

Feb 11, 2024, NCI - Ted Kuntz On Jason Lavigne Show with Donald Best Speakers

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Transcript

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Jason Lavigne

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popping up any moment now. And we even had an interview with Twitch didn't like the gentleman's last name, I think they have some sort of word list, which people use on Twitch to get around certain names. And our gentleman's last name is on that list. So I had to rename that. Sorry about that Ted Kuntz, that's how you pronounce it. It's no other way, Twitch. And I'm sorry, folks, I'm just going to make sure that Rumble is up now, before we continue. would be up any moment now. On that one? Any second now, folks, I also have some information I need to give to you correct some some news that we've released recently, minor details. But as soon as I get confirmation rumbles up, there we go. Alright, sorry. I rumbled. Sorry. rumble.

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Jason Lavigne

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I pushed the wrong button this morning. It's been fixed. And then sorry, Twitch, you're not? You're not getting his last name. Go figure. Good morning. Good morning. Good morning, everybody. Thank you for that there was a little bit of a wonky beginning. But we're ready to go right everywhere. All platforms are doing good. All right. So we got Donald Best back and be quite surprised when you see this gentleman today. And then Ted Kuntz. And that's how you say it. There's many different ways to try and say, but that's the way we're gonna have a great conversation with Ted and Donald about the NCI, the current iteration of it, the current path forward, and all that good stuff. If you've been paying attention for the last couple of weeks, to Laura Tyler Thompson, to Shadow Davis to super spreaders to this show. You're hearing a lot from the NCI people and talking about their future what we're going to be doing.

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Jason Lavigne

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But before we jump into that, we do a couple corrections. So when we reported that Jerry Moorin one of the Coots accused, who is now no longer and accused, he's free, man, he's out of jail. He's not even on bail or anything like that. He's out. He's out, he's out. But we reported that he wrote a letter, I just want to clarify that it could be the letter or a statement of fact, it was reported to me very early to be a letter. But now we are aware that there's a statement of fact, that was signed and agreed to, it says the same thing that was

reported to me the letter and the same effect contained the same details. So the person providing it to me may just refer to the statement of fact, it's a letter. So I don't know if there's another document this is a question. A lot of people were asking me yesterday, hey, we've seen the statement of fact. But is there also a letter? I don't know. Okay, because when I first got the information early, within the first hours, it was Jerry wrote a letter that said, and then information was provided to me, as a statement of fact matches those details. So that person may have been referring to the statement of fact, as a letter, so let's just leave that one there. Because I don't know if there's a separate letter to save the fact that I don't have any evidence of that or copy of it. But the information that was relayed early, before the statement of fact, that came out was a letter. So let's just refer to a state of fact, now Jerry provided a statement of fact, for the Crown. It's damning. He calls out X and Y. These are the two people that he's testified against in that letter X and Y. Well, you can do the math is to accuse still in and there's two letters X and Y. Who is X and Y. I guess we'll find on the trial. There's certainly speculation but we guess we'll find out the trial. So thank you for that correction. I had a few people reach out for me on that one.

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Jason Lavigne

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Second correction, James Salry.(?) He we've seen that video now. Okay, and there's a black vehicle on the side please a vehicle with the lights on and an officer as this gentleman rolls through the checkpoint, and we see the crushed pylon. The information I got this morning to correct this. And I want to be careful with this because I only have one source right now, because it doesn't even match the testimony of the officer but someone reached out to me and said that that black vehicle there isn't the officer that was doing a checkpoint that officer had a marked vehicle. And surprisingly enough this person is telling me that that officer jumped in their vehicle and participated in the arrest of James salary. Now why this is surprising to me is because it's often the officers testimony in victim impact statements letter, which is read out loud in the courtroom, stated that he dropped to the ground and cried uncontrollably. So I'm not sure which is it. Then he dropped to the ground crying uncontrollably or did you jump into your vehicle like a hero and chase after this man, which is it? There's more questions now.

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Jason Lavigne

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And Leighton Gray was on yesterday with Maxine Benier. And we also had Marco Van Huigenbos on yesterday, and Leighton Gray and I played this video for him. He does believe that this is fresh evidence it could be used for the appeal. So let's go make sure that we try and top up James Salry's appeal fund at Gift Send Go slash James our appeal. Because if you can get an appeal, that's fresh evidence plus as a competent representation plus his charter violations plus plus plus, he may have a good appeal here. So folks, let's go Go ahead and try and get that going because this information is interesting. All right, excuse me. So those are the two corrections. I'm gonna get out of the way.

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Jason Lavigne

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Now let's get into it. I'm going to put Donald on the screen and let's see how long it takes you guys to figure out. something's a little bit different with him. Just a little bit different. Good morning, Donald.

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Donald Best

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Good morning. Ah, Swati be my clap (?). Happy Chinese New Year.

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Jason Lavigne

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Oh my gosh. Oh, my gosh, it's gone. It's gone. Well, half the men are out there free. So that's right.

DB

Donald Best

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Yeah. So I don't know if you can hear there's a mixture of fireworks and gunshots going off in the rice field right now. But everything's fine.

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Jason Lavigne

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Oh, my gosh. No, we haven't heard that. And when did you go to Chicago?

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Donald Best

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No, this is throughout Southeast Asia. It's celebrating here tonight. Yep. And it's huge. It's big. We just we just stay where we are. You don't go out a week before you don't go out a week after the whole the whole continent is moving visiting relatives. So just stock up. Stay at home. You'll be fine.

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Jason Lavigne

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Sounds like a lockdown order to me. I don't know. But look, thank you for being here today. Shaved face at all. And I'm sure he

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Donald Best

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..baby face calling me baby face now like gangster? (Yeah, yeah), it's Nelson.

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Jason Lavigne

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Yeah. Yeah. No, it's very different. It says he popped up this morning like, whoa, hello. Nice to see you. 10 years at least younger. But we'll we'll see if you're a new wiser. So Tuesday morning, you and I kind of had a conversation with the NCI is path forward. And, and all that kind of stuff. We we get very passionate and we work hard at trying to get the information out. And neither one of us are the type to just step back and take anything. If you have an opinion. We'll bring it forward. And if we understand facts a certain way we will discuss it. And if there's

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Donald Best

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and if there's new evidence, new facts, we'd love to hear it. Yes.

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Jason Lavigne

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Yeah. Yeah, well, we eat the stuff up because we'd like knowledge, and we'd like to understand. So it was a good conversation. We got lots of comments about it. And now we're lucky enough to have Ted Kuntz on. Now if you're on Twitch, Ted, as I say, stuck there, because I guess some people pronounce it a certain way, which got banned on Twitch. But there we go. We're now live and ready to go. I'm gonna bring him on now. Because I'm really excited to finally meet him. And he's not just wow, this is a great title, not just the NCI chair. This gentleman is around doing a whole bunch of things in the freedom movement. He's a bit of a leader in a lot of different places. And a lot of people look up to him, so I'm really honored to finally get to meet him. I've done some emails with him in the past and more recently, as well. Now I get to meet him. So I'm looking forward to this. Good morning, Ted, how are you?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Good morning, gentlemen. Nice to see you both. My lighting should get better by the minute, the sun is just poking up over the horizon. So

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Jason Lavigne

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yeah, we're a morning show. We're used to that. So the lighting for everybody usually changes throughout the two hours. But you know, thanks very much for being here. You sound great. And you look great. Let's go ahead and start with kind of just introducing you to everybody, so they know who you are pre MCI and then your current position with the NCI?

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Ted Kuntz

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Well, my background is that I was a psychotherapist in private practice for 25 years. I retired in 2017. I've been with a member of Vaccine Choice Canada for many years, I was asked to become the president in December of 2019. Not knowing what I would, was walking into. And, and the other hat that I wear is I host a meeting every Friday morning for freedom leaders across Canada. And I just realized this week that it'll be three years this week that we've been hosting those meetings. So an incredible opportunity to meet with many good warriors across the country that are committed to reclaiming this country, reclaiming our rights and freedoms and getting Canada back on a moral foundation that we have desperately lost over the last many years. So those are the pieces that I bring to the conversation gentleman.

