



## BONUS COLUMN

# The Mayor Who Wasn't There

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Oh no! Dear me! Do you see what I see?  
Regina's bamboozled by calamity!  
There are crumbling buildings and holes in our roads  
There's no rental vacancy but loads of condos!

We don't have enough buses! We don't have recycling!  
We encourage cars while we discourage bicycling!  
Our city workers' pension is too low on funds  
While we're borrowing money for new stadiums!

Did you know that our council keeps knocking things down?  
One apartment on Hamilton: whacked to the ground!  
Our new library plans have been in disarray  
Since the masons won't sell us their building today.

Something is wrong and I think I know what!  
Our Mayor has gone missing! Now we're in a rut!

Oh where's Pat Fiacco? Oh where is our Mayor?  
We've looked all around but he's not anywhere!  
We've searched City Hall; looked in press scrums too  
But Pat has just vanished! Oh, what shall we do?

He used to chair meetings! We are not pretending!  
But at council this year he's been hardly attending!  
He's showed up (at best) just one time out of three  
Mayor Fiacco has fled! Oh where could he be?

Some say he's in Vegas on extended vacation  
Others hint he's in Ottawa saving our nation  
I've even heard that he's at the Olympics  
Judging the boxing to make sure that there's no tricks.

There will be an election, of this I am sure  
With Wiebe, Brass, Okochi, Donnelly and Fougere  
Elliott is running though Chad Novak dropped out  
With so many candidates the outcome's in doubt

All of these people, they seem very fine  
(Though some of their names are sure tough to rhyme)  
But none of them has quite the "je ne sais quoi"  
Of dear, sweet Mayor Fiacco — the best of them all!

Pat Fiacco is gone and there is no denying  
That we miss our leader (we really aren't lying!)  
That he isn't around has completely sucked  
'Cause he left us a city that's totally fucked.

