

# **“Leadership”**

“... As council chairman, I have learned a great deal. I have always calimed to be a common man with common goals. I am not so picturesque; nor do I speak so eleoquently as my elders; nevertheless, I know my capabilities - and the scope of my concerns does not exceed the wishes of our people.

“I do not pretend to be a leader - as we all know that the real power and authority rests with the people. For its the people who provide leadership, own title to the land, and bear the children to respect their own cultural values; that is the principles of good government - an advocacy of equity, and always allowing the people to quell any threats that may harm the future of our children.”

**- Ron Pond, General Council Chairman  
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation  
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