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Jason Lavigne

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Right, So I actually got the pleasure of actually joining last week when I was a wallflower. I got to just watch. And it's an amazing thing you're doing there. You have presenters, you have topics they've got slots, there's a bit of an agenda as well. And I really enjoyed it. Because last week, it was about some medical alternatives and really challenging and working on how to have a system that you can trust. And it was really, really cool. So thank you to whoever provided that to me. And if I'm lucky enough to join again today I will because there's a lot of good information there. How did you go before jumping to NCI? How did you go about three years ago creating this group and getting this kind of collection of people together?

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Ted Kuntz

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Well, Jason it began quite innocently, and we didn't realize that we'd become what it has is that we saw hundreds and hundreds of groups that were beginning to form as a result of the government's overreach in response to COVID. And what we noticed is that these many groups were struggling with they had inadequate resources. Often there was a duplication of efforts. And we thought, There's got to be a way that we bring these groups together, that they can share resources, they can avoid the duplication, we can amplify really good efforts. And so the intent was originally just to set up a website, we call that Freedom Rising. And we just simply wanted to list the various groups that were doing good work in this country, to reclaim our rights and freedoms. And it was interesting to watch, because initially, there were 20 groups, and then 50, then 100, and 152. And now there's, there's over 400 groups in Canada, that are working on our behalf. And so the first goal was simply to make people aware of them to in some ways to develop an inventory.

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Ted Kuntz

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And then it was suggested to me that, well, why don't we bring people together just to get to know each other. So I scheduled a zoom call for an hour on a Friday morning. Just assumed this would be a one off or, you know, maybe once in a while and 20 people attended. And at the end of the meeting, I said, Well, you know, why don't we do this again in a month? And people said, what, a minute, how about next week? And I said, Do you want to meet next week? And they said yes, and and next thing, you know, instead of 20, we had 30 than 50 than 100 and 150. And we now consistently have an audience of somewhere between 150 and 200. And these are really good quality leaders in our movement across the country. You know, the, you know, the Dr. Mark T'Rozzi's, the Dr. Stephen Malthouse's the various lawyers regularly attend our meetings. It's it's an inspirational time. And so that meeting went from an hour to two hours. And I have to tell you that, you know, we're always, you know, rushing to the end of the two hours, because there's so much good information that's happening. And what I'm excited about is that the level of collaboration that's happening between groups, you know, somebody will present something and somebody says, you know, I can help you with that I know something about that, please call me afterwards, can I reach out to you and there's lovely, beautiful, connecting, that's happening and collaboration. And so it's, it's a delight to watch. And so it happened quite innocently.

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Jason Lavigne

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I have a similar story, like I just had, Tom Morazzo on and then someone else and someone else. And now I'm two shows a day, we do two hour shows a day, there's never enough time to actually get all the people in there needs to be here, you're listing off people that have been on the show, or will be on the show. So I get it. Freedom rising that name rings to me, like you're trying to recover freedom, like it's not there anymore, it has to come back instead of you know, freedom being here. So I guess even early three years ago, you realize it needs to be a mission to restore freedom, have a comeback and be lifted up from the grassroots up? Am I Am I reading too much into this name? Or is this kind of where you're going with that?

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Ted Kuntz

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No, you're absolutely right, as we recognize that our rights and freedoms were being violated, you know, Vaccine Choice Canada, was the first group to actually launch legal action against the government of Ontario and the Government of Canada. We filed action back in July 2020. And I think the reason that we saw it early is because most of our membership at vaccine choice Canada is families whose children have been harmed by vaccines. And so we've learned to be skeptical of the claims of government, the claims of public health. And so when the government began to roll out this narrative, most of us in in our, in our movement, and in our membership said, You know what, this, this doesn't seem right. And then we started to see the egregious violations in terms of imposing medical treatments like distancing, masking, and eventually the the injections onto the population

that denied the right to bodily sovereignty, informed consent, and the right of parents to make medical decisions for their children. And so yes, we we saw this early, and we, we knew that I don't want this for my children and my grandchildren. I want them to live with the rights and freedoms that we were promised under our Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

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Jason Lavigne

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Oh beautiful. So yeah, that's been around for a while. So as this narrative came out, and you saw things happening, and you're hearing things like, you know, safe and effective after just a couple of months of playing with it, you're like, oh, boy, this cannot be good. So you saw it very, very early for all of us. Now, did you find it difficult bringing that message forward? And are you a bit of a lobbyist group like do you guys lobby the government at all when it comes to this issue?

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Ted Kuntz

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No, I would say that our purpose is really education. And so we take seriously the education of both of parents and and of our elected representatives, we bring forward information that most most aren't aware. As a matter of fact, most doctors aren't aware of it. You know, one of the beautiful things that have happened over the last three years, I've had many doctors who have contacted me and said, Ted, I need to apologize. I didn't do my homework and vaccinations, I'm talking about all vaccinations. I assumed that what I was being told was true. I never did my homework. I looked at groups like you guys - Vaccine Choice Canada with a lot of skepticism. And now what I realized is, you were ahead of us, you knew more than we knew. And, you know, unfortunately, I lost a son to vaccine injury. I've spent more years researching the topic of vaccine injury. And I've discovered that what the government tells us what public health tells us is a lie. And, you know, we, and we've been lied to massively over the last four years is to have you to have you know.

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Jason Lavigne

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oh my gosh, I'm so sorry to hear that protect apologies for your son, thank you for continuing this and his his memory. And I'm sure that this is going to be something into forever and ever. You're right. I know somebody really close to me who vaccine injured over 20 years ago. And she's dealing with the effects of it now. She's still dealing with it, multiple surgeries, she got a lot of issues, but quite the fighter. And she's one of the loud voices too because she knows she knows that vaccines can injure even if the good intentions there didn't change her injury. Annie. So I'm sorry about your son. But I think it led to a wonderful mission. And you're you're gonna save some more lives here Ted. Yeah. So Donald, now that we're learning more about Ted, he's double amazing, isn't he?

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Donald Best

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I think so. And, you know, he's been on this the vaccines long before COVID.

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Jason Lavigne

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Before it was cool, right?

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Donald Best

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Right. Before it was cool. I mean, I think Danny Rancor sat me down one day and said, I have something to tell you. Because I was concentrating on the COVID vaccine. And when you get into the history that you're not allowed to know, from the mainstream media, when you get into that, it's shocking. It is really, really shocking. But it sets the foundation for what they did to us this past three years.

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Jason Lavigne

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Yeah, yeah. Okay, so now we can start getting into it. Now, Ted, you mentioned is 400 groups in your Freedom Rising? My experience is when you get more than two people together, fights will happen. (laughter) Just my experience. So you've been able to shepherd his group of 400 grown up to 400, keep these meetings going. And I'm sure there's been some friction and some misunderstandings and stuff along the way. But I think it's bit of a testament to your leadership to be able to do this for three years with the freedom group of all groups to because we're very passionate. And we're very excitable.

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Ted Kuntz

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and independent,

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Jason Lavigne

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independent 100%. And we also like to hold people accountable, including the people right next to us if need be. So it's a very interesting group to try and shepherd. How have you found that so far? And then we'll get into and see next, I think some of this experience is going to be helpful. How have you been shepherding that so far for three years?

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Ted Kuntz

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Well, you know, I think the core is and I can hear it in the in both of your voices is you have respect for the people that come to this battle and are passionate, and, you know, each one

comes with a lived experience that, you know, is what motivates them to be in this battle. And they may know something that the rest of us don't know. And so for example, you know, my my lane that I say is, is around vaccines and vaccine injury, and there are many people that haven't pursued that lane. And so when I bring forward information, you know, they may say, Well, you know, I think you're wrong, or I don't agree with you, and I and, and what I recognize is that other people have done similar kinds of deep dives into, you know, everything from EMFs, to the World Health Organization to WTF, and they may know, things that I don't know. So what I tried to do is hold, you know, some humility to say I, you know, I, I guess, I want to say is, the older I've gotten, the more I realized what I don't know.

