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The UN-FAB FOUR Are Converts—and Thorold Needs a Satire Landfill

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Satire notice: Comic scenes, dialogue, divine replies, business proposals and wardrobe stories are invented. “UN-FAB FOUR” expresses my opinion of a perceived alignment involving Dekker, Sentance, De Divitiis and O’Hare; it is not evidence of a council majority, coordination or undisclosed conflicts. “Coming out” refers to transparency, not sexuality. Conversion jokes make no claim about anyone’s faith. Blocking suspicions and the crown-photo account remain unconfirmed recollections. No fictional payment occurred. Celebrity cameos and sitcom references imply no endorsement by those depicted, their estates, Brock University, Walker or any other named organization.

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All funny—according to the author. Estimated laughing time: 5–6 minutes. Recovery time excluded.

The serious question beneath the satire

Can the people seeking your vote explain their decisions clearly and answer reasonable questions openly? That is the question behind my UN-FAB FOUR satire about Nella Dekker, Ken Sentance, Mike De Divitiis and Tim O’Hare. The nickname expresses my opinion of a perceived political alignment. The invented scenes are comic illustrations of my concerns about transparency, communication and accountability.

My imaginary pharmacy has sunlight on backorder and disclosure forms locked behind a cabinet labelled OPEN GOVERNMENT. At the proposed UN-FAB Landfill, unanswered questions arrive in sealed containers. Transparency is so invisible that the only thing anyone can see is the invoice. The joke is absurd; the expectation underneath it is ordinary: public decisions deserve clear public explanations.

Tiny Tim and the difference between advice and endorsement

The Lucy cartoon makes my personal position explicit: I gave Tim advice during his first term, never offered to be his campaign manager, do not endorse him and will not vote for him. “No campaign-manager offer. No endorsement. No vote.” The sitcom exchanges are invented. The cartoon does not establish that O’Hare spread a rumour.

Elsewhere, my fictional non-transparency closet has a motion sensor: every time somebody asks a question, it moves to adjourn. The imaginary UN-FAB membership card has its terms printed in invisible ink inside the laminate. These are jokes about the openness I want to see; they do not document a secret club or coordination.

Smooth delivery still needs an explanation

In the microphone comic, a smiling O’Hare caricature announces that he believes in direct communication. The audience replies: “Smooth delivery, Tim—but explain your first term!” His plaid costume supplies the Herb Tarlek salesmanship joke. The fictional wardrobe department then demands it back for an imaginary WKRP remake. Neither the debate exchange nor the remake is a reported event.

A polished presentation should leave voters with answers about the record.

A special laughter disclaimer

In my imaginary insurance policy, wet pants, overturned vases, coffee-sprayed screens and dentures achieving low Earth orbit are entirely your responsibility. Secure the breakables and keep a route to the bathroom. My insurer calls this an act of Bozza. This is a joke, not a legal waiver; no absorbent lining or municipal dry-cleaning subsidy is included.

The Brock binder joke has a real vote underneath it

The binder cartoon invents an empty municipal stationery cupboard because the Brock deal supposedly used every binder. That is not an explanation of anyone's actual vote. The documented issue is more specific: ThoroldToday reported that the October 3, 2023 motion to seek an external legal opinion concerning Canada Games Park's financials and consortium agreement was defeated 5–4. O'Hare, Dekker, Sentance and De Divitiis voted against it, along with the mayor. [1]

I want voters to consider that decision and the reasons councillors give for it. The imaginary binder shortage is comic exaggeration, not evidence of anyone's motive. Take two punchlines and demand an answer in the morning.

Purple Rain meets Purple Reign

My recollection of O'Hare's crown photo inspires an imaginary royal question period. All four councillors appear in royal costume, while a resident waits with a question. One clerk announces that His Municipal Highness will receive questions; another explains that answers require a separate appointment. Prince appears as a fictional musical cameo. No endorsement by him or his estate is implied.

