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FREEPORT - There were some surprising upsets in the local government elections, particularly in the City of Freeport where newcomers secured five of the nine seats on the council.

Yesterday Parliamentary Commissioner Erroll Bethel said results from the polls in other islands were "trickling in," however, the outcome was not available up to press time.

According to unofficial results, Joanna Newton-Russell, Fritz Thompson, Clement Campbell and Kyle Hall were not re-elected to serve on the council.

In Marco City, Kevin Ferguson was re-elected with newcomer Solomon Morley.

The pair who had formed an alliance beat out incumbent Joanna Newton Russell, Stephen Bain, Adeisha Brice-Briggs, Bethsheba Strachan and Leroy Watson.

This was one of the highly contested and anticipated seats on the Freeport Council. In High Rock, newcomers educator Chervita Campbell and businessman Don Martin were elected as two local representatives, beating incumbents Fritz Thompson, Clement Campbell and Kyle Hall.

William Martinborough and Melvina Albury were returned as councillors in Pineridge.

In Lucaya, Derek Sands was re-elected and newcomer Jennifer Ellis.

In Hawksbill area, Margaret Jones was elected unopposed. The new councillors for Freeport are expected to be sworn in next week.

In the West Grand Bahama District, Eight Mile Rock Polling Division One, the elected committee members are Maydone Russell, Grace Poitier, and Cleveland Simmons.

The Eight Mile Rock Polling Division Six in Hepburn Town, Harold Curry was elected. James Vega and Andre Outten are new the councillors for the Pinedale Office.

Simon Lewis, Susan Russell, Wilfred Bevans are the new councillors of Eight Mile Rock for the Hunters and Mack Town areas.

In West End and Bimini Constituency, Elizabeth Hield and Mark Greene, Sofia Dean, and Kevin Morris were elected.

In East Grand Bahama District, High Rock Constituency in the Sweetings Cay area, Floyd Feaster, Calvin Mitchell, Gladstone Russell, Bradley Tate, and Shervin Tate.

In East Grand Bahama, elected were Pedison Balliou, Ashwell Kemp, Geleta E Knowles, Elevenia McIntosh, and Carlton Roberts were elected. And in Pelican Point, Patrice Higgs and Philip Thomas were elected.