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Ted Kuntz

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And I also come to the realization that I've been incredibly naive, and I actually think most Canadians have been incredibly naive. You know, one of the things that Rocco Galati said to me when we retained him back in 2019, he said, Ted, governments are the most dangerous organizations in the world. And when he first said that while you know like that, that seems like a kind of a strong overstatement. And and as I now realize is that he was absolutely right, is that we have to treat these organizations as dangerous We have to hold them to account, we have to be skeptical, skeptical of what they say and do. And so I guess the bottom line is, is that there are many, many battles that need to be fought here. And I tried to hold space. And it's not unlike what a therapist does hold space for the conversations to come to light. And people will move through that information at various speeds. And I guess what I tried to do is I try to model respect to hold space for those conversations. And I don't I don't agree with all of them, but it's not my place to agree or disagree. I would suggest my space that my My responsibility is to receive information, consider it, investigate it, think about it, and be flexible with with what I think is true.

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Jason Lavigne

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Okay, well, I can see why you're part of the NCI, then you have all the traits that you would absolutely want. So when did you get recruited? And what what time did you join? At what role Were you always, you know, part of leadership? Or did you start, work your way up with the NCI? Yeah, the original original in the two years?

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Ted Kuntz

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Well, I'm one of the original members. So there were 11 of us that came together back in July of 2022, with the idea that we needed to hold a National Inquiry to the government's response to COVID. And we felt strongly that we couldn't trust government to investigate themselves. We also believe that this is a responsibility of citizens, that one of the failings that we have participated in, in Canada, and in many generations, I would suggest is that we have sat back and allowed governments to operate with with not, with insufficient

oversight on, on on the part of citizens. And I think what many of us now recognize is that democracy is only as strong as the involvement of its citizens. And simply checking a box every four or five years is not a strong democracy.

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Ted Kuntz

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A strong democracy is when we participate in the decision making. We attend meetings, we ask questions, we hold people accountable. And so I was one of the 11 people that came together back in July of 2022, saying we have to hold some kind of inquiry, we have to create an opportunity for those that have been affected by the government measures or the government's response to COVID to tell their stories. And so I've been there right from the beginning. And it has been an incredible journey. I, I feel very proud of the NCI, I think it is actually one of the most important tools that have happened in Canada. And I'd like to think that if the history of Canada is written accurately, it's going to be recognized along with the truckers convoy is one of the most important events in Canadian history.

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Jason Lavigne

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Yeah, I'm going to kind of maybe just suggest one word, you said one of the, it'd be a tool for history or for in Canadian history, I think it's going to be a tool that creates Canadian history, it's going to be used to shape Canadian history, not just be part of it. Without it, our history is going to look a lot different. So it's one of the more proactive tools. Did you go to your Freedom Rising group to find the other 10? How did the other 10 come together? And was Preston Manning one of them?

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Ted Kuntz

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Yeah, Preston Manning was was one of the initial people of that group of 11. And he actually was an important resource to us. You know, he had name recognition he had experience with, with government, and he recognized the importance of accountability. And so, you know, it's an interesting question. I actually don't know how the 11 of us were selected, or who did that selection. I was simply invited to a meeting. I liked what I heard, I offered my time and my resources to that initiative. And it's been a part of my life on a, I would say, on a daily basis. Since that time,

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Jason Lavigne

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no, yeah. So somebody should go take the poster from Ocean's 11. You know, that movie with Brad Pitt and Clooney, and put your pictures in there? Because we have the celebrity started off, maybe we'll make you Clooney. Okay, so when this a group of 11 came together, that's kind of cool name, maybe you should be artists, the group of 11 came together. In that group, where did you settle as a role? Were you leading it? Were you participating?

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Ted Kuntz

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I was one of the one of the key support group members. I mean, we made we all brought our time and talents to this. And then some of us began to take on more of a role. And so for example, um, you know, from the NCI the contribution that Shawn Buckley made to the, I mean, for Teresa, and Teresa, you know, those to the NCI wouldn't have happened without the contributions of those two. And so, I would suggest that if we were to kind of divvy up, you know, what percentage of contribution here Each of us may I would say those two probably contributed 90% of what happened.

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Jason Lavigne

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Yeah. And I'd agreed to speaking to them. I think it's nine. It's 89 Teresa 1 percent Shawn, because she worked so hard behind the scenes. I'm just putting it out there. She's got a, she's got a great man, but she's a great woman.

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Ted Kuntz

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Well, they're beautiful souls, they're deeply committed to this country. And so, you know, so each each of us made a contribution. And so I was one of those members of the of the management team that made the decisions about the logistics about the strategy about, you know, when and where we would hold these, these inquiries I took responsibility for, along with Kari Simpson to host the Vancouver hearings, the three day hearings in Vancouver. I was the person that scheduled the the testimonies for Vancouver. And that was that was an onerous task. I was working 12 to 15 hour days at that time, because there was more than 150 people that had indicated that they wanted to testify in Vancouver. And we only really had enough time slots for about 33 to 35 people.

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Ted Kuntz

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So I had to go through that list of 150. I had to speak with them, I had to figure out which ones I thought had the most important testimony to bring forward and the time that we had available, slot them and confirm with them. Walk them through it. There are many you've heard from Shawn Buckley, there are many that we're afraid to testify. And so there was really it required a lot of personal support to bring these people to the to the inquiry into and to be brave enough to speak. So each of us brought something different. And then in December 14, I think it was I was asked if I would become Chair of the NCI and so since then I've been the chair of the hands Yeah.

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Jason Lavigne

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...23 So just two months ago, okay. Then where did David Ross and Ches Crosbie fit in this? Were they part of the original...did they come later? I don't really need to go through all of the people. But these two particular were did they?

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Ted Kuntz

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David David Ross was was part of the original 11 Group Ches...Ches was a later addition. Ches began to make his contribution and he was helping to connect with the experts that were offering testimony. And we felt like his contribution was significant enough that there was value in bringing him into the group. But David Ross was there from the beginning. The original Chair of the group was Preston Manning. And and then when Preston took the position with the Alberta government to look at the legislation that was needed to be revised in Alberta. It was important for him to step back from the NCI as a condition of working for the Alberta government. We made a decision to appoint David Ross as the chair and David Ross was the chair until December the 14th 2023.

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Jason Lavigne

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And then, Ches was administrator or NCI administrator. That was,

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Ted Kuntz

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yeah, it was, you know, we needed we, you know, one of the things that we had to do early in the development of the NCI is we needed to set up a not for profit corporation to receive and disseminate the funds that were being donated to the NCI and there were significant funds that needed to be properly managed. And so we appointed David Ross because of his professional designation as a, as a chartered accountant to, to that position. And we also asked Ches Crosby initially it was, again, it was Preston Manning initially, and then it was moved to to Ches Crosby. And then when the hearings began, we felt it was important to have what we call an administrator. And we gave that role to Ches Crosby.

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Jason Lavigne

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Okay, so was that administrative role more figurative? Yes. And actual duty things like he was assigning a bunch of stuff and causing meetings and stuff.

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Ted Kuntz

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Now figuring it was a figurehead.

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Jason Lavigne

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Yeah. Okay, okay, ceremonial, and all that kind of stuff. But David was pretty, pretty key along the way, it sounds like he was a chair for a while, and then left in December. Okay, so now that I have the main main players in here, and I kind of understand a bit more of the timeline there. Let's talk about about the original mission, when you're 11 got together at that point in time, you couldn't have imagined how grand it was gonna be and how big it was gonna be. You probably would just kick around the idea of like, let's get some people together and challenge this narrative. So what was kind of the (deceived? perceived?), and I'm a small business guy. So I totally understand pivoting and growing and all this kind of stuff and things dramatically different than the beginning. But what was the beginning idea for what you guys were putting together?

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Ted Kuntz

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Well the beginning idea was that we wanted to go across To the country and hold an inquiry where we would receive testimony under oath we actually wanted to select initially, we were targeting to have five commissioners. As it turned out, we selected four. And we identified eight cities across the country that we felt were representative of the Canadian public. But I have to be honest with you, just like you said, we, we didn't know if we could get this thing to fly. I mean, we started off with no social media on day one, with no money. There was actually a request from a couple of organizations, if they would donate seed money, or as a loan to be repaid back, should the funds come in.