The article's purple theme honours the musician, who was from Minneapolis and later had a home in Toronto's Bridle Path neighbourhood. [3–4] Prince could fill an arena. I would be delighted if our municipal performers could fill in the blanks. The public should not need a royal audience to ask a council question.

Questions apply to everyone seeking my vote

I have put questions to candidates, including those I have publicly endorsed. An endorsement should not come with an exemption from answering. I also describe possible Facebook or email blocking as unconfirmed; a suspicion is not a delivery receipt. The article's religious conversion joke and invented divine replies make no claim about any councillor's faith.

My vote comes with questions. Anyone wanting it should come with answers.

Please share the article and all four illustrations

Share the commentary on your Facebook profile and in community groups where their rules allow it. Please promote www.thoroldelectioncommentary.ca so readers can see the full article, sources and satire notice, and form their own opinions. I believe I may have been blocked from some Facebook spaces, although I cannot confirm the circumstances. Share the laughter—and the questions. Replacement vases remain your responsibility.

It's a fair question, voters are saying: why should we have to go to these lengths to get the UN-FAB FOUR to explain their current term before the election?

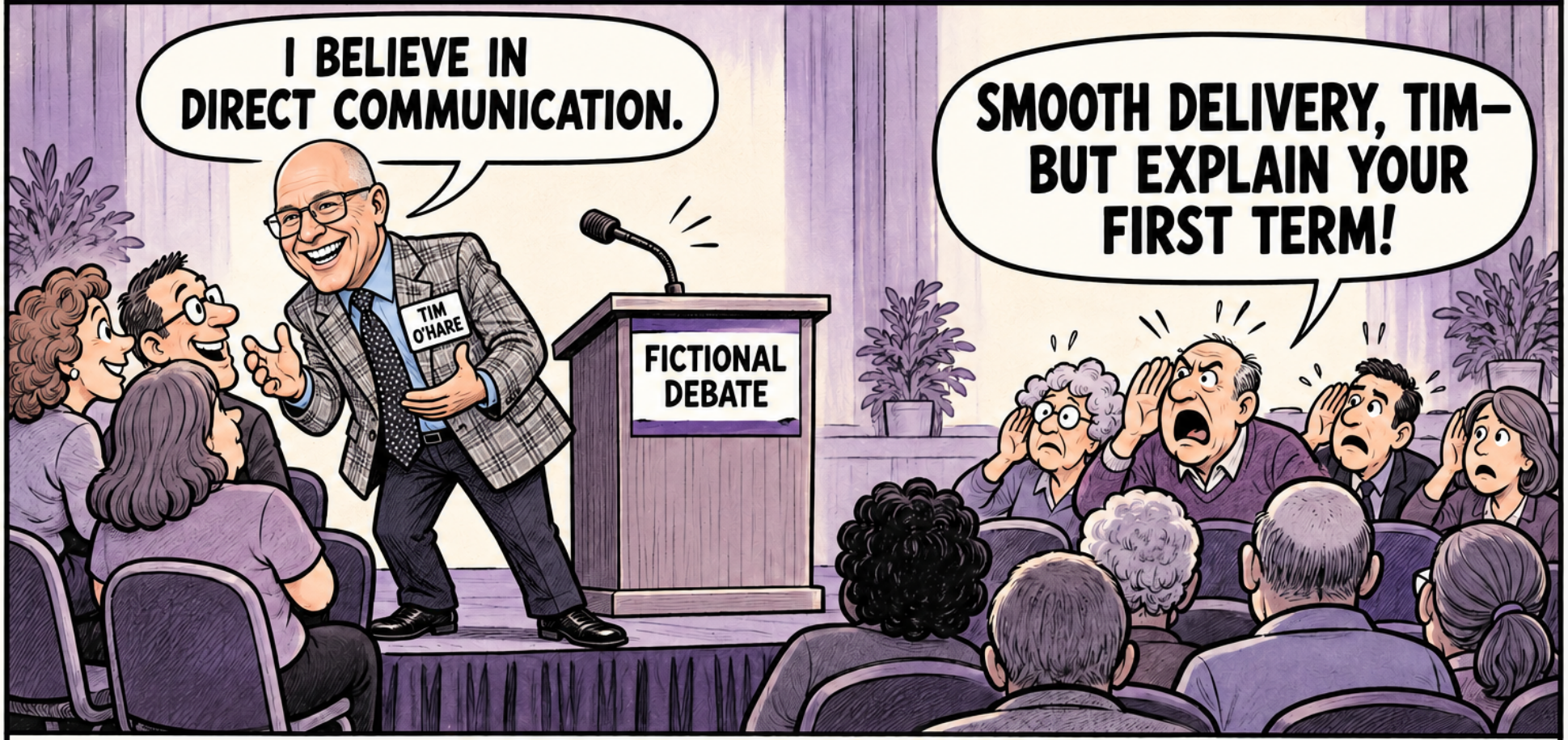
I do local political roasts. Bring your own answers—I've supplied enough material. Wink, wink.

