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TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD BY-ELECTION RESULT

The by-election, being contested by eight candidates, was won by Malcolm Sparrow. Alistair Sutton was second, Margaret Lucas third, and Richard Herbert fourth.

A pity there was only one vacancy because there were several good quality candidates standing. Hopefully they'll put their names forward again when the next triennial elections come around in October 2010, just 11 months away. It would be good to have a younger person on the board, to have more female representation, and to have the expertise and knowledge for which certain individuals are renowned!

Thank you to all 3065 people who voted in the by-election, 30.65% of the 10,002 Tawa residents eligible to do so. And further thanks to those who voted for me.

My pledges as part of my campaign were as follows, and I will do my best to follow them through:

- ensure that the board liaises with the local community more frequently.
I previously played a major part in compiling a board newsletter which was distributed to every household in Tawa three times a year. It would be good to have that up and running again to let people know what the community board actually does on their behalf.
- be involved with the continuation of the Tawa Community Civic Awards, previously held in 2006 and 2008
- continue to foster the community spirit which most residents in Tawa value a great deal
- listen to local people's concerns and assist wherever possible.

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