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Ted Kuntz

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And so, you know, we started off with nothing. And as a matter of fact, we were reluctant to announce beyond the first two locations, which was Truro, and Toronto, we didn't want to announce the other cities, because we didn't know we have funds to get to the, to the third city. And so, you know, we were Oh, overwhelmed with the response of Canadian citizens to, to the inquiry, their generosity, we had hundreds and hundreds of people volunteer for the NCI, I know, the team that we had in Vancouver has an incredible team of more than 100 people who, you know, did all the tasks required to pull something together. And so, you know, I want to say that it was a miraculous event that happened. And I suggest that it's not unlike what the trucker convoy conflict was that I don't think that they had any idea what would happen when those trucks started to roll from BC across Canada, and it transformed Canada and the same thing happened with the NCI. And Shawn Buckley is not shy and saying this was God inspired, we had God's hand in this because it you know, what we say is we were trying to fly the plane while we were building it, and it flew.

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Jason Lavigne

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That's a great analogy. And yeah, I think about the penguins from those kids movie where they're doing exactly that they're working on the airplane while they're flying. Doesn't doesn't end well for them, just so you know. So I'm not sure if you guys knew that. But it takes a really dedicated team to keep that in the air. I get it, I get it, because I'm running around small business a lot. And, you know, sometimes you start with a certain leader, but it's not a it's not the right leader when it gets really big. You know, you have the visionary who gets it started. But then you need like an executive later to tackle things. It gets complicated, especially when you grow super quick.

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Jason Lavigne

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Donald. The first time I heard about this was October or so 2022. We were covering the POEC. And then I heard rumors about this NCI coming together. Someone nominated me as a chairman. I don't know if things would be different if I was there. But I did put myself forward. I think you guys selected. Excellent. Excellent.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Commissioners

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Commissioners, for sure. So Donald, when you first heard about NCI coming together late 2022, or maybe even earlier? Where were your thoughts? What as a Canadian, we thought about this group?

DB

Donald Best

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I'm sorry, but I didn't think I didn't think it would go anywhere. I really didn't. I realized the you know, the challenge that it was up against against about not being government because so many people want that stamp of approval on it. And in fact, the stamp of the government is highly suspect, as we now know. But back then, I, I was, I didn't think it would grow. I sent a couple of bucks there. But I really didn't think it would grow, so happy. I was entirely wrong.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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No, and I did the same thing. I threw a couple of bucks there. But my concern was, I think forceability, you wouldn't have an ability to force people to show up, to tell the truth, there's no consequences. What are your recommendations going to mean? Can you do indictments or anything like that? The answers to "no" to all of those. So my first concern

was, you know, maybe great, but what will it do? Can it make actual change? So I'm sure you recognize that early as well. You don't have subpoena power or anything like that. We have a we have a national, national we have inquiries Act, which allows the government to like select the commissioner and do all that kind of stuff and have full control and all that kind of thing. So

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Ted Kuntz

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We've seen those with the Roleau commission on the Emergency Act....

JL

Jason Lavigne

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side, exactly how well they work. So when you started early, did you see that okay, look, the PVC(?) is just a show. Let's try and do something with more truth behind it, but no teeth but no bite. So when you realize that what do you think you can do about that?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Well, we didn't we knew that we didn't have the ability to subpoena, and, you know, that was one of the real disappointments. I mean, we we invited I think 67 members of government public health to testify, and we wrote each of them individually. And we said, we think that your testimony is important. Canadians want to hear, you know, your position on on on the measures that you imposed upon Canadians, not one of them, not one of them was willing to testify. And I think that spoke loudly all by itself.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Testimony. Yeah,

TK

Ted Kuntz

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you know, but we recognize we had no legal ability to force them to testify. But we felt like this was an opportunity for them to tell their story, to justify their measures, and their unwillingness to do so would speak loudly. You know, one of the other things that has been made clear to me over the last couple of years is and it's conversations that I've had with Rocco Galati, where he says, you know, politicians follow the culture, they don't lead they follow. And the same with judges, judges follow the culture. And he said, what we need to do is we need to shift the culture. And I believe what the NCI did is it shifted the culture, it shifted the narrative by bringing forward truth. And it was compelling information, what we say to people, and I'm sure you've heard Shawn, say this is that listen to three testimonies, and you will be hooked, your life will be changed.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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People have been transformed both by hearing the testimony and by giving the testimony. There are many people, as I said, that were reluctant to testify, they were afraid to testify. And when they found their voice, it didn't just stop that day, they started to speak out from that day forward. And I suggest the NCI has been instrumental and Canadians finding their voice, standing in their courage and speaking truth. And I think that we've caused an incredible culture shift in this in this country. And, you know, the laws, but it is failing behind us. It's it's, I'm disappointed in our court system, I think it has failed us miserably. But I also believe that judges are human beings as well. And they were they weren't just as misinformed as the average Canadian. And what the NCI did is help them to understand that they were being lied to

JL

Jason Lavigne

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100%. And we hear this saying all the time, politics is downstream of culture, culture, influences politics, but I also have another one for you culture is downstream from faith. So faith itself should help guide culture, which then helps guide politics. And I think people forget about that one. Okay, that particular one. So you mentioned faith a little bit here, Shawn Buckley brings it to the table, you bring it to the table. So how important was it that you actually had people around you that had faith that God maybe would like to see this move forward?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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I think that's what lifted us. I mean, this was an act of faith that, you know, as both of you have talked about, when this thing started it logistically, it shouldn't have worked,

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Jason Lavigne

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... on paper had been much more difficult. Yeah,

TK

Ted Kuntz

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You know, it, you know, we would have bumbled along and then said, Well, we thought it was a good idea, but we couldn't get it to happen. But it happened. And it happened beyond our wildest expectations. And I believe we were supported by God, I have no doubt about that. And I believe that it was because we had faith in the Canadian people, we had faith that if they heard the truth, that they would want more of that. And that's what carries us through in the end, you know, I look to our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, that talks

about the supremacy of God that seems to have gotten lost in the understanding of what the Charter is about. And and those words, were there, you talked to Brian Peckford, you know, those words that were there by intention, they weren't just slid in by accident. And I think we have to get back, what I've said is that we have lost our moral foundation in this country, we have to get it back. And that happens by telling the truth, accountability, honesty, integrity. And that's hard work. But that's we've got work to

JL

Jason Lavigne

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No doubt and one of my episodes is with Brian Peckford, and it's titled "Abuse Charter," because that's exactly what he explained to us. He explained to us how that's not a preamble, like everybody calls it, and it has a full holding for reason, he specifically chose that character, because that is the beginning paragraph to every single section. You're supposed to read it with God, the supremacy of God and then read the section for all of them. That's why it's a ?? calling, and we need to spend more time teaching people what punc... punctuation means. And that means this needs to be amended to every single section that follows. And people have just completely struck that out like, it doesn't matter. And then they read it their own way without that. So we had an entire episode on that, I would encourage you to maybe check that out.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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And this is one of the missions we need to do for Canadians to get them educated on that as well. Now, when you did this, it was an open mission, which mean, you didn't say, we're going to prove not safe nor effective. You said, we're going to look into this. Now there's a chance that part of your inquiry would expose it as safe and effective, maybe the government narrative is correct.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Absolutely

JL

Jason Lavigne

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So when you have this open mission, I can see why some people would be worried and concerned and they don't know where it's going to end. But that's kind of the point. That's what a true inquiry is, you don't start off with your conclusion, and then prove it. You go through the process of following the evidence to come to the conclusion, like a real investigation. So I can see how early on maybe some people weren't sure where this would end up, because you don't know, you could end up completely validating the global narrative. And that was was sucked. But if that's where it led, that's where it led.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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If that's where the evidence took us if that's, you know, again, I would have hoped that our government officials and our public health officials would have had the courage and the integrity to stand up and saying, This is how we got to this place. Yeah. And their unwillingness to do that spoke, I think it spoke louder than, than anything, right. Their silence was deafening.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yeah, so those 67 That didn't show up, that was bad. And then no response after the report comes up even a rebuttal report or something else. That's bad

TK

Ted Kuntz

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you know, the commissioners report came out on November the 28th, in a credible document, and kudos to the commissioners for how they summarized, you know, we had 300 or 305 people testify under oath, during the inquiry, and it's the largest body of evidence received under oath in the world. With regards to the government's response to COVID, incredible body of information. And this, the government has never acknowledged it. And one of my disappointments with the Conservative Party of Canada is where was Pierre Poilievre of what why didn't he say, you know, that report is pretty important. Let's stand behind that report. Or let's look at the report or let's acknowledge it, it was, it's never even been acknowledged in the House of Commons. And it's never been acknowledged and our public media, it says if it never happened,

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Did you invite anybody from the Conservative Party to testify?

