

Newmarket-Aurora PC association calls for vote review



By Brock Weir

Newmarket-Aurora's Progressive Conservative riding association has launched an appeal of the results of last month's nomination meeting which saw Charity McGrath secure the PC nomination for Aurora's northern riding.

The riding association submitted their appeal to party officials last Thursday and they are expecting to hear a response this week. 'We sent an appeal in on which there are seven days to reply,' confirmed Derek Murray, President of Newmarket-Aurora Ontario PC Riding Association, responding to The Auroran's request for comment, noting there were 'irregularities' at the nomination meeting.

Mr. Murray, however, declined to elaborate on what those 'irregularities' might be.

Members of the Progressive Conservative party living in the riding of Newmarket-Aurora, which has been redrawn ahead of the 2018 Provincial Election to correspond with the new Federal riding boundaries introduced in 2015, voted for their nominee on April 8.

The hotly contested race between Ms. McGrath, former Aurora councillor Bill Hogg, and incumbent Newmarket Councillor Tom Vegh was decided at Sir William Mulock Secondary School, with Ms. McGrath coming in first place, followed by Mr. Hogg and Mr. Vegh respectively.

Although Ms. McGrath did not respond to The Auroran's request for comment on the appeal by Tuesday's press time, she said Wednesday that the interests of Newmarket-Aurora residents are paramount.

'What is important is the residents of Newmarket-Aurora and the effects of the rising hydro rates and burgeoning debt caused by 14 years of scandals, waste and mismanagement,' said Ms. McGrath. 'I will continue to work hard to bring back integrity to our Provincial Government that is so very needed today. We need to put the best interest of the residents of Newmarket-Aurora first.'