

Jim Sinclair, Jim Durocher, and Ron Laliberte:

Métis Political Activist Interviews (April 17, 2004)

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**(Video Tape: 7:08.21.20) RON LALIBERTE:** You hit on an, on an interesting point and when you talk, when you look at the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, to this idea of an opposition, what do you think about an opposition in regards to, an opposition party in regards to the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan that would be, you know, along the same lines, where you'd have an opposition?

**JIM DUROCHER:** I think that would be healthy. I think it would be a healthy thing.

**JIM SINCLAIR:** It would be healthy if providing had a legislative assembly.

**(Video Tape: 7:08.43.24) JIM DUROCHER:** And it, and it prevents, in, in-fighting as well, you know, because sometimes right now, sometimes the reality is you sit in the same table and you don't like each other for some reason, you know, so you bicker and you fight and then you, then you take that outside, you take it to the, and the communities see that, you know. If you had an opposition, okay you go sit over there and then I'll sit over here and than, you know, let's debate.

**RON LALIBERTE:** That's right.

**JIM DUROCHER:** You know, then, then, then it's an official opposition. Then it becomes official and it becomes something that you can work on, you

know, that you can, you can, and that's the way it is supposed to be. I have no problem with that, I've never had a problem with that.

**(Video Tape: 7:09.19.11) JIM SINCLAIR:** And you support your institutions. Your institutions has to be independent they, they have to be independent in a way that they can operate but yet in the same sense responsible to the leaders in the terms of, of it's accountability, which the leaders in turn are responsible to the people and you do that through a democratic process, where there's one person one vote. And I strongly believe in that today that, that, that should happen. But on a national level I, I, I don't know about having one national leader again. I always believed in a coalition or kind of a federation where you'll take chair people.

**JIM DUROCHER:** A spokesperson.

**JIM SINCLAIR:** You won't ever have all the same spokespeople because, again you have your community which, which you want to keep them involved and if you wanted a national leader, you would all have to vote democratically for that national leader. But then does the national leader really speak for everybody? Where your province is as far as it should go, and then your, your national body should consist of all these provinces sitting there...

**JIM DUROCHER:** We had a rotating chair.

**JIM SINCLAIR:** That's what we wanted to have, a rotating chair.

**JIM DUROCHER:** That gives everybody an opportunity, everybody that's part of that group, you know.

**JIM SINCLAIR:** And the government can't co-opt one person.

**JIM DUROCHER:** You can't, that's right.

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