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Ted Kuntz

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Yes

JL

Jason Lavigne

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I know they're not in government. But did you invite any?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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There? There's a list that we've got. And that list is somewhere on our website that says these are the people that we invited to testify.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Okay, was Pierre on that list or other?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Have more testimonies, when you were with the head to Yeah, we have more questions than answers, right now?

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yeah. And that's what will happen when you get like, I don't want to call it a one sided inquiry, because that's not what you built, you built a full inquiry, but only one side showed up. So you're gonna play with what you've got there. And I also want to just highlight before we move on to the next stage here, without this inquiry happening, when it happened, there would be certain testimony, we wouldn't have Sheila Lewis, she gave her Louis, she gave her testimony. And unfortunately, we won't be able to do that again. So this record that you guys have already established, this testimony record you've already established has a really big value, because that will be used going forward too. Was there talk, you know, last year or so, uh, trying to, again, get this other side the 67 people to try again, like, was there an attempt to maybe lobby them at all, or work the political angles to try and get them involved?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Yeah, I mean, in addition to the formal requests, we encourage citizens to speak to your MP, ask them to testify, ask them to show up. So, you know, I don't know how many letters but I'm assuming that many MPs across the country receive phone calls, letters and visits from their constituents saying, You need to attend the NCI, you need to speak or you need to at least hear the testimony of the NCI. And, again, you know, what, are we getting response crickets, and we still have crickets.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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So is it your position at this point that you're not done? more work to do?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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What I suggest, Jason is, is we've only just begun. I think that we again, we were humbled by the response of Canadians, by the end by the impact of the NCI and we realize that this is an incredibly important resource in Canada. I believe that it's critical to the reclaiming of Canada. It has served us in ways that we didn't even conceive of when we began the NCI and And I think it needs to be an ongoing institution. It's a mechanism of citizen led citizen funded independent Accountability of our governments. Government cannot hold themselves accountable. They've proven that over and over again.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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And it used to be that our media was an immense institution that will hold governments accountable. That's no longer the case. I mean, that's why the work that you're doing and other independent podcasters is so critical, because our mainstream media, you know, many of call it the lamestream media, are fully captured by political and corporate agenda. And so they're not holding the these institutions accountable. I mean, all of the regulatory agencies and institutions that we thought were acting as safeguards as acting as guardrails was shining a light on, on the actions of government have failed us. And so I would say the good news is, is that we've recognized that we made a mistake and trusting them to do it without adequate oversight of those institutions. And, and so we've created a new one, and, and it succeeded far beyond our expectations, and...and it's my position, the position of the members of the support group of the NCI, that this is an institution that needs to be foundational to the health of Canada.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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That's the word I'd use to foundational because it created a great foundation to a new inquiry mechanism that we absolutely need. Now, when I heard you say that was the initial attempt kind of evolved, as this was happening, you had an initial vision of getting people together, but then it got bigger and more cities and more information came to light and the value of this inquiry became larger to the Canadian landscape. So would it be fair to say that at the beginning, you guys didn't have a clear, and this happens all the time with small business, there wasn't a clear end, like, what was the end of this going to look like? And is there an end, like I've gone through some of the material, and it's not clear that it was going to stop or continue, it was kind of like, let's just get going. Did I miss anything in the documentation?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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No...no you're right Jason, when we began, the the goal was fairly simple. We wanted to hold inquiry and eight cities across Canada, 24 days of testimony, under oath in front of commissioners, and we we require the commissioners to write an interim and a final

report of the findings and recommendations about how we do this different in the future. And that was the original target of what we wanted to accomplish. And then when we began to recognize the impact that it was having in the importance for the health of Canadian society, back in about July of last year, we said this is too important to stop, we need to begin to think about holding more inquiries and, and building the infrastructure for this organization to continue on an ongoing basis.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Okay, so there was nothing in the early talks, or even the initial setting up of the structure where it was understood that this would have a closing date or some sort of end, once might do X, Y will happen.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Correct

JL

Jason Lavigne

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And then we are now at the Z'd point. There was none of that discussion. Now that's common, that's common, especially when you have visionaries together because you're just looking forward. They're not looking to the end, visionaries usually don't have an ending to their story. They're always evolving and going forward. So that sounds to me, like the general group, the group of 11, maybe with or without David on this next statement, but the original group's mission was to just go hit the ground running and just go and see where this goes. And it wasn't a definitive end. Yeah, I got that. But right. Yeah,

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Ted Kuntz

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that's a good way summarizing.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Okay. Well Don it looks like we have a good understanding. Now this group that came together, their original mission wasn't a mission, it was a calling almost, because the mission you can kind of say, How's the conclusion? And it was evolving, it was evolving, so started with two cities with the ambition to have more and then it did have more, it started with a handful of people and it turned into 300 or so. So this entire thing during this entire conception has evolved. Donald would you see it that way as well?

DB

Donald Best

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I do and not only that, look, what's happened during the timeframe since since Ted you and your your, you know, your your fellow instigators got together for your first plotting meeting. Let's look at the revelations that have that came to the forefront since then, the Pfizer documents, all these reports the work of Danny Rancourt and other people - the whistleblowers. This evidence is is just starting. I mean, it's just continuing to develop and it's especially if we talk accountability. I think that we need to continue gathering evidence, if we're going to have any chance at all of bringing accountability to those who committed crimes to do what they did.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Well, Donald, you're right. I mean, every day more and more information is being revealed. You know, we talked about how this is a time of revealing. And every day, new information comes forward, that needs to be understood needs to be shared needs to be disseminated. And so you have to acknowledge that new information. This this is a process of discovery. It's a process we say of reviewing. And, again, I think that's one of the reasons why the NCI has to continue.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Okay, so now one of the challenges, I can see what that Ted, is the "what's next" question has not been answered. So when Shawn, I had him on, and we did a real deep dive with Ken as well, about the NCI report, the final report when he came out, "what's next" was the question. And if you watch our show long enough, Donald and I want to see a bunch of handcuffs on people. That's quite literally what we're trying to do. So we're paying very close attention to the what snacks can lead to some handcuffs, and I don't care if they're silver or gold, I just want some handcuffs done. So when I talked to Sean and Ken on the show, it was clear that this was being delivered to Canadians to then do what you need to do next, take it further get it out there, share it, maybe accountability, whatever was next.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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So the way it was explained to me was, here's the baby we worked on creating, nine months is up, it's delivered, now learn, teach it how to walk, how to run have have some effect in Canadian history. That's where I think we're gonna we're gonna be able to tackle some of this, you know, miscommunication that was going forward is what was next, what was supposed to be next. Was that discussed? Like, did you guys have enough vision early to go as further on and says, Once this is done, if it says "this not safe and effective?" What can be used for like an accountability level? Did you guys have that foresight back then?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Well, we recognize that we had to, like I said, back in July of 2023, and we said, this is too important to stop that needs to continue. So we knew back then that it needed to continue. And we began to have conversations about what the next hearings would look like. Let me just shift here. So trying to figure out what's best here for your lighting. I've got the sun now beaming directly into my eyes.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Apologies. But you look good, look good, by the way.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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And then the other task is is that we need to disseminate the report of the Commissioners, we need to advocate for the recommendations to be implemented. They've I think there's more than 400 recommendations in that document. And so we have two tasks. One is is to continue to conduct inquiries. And as we just talked about, there's new information that's coming forward. There's also other topics that need to be fully investigated, I would suggest one of them is we have to look at a judicial system, what's happened to our judicial system that it's no longer acting as an instrument to hold government to account. It's If anything, it's become an instrument of government, as opposed to an instrument of accountability and and keeping the guard rails up of what the government can and cannot do. So we have, we have two jobs ahead of us from my perspective.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Okay, that's what will happen, that will happen, especially in small business, you start off with maybe a service or product, and then it evolved into something else, and then it turns into commercialization, and then boom, we actually have something that we need to take to market. And all those skill sets are different to do that. So I completely understand that. By the way, I had a great interview with Maxine Bernier, Leighton Grey and Marco Van Huigenbos yesterday, look into the EA vocation. How did that happen? How did that happen?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Well again, I think there's another topic that requires a deep investigation. Right?

