

Nora Cummings, Peter Bishop, and Ron Laliberte:
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(Video Time: 2:37.50.01) Ron Laliberte: Just one last thing

I want to say before we leave this, I mean, about Cree. I mean, Michif and that. Do you find that that's being lost now or, you know, it's a lost language, or is it people trying to bring it back or what? Because, I mean, you, you grew up with that you see that it's pretty well in a lot of ways gone and it's...

(Video Time: 2:38.10.00) Peter Bishop: It's not totally lost because in communities like Beauval and Ile a la Crosse there's still a bit of Michif mixed in with their with their Cree. Both communities, 'cause I've lived in Beauval. Yeah. But anywhere else it is ...

Nora Cummings: In the south there's the Michif in the smaller communities. He's right because in Buffalo Narrows, when my husband goes up there he talks Cree to them. He gets, he comes back he's frustrated. They don't even talk to their kids, you know. Because he feels that they should and that they're sort of losing that. And again in the cities you'll find it's not as, like you don't, like Peter is one of our traditionals and, of course Mike and a few of the others, but you'll find that it is lost especially to our younger people. And that's a sad thing, and if we don't pick it up now and make sure our young people are going to be able to do that. It will be lost.

Ron Laliberte: So that's a concern then...

Peter Bishop: Yes, yes definitely.

Ron Laliberte: ...to see that? And the young kids aren't picking it up and it's being lost in that sense?

Nora Cummings: Yeah.

Ron Laliberte: Yeah. Okay.

Nora Cummings: Yes.

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