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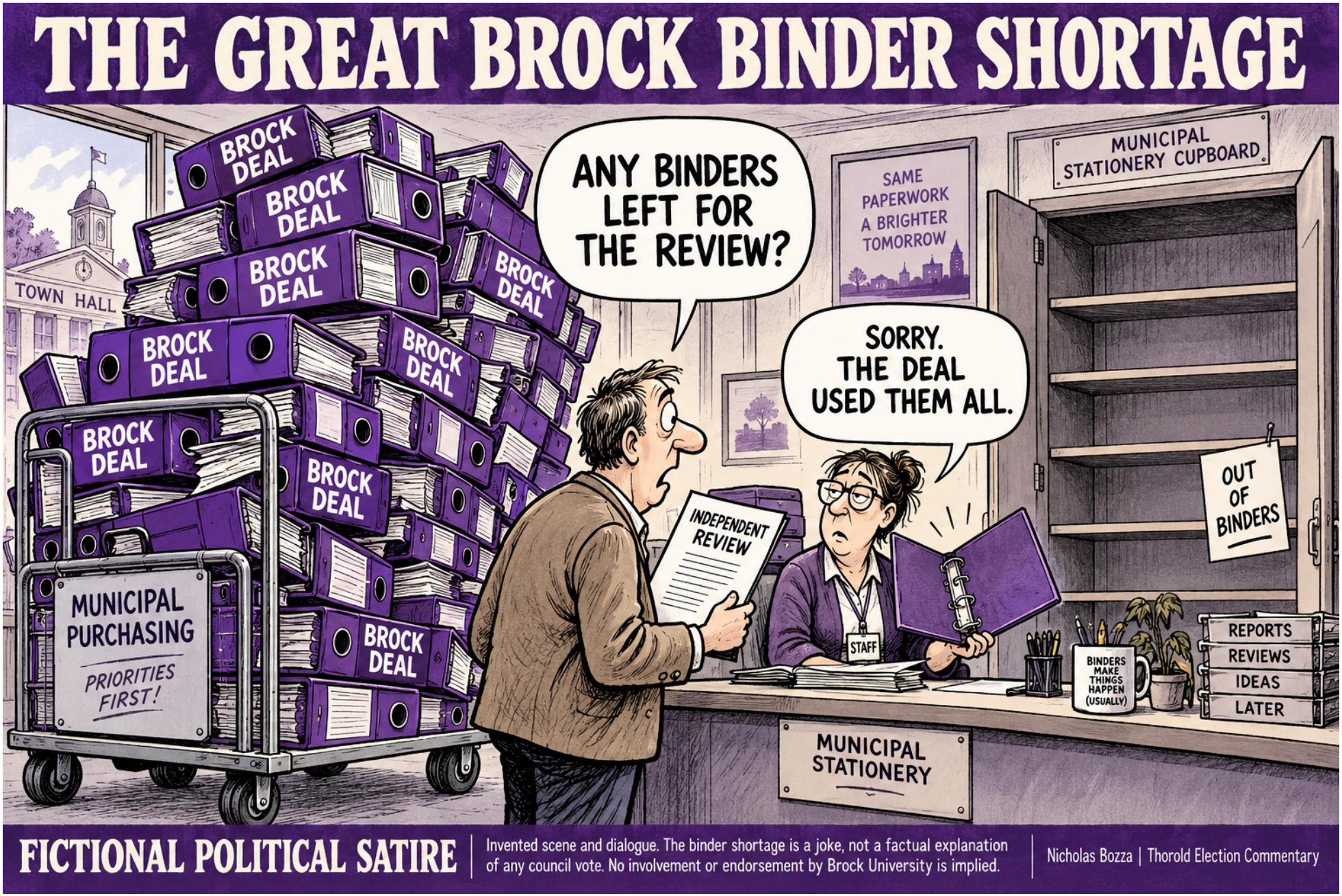


