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## THE FINAL TAKE

AN UNVARNISHED LOOK AT THE MANY  
SOCIAL & POLITICAL ISSUES OF OUR TIME...



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### COUNCILLOR JOHN GRAY

*Mr. Mayor I rise on personal privilege  
As I have always tried to encourage  
Co-operation and some mutual respect  
Which as Mayor I came to reflect  
As I rebuilt this city from the ground up,  
Without the help from laws that usurp  
The rights of every councillor here  
From due process year after year.  
Did I miss the memo Mr. Mayor?  
The rules are now totally in your favour?*

### COUNCILLOR BRADLEY MARKS

*Mr. Speaker I rise in this House as one  
Who knows how legal issues are done.  
As I listen to my learned friends  
And their confusion that knows no ends.  
I am reminded of the fact things change.  
The Mayor's request is not at all strange  
Given the fact that the Province has done  
What they see as good for everyone.  
So with those exhaustive remarks,  
I remain yours in service, Bradley Marks.*

### COUNCILLOR TITO-DANTE MARMPIETRI

*Mr. Mayor I see our friend from Ward 3  
Thinks he is well above you and me,  
As he seems to think he's in Parliament  
With all the status it may represent.  
But I must remind him if I may  
That he's still on Council as of today,  
And our city is worth fighting for!  
As a councillor, I seek nothing more.  
I find the debates we are now into  
Will only hinder all that we must do  
To keep our city ahead of the game!  
My best currency still is my name,  
And I wish the question could be called  
On the phantom motion that has stalled,  
As this seems to me a total waste of time  
And why am I still talking in rhyme?*

### MAYOR DAN CARTER

*Members of council let's move on,  
But wait, I believe we have a delegation;  
A certain Mr. Lee would like to speak  
to us.  
So before anyone else makes a fuss  
I invite Mr. Lee to come forward now.  
He has ten minutes to show us how  
What he wants to say will help us traverse  
The issue into which we are immersed.*

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