Jim Sinclair, Jim Durocher, and Ron Laliberte:

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JIM SINCLAIR: And that was a mistake, so again, you, you, you got to be serious about your, you know, people don't use that just to go around and that, that, that Métis membership should mean something, you know. And, and, and people should really look at that very closely. You don't give it away, sell it to somebody for economic gain because you're only killing yourself and that's why they stopped everything. And again I said one of the reasons that happened is that Métis have not come up with a definition that is applied to their people. And until they do that, that's going to, that's going to, that's going to hurt them. So they, they've got to stay out of the courts, go to the table. Because I, I thought, way back too, I think, you know, when the Constitutional talks were over, I thought for a few months after that we had failed, but then when I started looking and saw those Métis rights and the fact that we had Constitutional rights and the rights were, were protected in section 35, I said that's enough. I said these guys, we've left them with, with recognition. We've left them with…

RON LALIBERTE: But what's really happened though since then? I mean…

JIM SINCLAIR: Well you have to go back again to the present day…

(Video Tape: 7:33.57.07) JIM DUROCHER: I think, you know, I think they've lost the support that they had at the community level, you know, I always go back to the community level and when that happens what are you going to do? Well, you get pressure and which direction should you go now. And, you know, the easiest thing for them to do I guess is to go to court.

And, you know, that's what they've been using and you don't necessarily need to go there all the time, you know, especially now we've got some cases that, you know, that were, that we won. Now you should go back to the communities again. You got to go back to the communities and, you know, and have, you know, talk about those rights that are in there already. They're there already.

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