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Right.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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No, you look at that Helen Grus case in Ottawa, where she's being punished by the Ottawa police for investigating the deaths of infants. That's her job. So we need to investigate the Ottawa police. I mean, there are so many topics. And so one of the things that we're going to do in the next couple of weeks is we're going to do a survey of Canadians and ask them, what's the next area of inquiry that you would like the NCI to investigate?

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yeah, well, I'm going to place my vote for sure. Because doing the the introduction of the vaccine and how it vitiated or didn't follow our procedures is a great start. Maybe the EA will also expose some of this overreach and government inability to follow their own laws, as we just saw with Mosley. decision. And then based on those two foundations, I think government overreach in general, maybe the global connection might be something else to take a look at. I'm just throwing it out there because you're building a foundation here of truth, and it needs to be strong. And I think you're going to definitely discover very quickly, that there's a lot of fingers into pies that they don't belong, ultra virus is going to be everywhere, because they overreach everywhere. So I'd love to see all of that happen.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Now, let's get into a little bit of the challenge that we've been seeing over the couple of weeks, we're being careful not to use the word division, because it seems to be a separation of ideology. One group wants to do one thing, and then the main group wants to continue doing what they're doing. It's clear in my mind, now, Ted, that early on, there wasn't an established final point. It wasn't on your website, you didn't say we're going to do one report and be done and wrap it up or anything like that. But there is a group that kind of has the idea that that needs to happen, whether they always had that intention, and understanding or not, I don't really think matters now. What matters now is whether or not this is a function that's valuable to the NCI as a whole and to Canadians in general. So what are your initial thoughts about the idea of maybe shutting down the social media, shutting down the name, and then bringing this thing on the road road? I know where you stand on it. But what was your initial thoughts when you started hearing that that idea?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Well first of all, I think I need to backup here, because I think there's confusion about what the dispute really is about here. And I know that Ches and his conversation with you last week presented as a philosophical difference about the future at the NCI. And, and from my

perspective, Jason, that's not what it's about. Okay. There is no dispute about the future of the NCI, the NCI will continue.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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The dispute is who gets to make that decision? Who controls the NCI and from its very inception back in July of 2022, the support group was the body that was responsible for the management, the operations, the strategic decisions of the NCI, and that is clearly described in our bylaws, in our minutes, and the proposal of the of the mission of the NCI, there is no doubt and I you know, I could call up those documents now or read them to you if that would be helpful. That clearly articulates that the support group is the is that is the decision makers of the NCI. They hold the authority over the the all of the management, operational, strategic and financial decisions at the NCI.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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The Citizens Inquiry Canada Corporation, was incorporated by the support group of the NCI for one purpose and one purpose only. We recognize that as the donations started to come in, and they began to become significant, that we had a responsibility to properly manage that financial component. And so we incorporated a not for profit society with a very clear but limited mandate, and that was to receive and disseminate the funds that were donated to the NCI. And all the way through our operations, our every document, like I said, our bylaws are minutes all the way through, reflect that as the as the the way the NCI has been managed.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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To our surprise on December the 19th, Ches Crosbie began to introduce the narrative, that the support group did not have the authority that has been exercising over the last 18 months. And this not-for-profit organization, is the authority. And not only did they begin to introduce that narrative that two people David...David Ross and Ches Crosby are now the people to decide the future of the NCI, which we deny. They went further and they began what I call a hostile takeover the NCI. They contacted our social media contractors, and they told them not to follow the direction of the support group to the NCI, which had they had been following from the very beginning of their employment and further that they withheld the access codes to our social media accounts. They took away the very tool of dissemination of information that we relied on in order to do the work of the NCI and to disseminate the commission's report.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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I see that as a very serious violation of trust in the in within this organization. And I have to say is that we were shocked and surprised and confused. And it's like, "Where the hell is this coming from?" And so it's it's not a philosophical difference. I would suggest and I use the language in my letter today, to David Ross and Ches Crosby, this is a hostile takeover the NCI. And then the question is why? And I thought, Ches Crosby explained it very clearly in his interview with you about why, and maybe I can find that, that transcript, Jason and share, because I think it speaks loudly. Let me just find my my documents here I am working...

JL

Jason Lavigne

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While you do that let me jump over to Donald, so you have a couple of minutes and I'll get Donald because he has very clear, he read all the documents which Shawn Buckley provided, he's gone through them all as well. And as we know, Donald Best is the best when it comes to going through stuff like that. So let me go ahead and throw it to him. Donald, you went through all Shawn Buckley's attachments and minutes and all that kinds of stuff. What's your assessment? And let's try to be as impartial as possible. What's your assessment of the structure, the implied structure and the actual structure when it comes to the NCI?

DB

Donald Best

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Absolutely. And as we spoke about before, Jason, I went through first of all, looking for something that, that talk to an end of the project, that somehow that that there was a date or a mission or a goal. And no, as we looked at online, it's quite the opposite, it's open ended. And I could understand that because you didn't know what you were getting into. And then it grew. And as we just talked about, the evidence grew, and as time went by more and more whistleblowers, and the other thing, I think, I think that Ted would agree with me. The courage of the initial witnesses was contagious, contagious to all of Canada, just like Helen Grus, just like so many other people, their courage is contagious.

DB

Donald Best

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And this is... this is growing. I mean, can't you feel it hasn't been an incredible, first couple of weeks, this year, everywhere across Canada and in all things so, so that that was there. I wanted to know, what was the management structure? Is it true that the nonprofit corporation was had the direction and the management and had always been the manager? Well, that was just proven the moment that I started reading months and months of documents that Shawn Buckley released, were even in those documents. The people who now claim to have the mandate for managing the NCI were clearly subservient to the support group and looking for directions, and confirmations, and instructions for the entire life, and then all of a sudden, December boom. So I agree with Ted and I agree with Sean Buckley. And I have no inside knowledge. I looked at the documents. And they clearly show

no other conclusion to me anyway, that the nonprofit was established for the reason that it was, the tip and Shawn says it was

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Jason Lavigne

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to collect...

DB

Donald Best

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...and that it took its instructions from the Management Committee and even asked for them, even in one case, saying that they wanted the Management Committee to appoint the lawyer. For at...at, I mean, this is not, frankly, the same tale that was told when Ches came on our show.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Okay, so fair enough, fair enough. Now, I'm just gonna zoom out a little bit and be a small devil's advocate on this one. Because I also think as a business owner, shareholder, a stakeholder, I've done a lot of training Ted, in this kind of thing. I have my PMI professional management institute certificate. So stakeholders and shareholders are important pieces of the puzzle. It seems to me like there was on paper, this entity created that had three directors, and they're using that entity to take the ownership, take the leadership of this. Now why why can't they? Why can't they? Are they not the stakeholders and share... shareholders on the paper. And then it was led by a group of administrators and executives because normally a company does that, you have your shareholders, which will elect or appoint a CEO which will put his team together and run the business, or her team together to run the business. But they always are accountable to the shareholder and the board of directors. You had a board of directors but only three on it. Was there some maybe structural errors made early that led people to believe If that they're going to become or they are the stakeholders in this setup,

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Ted Kuntz

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No

JL

Jason Lavigne

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and is this what you might be challenging or wasn't clear when it was was, it wasn't clear when it was established that they were going to be just a collection for the donations and dissemination like that's what I want to understand.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Jason, it was abundantly clear, let me let me read you some of the paragraphs here. So there's this. This talks about the proposed corporate structure when we first began to set up. And it says, as discussed by the support committee, a legal entity is required to receive and manage the inquiry's funds.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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perfect.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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And then then it goes on to say that the not for profit, would strictly act as the legal organ for the inquiry and shall not be used as a decision-making mechanism. The support committee shall retain authority over all administrative, logistical and financial matters, instructing the not-for-profit board to an action as needed. It's abundantly clear here. And I mean, there are many documents, and as Donald said, all of our operations support that, our history supports that. If you if you go actually to our inquiry rules, which can be found on the website, it says legally, it is organized as a not-for-profit corporation with a board of directors to manage financial and compliance issues. However, the inquiry is led by the support group. And then when asked who the support group is, as one of the definitions support group means, the collection of individuals forming the support group, which started and manages both the National Citizens Inquiry and the not-for-profit corporation started for the management of the National Citizens Inquiry funds. And so the the documentation right from the very beginning, Jason is clear, the operation all the way through is absolutely clear. That group of people, which we call the support group, had all of the management and executive decisions. And and David Ross, and Andre Levin chenko helped to draft those documents, they know exactly what those documents say. They signed off on them. As you as I've indicated, David was the chair. He knew what the operation was, he supported that, that that way of operating up until December the 19th. And so the question is, why did it change?

