it, under what policy and with what information? To answer it, the relevant burial records, approvals, staff instructions and policy in force at the time are needed. I have not established which employees knew the section's status or whether any councillor intervened. Multiple staff tasks involved in a burial do not demonstrate that every participant knew of an authorization problem. There is no evidence in this review substantiating orchestration, coercion or undue influence by O'Hare or other councillors. The public-source chronology cited here should be read alongside my earlier cemetery commentary; no additional independently verified authorization record is supplied in this article. [15,26–27]

The June decision is clearer. O'Hare's Section A proposal lost 5–4. Council approved Mecca-facing plots in Section H and offered, at the family's choice, to move the infant there at city expense. O'Hare objected, explaining that he understood relocation to conflict with Islamic burial traditions. The offer therefore should not be described as an uncomplicated solution accepted by everyone. [15]

I have received an account that he criticized opposing councillors' understanding and that D'Angela objected, saying they had considered the consultant's evidence but reached a different conclusion. I have also received an account attributing a remark about Italians needing to be more inclusive to O'Hare. Neither account has been independently verified, and I am not presenting either as a confirmed quotation. The original meeting recording and a firsthand account of the other remark are needed. [28]

If accurately reported, the concern is whether he treated policy disagreement as a moral failing. But it would be unfair to infer insincerity solely from his advocacy for the family. The February reporting describes heated debate involving several councillors, not only O'Hare. My criticism should concern his particular words and actions, rather than assigning every aspect of the controversy to him. [27]

Character is tested by conduct rather than photographs

A camera has a self-timer. Accountability should not need one.

As I see it, character does not introduce itself; it reveals itself. A campaign can tell us who a candidate wants to be. The more useful test is what that person does when disappointed, challenged or given power.

How does he respond when a vote goes against him? Does he explain his disagreement and respect the decision, or attack the understanding and integrity of those who disagree? When he wins, does he acknowledge legitimate concerns? When corrected, does he examine the evidence and amend his position?

Anger alone is not proof of bad character. The relevant question is what someone gives himself permission to say or do while angry. Similarly, power does not excuse disrespect, and a public commitment to inclusion should extend to people who challenge the councillor's preferred solution.

I also judge consistency between public presentation and private dealings. Truth matters when acknowledging it is inconvenient. Conviction matters when belonging to a familiar group would be easier. Humility matters when being right is important to one's reputation. Integrity matters when an advantage could be gained by overlooking a difficult fact.

These are the standards I want applied to O'Hare's record, and to anyone's commentary, including my own. They are not a psychological diagnosis or proof of hidden motives. Labels such as virtue signalling, grandstanding or moral superiority express an interpretation and require specific examples if they are to help readers assess conduct. I would rather identify the words, the response and the consequences than presume to know someone's inner character.

My concern is whether the conduct behind the campaign image consistently demonstrates the respect and cooperation promised. That judgment should rest on documented behaviour, complete context and his explanation—not the size of his photograph alone.

My concern about what I call bloc protection is that a recurring majority may reduce the practical pressure on its members to answer difficult questions. That is my interpretation, consistent with concerns shared with me, of the voting examples in this series, not proof of a protective pact. Passing a motion does not settle whether the explanation was adequate. Over his first term, what did O'Hare do to make the reasons for controversial votes, the supporting evidence and the financial consequences easier for residents to understand? In my view, that is the transparency account he still needs to provide. [7–10]

Bloc protection and the witness protection comparison

At times, what I call bloc protection reminds me of a political version of witness protection: difficult questions seem to disappear behind the comfort of familiar allies. That is my satirical comparison, not a claim that O'Hare belongs to a protection program, is involved in criminal activity or has a secret agreement with other councillors.

The voting record cannot put on dark glasses, grow a moustache, shave its head and announce that it has moved to another municipality.

The difference is that a council record cannot be given a new identity. A fresh photograph, another slogan or the support of colleagues does not change the votes already cast. **Majority support can carry a motion; it cannot supply the missing explanation.**

My question remains whether O'Hare would defend those decisions as clearly if the usual majority were no longer beside him. **The test is his evidence and reasoning, not how many familiar hands go up.**

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Witness protection bloc protection and the victim narrative

Do councillors cast themselves as victims when their records are challenged? That is a question to test against particular statements, not a conclusion established by a shared vote or an angry exchange. I use the following comparison to distinguish actual witness protection from my political metaphors. "Bloc protection" and "victim protection" are not identified programs or proven arrangements involving O'Hare.

A difficult question about public spending is not automatically a personal emergency. Sometimes it is simply the bill arriving.

Genuine harassment deserves a response. At the same time, an allegation of unfair treatment does not answer a question about spending, infrastructure or a recorded vote. My concern is whether attention shifts from the decision to the discomfort of being challenged. The test is whether the councillor identifies the objectionable conduct and still provides a substantive explanation of the decision.

Comparison	Meaning	Evidence and accountability test
Witness protection	Actual measures intended to protect witnesses facing safety risks.	It concerns safety. This article does not allege that O'Hare is a protected witness.
Bloc protection	The author's metaphor for the comfort and political support of a recurring majority.	Shared votes establish agreement on those votes. They do not prove a pact. Ask for each member's reasons.
Victim protection	A satirical metaphor for portraying oneself as unfairly treated while substantive criticism remains unanswered.	Verify the statements and context. Harassment can be real; neither criticism nor discomfort alone proves victimhood or manipulation.

The record needs a clearer explanation

My view is that the supplied campaign material does not adequately explain the difficult choices at Allanburg and Canada Games Park. The website's photographs, slogans and testimonials are legitimate campaign presentation, but they leave me wanting a clearer account of decisions, costs and follow-through.

I also recognize the contrary evidence: environmental dissent, cemetery advocacy, age-friendly work and practical community involvement. A credible assessment must include those contributions. The strongest criticism identifies a particular decision and its consequences, rather than converting disappointment into an unsupported claim about motives or ability.

Before another term is carved into the mountain, I would like to see the instruction sheet. Selfies do not come with an audit trail.

The response I would like from O'Hare is a documented first-term account connecting the promises to the work: what he initiated, how he voted, why he decided as he did, what was delivered and what remains unfinished. **He has a record to explain.** The public material should make that record as easy to examine as his campaign image.

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