

# Election appeal filed in District Four

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*The Six Nations Elections aren't over yet. A District Four candidate filed an appeal last Friday.*

Terence (Tabby) Jamieson lost the election in District Four by one vote. There were also four rejected ballots in the count.

Jamieson said he is asking for a recount in his appeal.

He said with only one vote separating him from Alton VanEvery who won, a recount should not be unexpected. He said he also questions the interpretation of some of the rejected ballots. He said at least three of those ballots were clearly marked for him but were rejected by the Elections officer.

Jamieson said he knows of at least one local person who voted in District Four but is a New Credit Band member. "That person was ineligible but voted. There were different people coming in and

voting in districts they didn't live in. No body was keeping close track of people who were voting. You just give em your status card and tell em where you live, they don't ask for any proof of residency. They didn't ask for a driver's licence or even a utility bill. They don't ask you to prove you live in an area."

The election, he said, "was pretty wide open."

Jamieson isn't the only candidate unhappy with the election procedures.

Candidate for Chief, Melba Thomas, who lost in her first bid for the seat by only 37 votes, said she had planned to appeal but work commitments kept her away from the community last week.

Wellington Staats was re-elected after a roller coaster election night at the Six Nations Bingo Hall that saw him regain his seat after garnering 402 votes, only 37 votes over popular social worker and counsellor Melba Thomas who received 365 votes.

Third in the ranking was Reg Hill who took 264 votes overall, with 12 in the advance polls. Coming in fourth in the race was Roger Jonathan, a local businessman with 129 votes. Lillian Montour, a former councillor received 13 votes and William D. Hill, a hobby farmer and truck driver drew 10 votes.

There were a total of 1,193 votes

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