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Right? And we're gonna jump into that one that question too, shortly, because I think it's really important. And I know Donald has an opinion on that as well. I've spoken to of course, you've seen both sides now. So I kind of have a bit of an idea what they're saying. But some of this information is helpful. It's helpful.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Honestly it is necessary to understand why why we have a challenge.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yep. Yeah. So why didn't you have more than three people on there? And why isn't there a larger entity that encompasses that donation bank account distribution part? Why is there only, prior to what you set up now, because there's a new entity called National Citizens Inquiry, prior to that? Why wasn't there a larger entity that kind of encompassed everything? Is it because you guys were just evolving and getting things focused,

TK

Ted Kuntz

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The larger entity was the support group of the National Citizen Inquiry. That was the management structure? That was the organization that that implemented, led, organized, facilitated the the National Citizens Inquiry. And there was no doubt in anybody's mind about that.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Was that illegal entity, though? Or was that a understanding?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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It was an association. And so the legal entity was formed for a very specific purpose. And as I said, a very...

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Jason Lavigne

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useful, bank accounting stuff

TK

Ted Kuntz

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...to receive and disseminate those funds.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yep.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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And, and that's the piece that they were tasked with, and unfortunately, that's the piece that I haven't done a very good job of. And that's a whole other matter.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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No, fair enough. And we can certainly, well, I don't know if we'll have time in this one to get into the nitty gritty. But what I'm thinking about structure, corporate entities, even not for profit, it sounds like this was rushed to get the bank account to get the donations in. And there's a lot of faith and trust that was there at the beginning, that you didn't need to have all 11 directors on and this kind of stuff. And you didn't have to go through a whole bunch of bylaws instead of a whole corporate structure. It seems like there was a lot of rushing and a lot of trust on the table. And then December 19, you guys were surprised and little bit blindsided that the people in the trust position has other motives. And we maybe we'll get into maybe, but those might be but at that point, you guys realize, oh, there's a trouble here is going to get down to lawyering possibly at some point and maybe even...

TK

Ted Kuntz

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I hope that's not the case

JL

Jason Lavigne

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I know. But these issues sometimes if they can't be mediated, they get litigated. So yeah, and I'm also trying to help avoid that because litigation will never make this better. It may have a conclusion for everybody, but it won't be better. Better would be to find a way to work without litigation. Okay, so December 19, you're getting this narrative rumbling from a couple members and important members, I think you would attest that they were very key to everything as well. But now they're starting to talk about this. Did you guys start to talk about hey, what are you doing? Like why are you putting....

TK

Ted Kuntz

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absolutely ...absolutely

JL

Jason Lavigne

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so those how did those go?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Well, first of all, I need to bring a little bit more information to what to the situation here is, on December the 14th, the support group made a decision to remove David Ross, not only as chair of the support group, but as a member of the support group.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Okay, can I ask what what motivated that decision?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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You know, there were a number of reasons, but the bottom line is there was a lack of confidence in his leadership.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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okay. And some decisions, some talking some things that people new, all accumulated, and a decision was made,

TK

Ted Kuntz

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A decision was made, and, and on December the 15th, I got - and I was it was at that meeting that I was then asked if I would take over the chair of the NCI, which I agreed to do. And on December the 15th, I got a very responsible letter from David Ross, saying congratulations on being appointed the chair, there are things that we need to do to transition from my leadership to your leadership. One of those things is there are many expenses that were being expensed to his credit card, he said, I given I'm no longer in management, you will need to take over those expenses, please contact me immediately so that we can do that.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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And so one of the things for example, that happened immediately was David Ross was paying the costs of the website. And so we went in David Ross, myself and the person who was responsible for helping to setup that infrastructure, made the transition from David Ross to myself. David participated fully in that I entered all of my credit card information and took over responsibility for for the website. And so on December the 15th, one day after David Ross had been removed there, there was the process of a responsible transition to to the to myself as being chair.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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December the 19th, we have a support group meeting and Ches Crosbie introduces the idea that the future of the NCI will be decided at the AGM of the not for profit organization. And the members of the support group saying, No Ches that's ... I don't know where you're getting that idea from. The the AGM can decide the future of the not for profit, but they don't have the authority to decide the future of the National Citizens Inquiry.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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And that was the first time that that narrative was introduced. And it took us all by surprise. And I actually wrote a formal letter to the directors of the not for profit, Ches Crosby and David Ross. And I said, I need confirmation from the two of you, that you recognize the authority of the support group that has existed from the very beginning, that we are the managers of the NCI, we are the ones responsible. And, you know, again, these are all documents that I'm willing to make public, it was a very clear statement, they refuse to acknowledge the authority of the NCI, as a matter of fact, they doubled-down and as I said, on January, the 2nd, they contacted our contractors who are responsible for our social media, and told them directed them not to follow the directions of the support group, which these contractors had, from the very beginning, further to withhold the access codes to our social media accounts. So we no longer have control over social media accounts.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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That's a pretty significant violation of the trust that we placed in these individuals. And then further as they began to represent themselves as the NCI, holding interviews, without any conversation with a support group with - you know, we have a communications team, we have, you know, a group of people that make these decisions and decide, you know, who should be interviewed what those should look like. And what's critical to all of this is we have to maintain the integrity of the NCI, the independence, the NCI, we have to protect the independence of the commissioners. Otherwise, the good work that's been done over the last year can be... can be defeated. And they, the social media contractor started making posts that actually undermined the integrity of the NCI.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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And so these are the reasons why we felt we had an obligation to come forward and begin to say, What's happening now is not under the direction of the NCI. Basically, we've been hijacked and we...we thought the public needs to know this because there was messaging, there was linking the NCI was posting posts from from people like Alex Jones, we never did that we always remained independent. We would never align ourselves with any other

organization, whether we supported their work or not. Because the the impact of the NCI is that it's recognized as being independent.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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And so there were a number of actions that were taken Jason that we felt was threatening the integrity and the safety of the National Citizens Inquiry and agreed.... this deeply I mean, I had many sleepless nights, you know, the group of us I put in 1000s of hours into the NCI. And when I look at what Shawn and Teresa and others have contributed 10s of 1000s of hours, felt like was was at risk because of the actions of these two individuals.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Okay, so I'm getting a lot more clear information about what happened here in December. If you ever find yourself in a situation again, God willing, you don't. Don't ask if you have authority next time assert your authority next time. But asking....

TK

Ted Kuntz

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oh we...we've been asserting our authority Jason and I've written formal letters to Ches Crosby and David Ross. And one of the things that we get, we recognize that we were dealing with an organization that had gone rogue on us. So we set up the new not for profit National Citizens Inquiry Corporation, we set up a new bank account. And then we sent a formal letter to the to Ches Crosby and David Ross, saying the services of the CIC are no longer required.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Good good

TK

Ted Kuntz

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And stop representing yourselves as the NCI, stop spending the funds that were donated by Canadians to the NCI. And they refuse to acknowledge those directives. Now, David Ross, just as an example, Jason, David Ross, in the title that he puts under his emails, he says David Ross, Citizens Inquiry Canada, O/A National Citizens Inquiry. Do you know what O/A means?

JL

Jason Lavigne

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operating as

TK

Ted Kuntz

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operating as. You know, if that was his position, why would he start to do that only two weeks ago? Why did he not have that title all the way along?

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Because they're asserting ownership of the name at this stage.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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They're...they're trying to take over control of the NCI. And then the question is why? And again, let's look at what Ches Crosby shared with you, in his interview with you, and there are many paragraphs that I think are worth repeating here. But this is the one that that struck me the most. This is Ches saying, I think that personally, and I think that many would agree with me, that we don't want the National Citizens Inquiry to become an open ended ongoing, you know, inquiry into the state of government of Canada. And when I read that, I thought, why the hell not? Why would you not want that to continue?

