

**THE SECOND MEETING OF THE PRIORITIES COMMITTEE
OF THE CITY OF GREATER SUDBURY**

**Council Chamber
Tom Davies Square**

**Wednesday, January 24, 2007
Commencement: 5:33 p.m.**

Chair

COUNCILLOR GASPARINI, IN THE CHAIR

Present

Councillors Cimino; Barbeau; Berthiaume; Dutrisac; Dupuis; Rivest; Thompson (A5:36pm); Caldarelli; Landry-Altman; Mayor Rodriguez

City Officials

M. Mieto, Chief Administrative Officer; R. Hotta, Acting General Manager of Community Development; P. Baskcomb, Acting General Manager of Growth & Development; G. Clausen, Acting General Manager of Infrastructure; T. Beadman, Acting General Manager of Emergency Services; C. Hallsworth, Executive Director of Administrative Services; L. Hayes, CFO/Treasurer; R. Swiddle, City Solicitor; H. Salter, Deputy City Solicitor; C. Dawe, Assistant City Solicitor; G. Lamothe, Manager of Communications & French Language Service; E. Labelle, Clerk Designate; F. Bortolussi, Planning Committee Secretary; CJ Caporale, Council Secretary

C.U.P.E.

W. MacKinnon, President, CUPE Local 4705

News Media

Sudbury Star; MCTV; CIGM; Channel 10 News; Le Voyageur; Northern Life

Declarations of
Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

Rules of Procedure

Council, by a two-thirds majority, agreed to dispense with the Rules of Procedure, to alter the order of the Agenda and deal with Item 3 (Meagan McGrath), as she is scheduled to be at Science North for 7:00 p.m.

Item 3
Meagan McGrath

Mr. Guy Labine, Chair, Greater Sudbury Development Corporation, introduced Ms. McGrath to the Committee.

Ms. McGrath provided the Committee with an electronic presentation entitled "*From Science North to the 7th Summit: Meagan McGrath's Everest Adventure*".

Ms. McGrath indicated that she is the first Canadian Forces member and Sudburian attempting to climb Mount Everest and to achieve the seven summits. She provided a personal biography of herself and stated that the seven summits are the highest mountains on each of the seven Continents throughout the world.

Item 3
Meagan McGrath

She has completed six of the seven summits and will be attempting Mount Everest between April 1, 2007 to June 10, 2007.

The following recommendation was presented:

RECOMMENDATION 2007-3: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

WHEREAS Meagan McGrath is a proud Sudbury native whose sense of adventure is rooted in her Sudbury upbringing;

AND WHEREAS Meagan's passion for mountain climbing has resulted in her reaching the highest summit on six (6) of the world's seven (7) continents;

AND WHEREAS Meagan will attempt to reach her seventh (7th) and the world's highest summit, Mount Everest in April/May 2007 and may become the first Sudburian to achieve this accomplishment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council and citizens of the City of Greater Sudbury recognize Meagan McGrath for her mountain climbing success, and wish her all the best for a safe and successful climb on Mount Everest.

CARRIED

PART I

5:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

COUNCILLOR BRIEFING SESSIONS

Item 2
New Municipal Act

Report dated 2007-01-18 from the Executive Director of Administrative Services regarding New Municipal Act was received for information only.

Ms. Salter, Deputy City Solicitor, provided an electronic presentation entitled "*The Municipal Statute Law Amendment Act, 2006 (Bill 130)*".

She indicated that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing began their review of the Municipal Act, 2001 in June 2004 and on January 1, 2007, the amendments to the Municipal Act, 2001 were proclaimed in force.

Ms. Salter provided a breakdown and brief descriptions of new and changed sections of the Act in the following categories:

- Analysis
- Limits on Broad Powers
- Governance
- Role of the Head of Council

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New Municipal Act
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- Public Meetings
- Independent Investigation
- Practices and Procedures
- Delegation
- Accountability and Transparency
- Specific Powers
- Enforcement
- Fees and Charges
- Financial Administration and Taxation
- Regulations

Ms. Salter indicated that municipal governments have been given more independence by the Province which is a more mature outlook on the roles and responsibilities of this level of government.

She noted that these changes will “ensure the accountability and transparency of the operations of the municipality, including the activities of senior management”. She also indicated that Council meetings may be closed, but the “resolution must state the general nature of the matter to be considered” and the Clerk “shall make a record of all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings at the meeting”.

Ms. Salter also indicated that “persons may request an investigation of whether a municipality or local board (except Police Service Board and library boards) have complied with open meeting requirements in respect of a meeting that was closed to the public”. She pointed out that the investigation would be conducted by an independent investigator appointed by the municipality or the provincial Ombudsman.

She concluded that this new Act is more flexible and provides a modern purposive approach. There has been considerable streamlining accomplished and the Act provides important enhancements to municipal authority. The next steps are to have detailed staff reviews and recommendations to implement required changes in policies and practices, and staff will require Council direction on optional matters.

List - Councillor
Briefing Sessions

The Chair circulated to the Members of the Priorities Committee, a list of Councillor Briefing Sessions, and requested that it be reviewed and updated, for future Priorities Committee meetings.

Adjournment

RECOMMENDATION 2007-4: Moved by Councillor Dupuis:

THAT this meeting does now adjourn. Time: 7:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Councillor J. Gasparini, Chair

Eric Labelle, Clerk Designate