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RE: <u>HRDC Meeting - January 22nd and 23rd, 1998</u>

Dear Mr. Durocher:

Further to our conversation on January 19, 1998 regarding the HRDC meeting of January 23, 1998. I will refer to the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan Constitution Article 8-section(s) 9 to 11 which states:

Sub-section 9 - When nominations close to all candidates shall take a <u>'leave of absence'</u> from any elected position......

Sub-section 10 - When nominations close and until candidates are unofficially elected, the Senators shall be solely responsible for conducting the affairs and activities of the Organization.......

Sub-section 11 - The Provincial Métis Council members shall be on call and shall conduct business or represent the Organization from time to time as requested by the Senate.

The Provincial Métis Council members shall receive expenses to compensate for travel expenses as requested by the Senate.
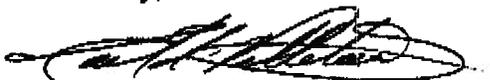
The purpose of the preceding articles of the Métis Nation Constitution is to ensure a fair and equitable general election whereby all candidates abide by the same rules and regulations on more or less, a similar playing field.

The Elections Commission has investigated the purpose of said meeting(s) and have concluded and recommended that the meeting(s) are not of a pressing nature, e.g. Signing of finance documents or agreements. Therefore, the Métis Election Commission/Senate **will not** endorse any incumbent/candidate to attend said meeting(s) on behalf of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan in any official capacity or office.

As I had previously mentioned, I see no harm in attending these meeting(s) as an 'individual' member of the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan.

Sincerely,

Earl A. Pelletier
Chief Electoral Officer

cc: Election Commission '98