FICTIONAL POLITICAL SATIRE

Caricature of Tim O'Hare. Scene, dialogue and costume are invented; not an actual event or quotation. No endorsement implied.

FICTIONAL WARDROBE NOTE: Tim did not actually wear this Herb Tarlek costume. Our imaginary WKRP in Cincinnati remake director demanded it back—another sales pitch was booked!

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THE GREAT BROCK BINDER SHORTAGE
TOWN HALL
BROCK DEAL
MUNICIPAL PURCHASING
PRIORITIES FIRST!
ANY BINDERS LEFT FOR THE REVIEW?
SORRY. THE DEAL USED THEM ALL.
INDEPENDENT REVIEW
STAFF
SAME PAPERWORK A BRIGHTER TOMORROW
MUNICIPAL STATIONERY CUPBOARD
OUT OF BINDERS
BINDERS MAKE THINGS HAPPEN (USUALLY)
REPORTS
REVIEWS
IDEAS
LATER
MUNICIPAL STATIONERY
FICTIONAL POLITICAL SATIRE
Invented scene and dialogue. The binder shortage is a joke, not a factual explanation of any council vote. No involvement or endorsement by Brock University is implied.
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PURPLE REIGN: THE ROYAL QUESTION PERIOD
HIS MUNICIPAL HIGHNESS WILL NOW RECEIVE QUESTIONS.
ANSWERS REQUIRE A SEPARATE APPOINTMENT.
NELLA DEKKER
KEN SENTANCE
TIM O'HARE
MIKE DE DIVITIIS
IMAGINARY CITY HALL
MY QUESTION
FICTIONAL POLITICAL SATIRE
Caricatures of Dekker, Sentance, O'Hare, De Divitiis and Prince. Scene, costumes and dialogue are invented.
Royal imagery is opinion, not evidence of coordination or misconduct. Prince's cameo is fictional; no endorsement by him or his estate is implied.
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References and summary note

[1] Bernard Lansbergen, ThoroldToday, “City council closes door on Canada Games Park investigation,” October 4, 2023. Reports the October 3, 2023 vote, defeated 5–4, on seeking an external legal opinion regarding Canada Games Park financials and the consortium agreement. The binder explanation above is invented.

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[2] A Few Good Men (1992), courtroom exchange, as transcribed by Rev, “A Few Good Men — You Can’t Handle the Truth.” The quoted words are spoken by Tom Cruise’s character, Lieutenant Daniel Kaffee.

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[3] The Prince Estate, “Prince’s Early Years.”

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[4] CityNews, “For $13M, you can party like it’s 1999 in Prince’s former Bridle Path mansion,” April 22, 2016. Supports the Toronto marriage, Bridle Path home and reported Toronto recording work; no separate claim about construction of a Toronto studio is made here.

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