

BRUNO MAGRAS WINS LOCAL ELECTION IN FIRST ROUND



Seemingly unbeatable... After four terms running the island of Saint Barthélemy (two as mayor and two as president of the island council), Bruno Magras once again won the territorial elections in the first round of voting, as held on Sunday, March 19. The list, Saint-Barth d'Abord, led by the incumbent president of the Collectivité, garnered 1950 votes for a total of 53.65%. Bruno Magras will certainly also be elected as president of the Collectivité by the new Territorial Council, which will be installed on Sunday, April 2. Saint-Barth d'Abord will count

14 (out of a total of 19) seats on the council, going to Bruno Magras, Nicole Gréaux, Nils Dufau, Micheline Jacques, Andy Laplace, Marie-Angèle Aubin, Alfred Brin, Juliette Gréaux, Romaric Magras, Séraphine Danet, Corinne Febrissy, Ernest Magras, and Elodie Laplace.

Second place went to the list, Unis Pour Saint-Barthélemy, led by Xavier Lédée, with 747 votes, or 20.55%. This score allows the list to have two people on the council: Franciane Gréaux-Le Quellec along with Xavier Lédée.

Saint-Barth Autrement, the list with Hélène Bernier at the top, received 657 votes. With 18.07%, this list won two seats on the council, which go to Hélène Bernier and Maxime Desouches, a current opposition member on the council.

Tous Pour Saint-Barth, the list led by Bettina Cointre, won but 280 votes, or 7.70%, giving her a seat on the new council. Benoit Chauvin, who gave up his place at the head of this list to Cointre, will no longer serve on the Territorial Council, where he has been an opposition member.

With 3,685 voters, out of 5,478 on the electoral roll, only 67.2% cast a vote. This is a lower percentage than in the last presidential elections, when the 71.5% of the population voted five years ago. There were actually a few more votes than last time, but the overall list comprises more names.

Since the last election, Bruno Magras lost 18 points as compared to 2012, when he won 73.78% of the votes, and obtained 16 seats out of the 19 places on the Territorial Council. 18 points less is a considerable decrease, but with such a huge lead the last time, it would have taken an earthquake to shake things up enough for those who would like to dethrone him.