JL

Jason Lavigne

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No, that's great question, and I think I even pushed back on him saying, we need that, we need that to continue. Yeah, cuz this is what I originally thought NCAA was going to be. When I first heard about NCI and I applied as a commissioner, I thought this was the foundation to citizen inquiries, plural. I always thought maybe the name should have been a little bit clearer. Pluralized. And then we all wouldn't be sitting on today.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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I think that we have to be that careful with their language that you know, I think those that are are concerned and Canadians ought to be concerned because this is an important institution. And people love the institution, the NCI dearly, like the the emails I get of support and the passion people have for the NCI is heartwarming. But right now, it's it's at risk, because now there are two organizations representing themselves as the NCI. And that confusion is destructive to...

JL

Jason Lavigne

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100%,

TK

Ted Kuntz

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...to the, to the branding and to the integrity of this organization.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Correct. And then also the going back and forth in the public sphere is also a bit of a challenge to the reputation. It may be necessary to....

TK

Ted Kuntz

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you're right. The last thing I wanted to do is to be having this conversation in public. It got to a place Jason, where we felt that if we didn't bring awareness to what was happening here, people would misunderstand that the postings that are now happening on social media accounts is us when it's not us. It's not the NCI.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Look, and it is confusing because there is like two Twitter accounts now and they have the same logo and stuff. So it is confusing to the public. All right, so we can go into two different directions here, Ted, and Donald we can either jump into and start to speculate and figure out and try to get into the minds of the other ones to find a motive. We can we can do that exercise. Or we could start to figure out what could be offered to the other side to mediate this, and as Ches...Ches mentioned during the interview that he wouldn't mind if there's a mediator, and then he also suggested maybe I can help, and I'm more than happy to help. Is there a way to mediate this? In other words, tomorrow, if there can be an agreement, what does it look like to you that would allow Canada and everybody to just move forward? Fold fold up that other organization hand everything over? Or is there a way to have both exist with their own mission? Different names?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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You know, if the Citizens Inquiry Canada wants to can continue on and see it as its mission to help to disseminate the the Commissioner's report for the NCI, God bless them! I, you know, we want many organizations to disseminate that report. And so if they chose that their mission now is to take that on, I fully support that. The place that we cannot, and we will not, negotiate is that they continue to represent themselves as the NCI when they're not. They as Citizens Inquiry Canada. And so they can do that, you know, what we're asking is cease and desist representing yourselves at the NCI, because you're not. Don't keep

telling the public that you get to decide the future of the NCI because you don't. Stop spending money that Canadians donated for the NCI. And we've set up a as I said, a new not for profit corporation, we've expanded the mandate to clearly articulate the ongoing nature of the NCI. And we have a formal request to the to the Citizens Inquiry Canada to transfer the funds to this new corporation, because that honors the intention of the donors. And to this point in time they have they have refused to honor those requests.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Okay. Well, we'll certainly have conversations...

TK

Ted Kuntz

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We have also asked them to return the social media accounts to us. And they refuse to honor that request.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Right. So the social media accounts for me falls under the brand, the brand is the name, the media accounts, all that so that falls under brand. What are the children of this divorce is brand? Another child is the money? Another child is the report itself? So I'm sure that sure you'll have joint custody on the report? You guys are happy to let them run with the report disseminated?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Well, it's not even joint custody, that to me, those reports belong to Canadians, their public documents,

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Sure

TK

Ted Kuntz

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and disseminate them. Do you...if you want to get a team together to talk about those commissioner's report and how we can lobby to have the recommendations implemented? God bless you, I would gratefully welcome that. We want to continue to work at the NCI. And we want to continue to do inquiries and we will continue to inquiries. But we have to

stop this confusion that there are two organizations that are the NCI, there are not two organizations that are the NCI

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yep

TK

Ted Kuntz

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The other matter that is of serious concern to us at the NCI, is the proper accounting of the funds that were donated to the NCI. And as I said, the CIC was given one task, receive and disseminate the funds from the NCI and to manage properly manage those funds. And let me tell you, one of the greatest concerns that we have as a management team is we have not received a financial statement from David Ross, since October of 2022.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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two -Oh, wow. That's a little too long.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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It's far too long. I have made formal requests in writing to David Ross for financial statements, bank statements, disbursement statements, and to date, they have not provided those documents. And so that greatly concerns me as well. So they have one responsibility. And I suggest, I've said to David Ross, stay in your lane, do the task that was assigned to you. We need, we need to have accountability. And I'm concerned why we haven't got those statements. That that speaks to me loudly.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Sure, but let's not put out there the idea that maybe there's nefarious or malicious...

TK

Ted Kuntz

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All I can put out there is that the failure to provide financial statements in a responsible and timely way. And that is not in dispute.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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No, fair enough. And those are always good questions to ask. But there's always you know, sometimes a good answer to them is not nefarious, but because now being a chartered accountant, you would expect that David understands this, and you should be able to get this.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Well, we put him in that position, Jason.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Exactly. Exactly. You know, you guys were using the right skill sets. Maybe you just didn't understand everybody's motives when you put it together, that happens, that happens. Okay, so Donald, I'm gonna bring it back in here again. It looks like we're starting to see a really good picture now. What was usually what what was explained to me to be an ideological difference, it's more of a who structurally controls this issue. And then there's a difference on what to do with the NCI to stage under that control. It's clear to me that Canadians absolutely want more inquiries. We want a stronger inquiry, we even want to see some sort of lobbying of the government to have the Inquiries Act modified, so maybe there can be a way for citizens to do it and appoint the commissioner, have subpoena power, yada, yada, make this even more strong in the future. And I definitely do not want to see Canada, start up a new entity every time there's an issue. I think being able to establish a good foundation that generationally we're going to continue to work with is the right path forward. So, Donald, I think, maybe a mediation and conversation about the brand being returned, including the social media accounts and access being returned, because it does seem to be seized at this point - and I'm going to use that word on purpose, returned to the support group, the newer...

DB

Donald Best

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Did you say, seized or thieved?

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Seized.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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It's been seized - thanks for the pun Yeah, but what we're going to try and do is we're gonna try and stay away from using adjectives and stuff that.

DB

Donald Best

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No, I honestly, I honestly did not hear what you said...I'm halfway across the world?

JL

Jason Lavigne

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No problem. It's because you lost your beard things a little different today. But yeah, it's been seized. And that's the way I see it right now. Because there is a control group, the group that was steering, you didn't call it steering committee or anything like that, but that's basically its function, it was the one in charge, and then a couple other people ideologically, or other motives, who had access to it, maintain it access when they were asked to have it over.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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So maybe there's a way to mediate this, I think the brand might be the easy one. I think the money is going to be the difficult one. So let me actually... I'm gonna go back to you Ted. If you guys we're all really happy with each other and then a small group within your organization said, "Hey, we want to kind of spin off, take us on the road, really get out there in the public do speeches, do town halls take this out," which kind of separates from the inquiry portion, what would you suggest if there was like an amicable way of doing it? Would you fund that little group so that you can cover the expenses and get it out there? Like, would there be a way to provide that service evolving to include that? Would there be a budget that could be discussed to facilitate that case?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Jason, I certainly think that's worth a discussion. You know, I can't speak on behalf of the support group, how they would make that decision. I mean, there are dozens and dozens of groups out there that are disseminating the commission's report. And so I think part of the consideration I would have is, why would we fund one group and not another, but, you know, those, those are conversations that I think certainly can be talked through. But I think that the funds have to be returned to its rightful owner in the first place, as well as the social media accounts.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yeah, and I'd say the difference in this one versus all others, because that's always a good argument- Why for you but not others - is this is a spin off of the original

TK

Ted Kuntz

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yeah I think... Jason there are arguments that could be made for that, and so that the first question is how much funds are remaining? And then let's figure out how to prioritize those funds to meet meet the goals of the NCI.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Actualy, I would think there's a second step there, how much is remaining, provide up to date accounting, and then have a conversation but what remains? So you can actually understand what was spent where before you make another decision on spending more money. So maybe those steps should be followed?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Agreed, agreed

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yeah. Okay. So very cool. I think there's some some good headway here, because I understand a little bit more clearer what this is. This is a group of people that want to give Canadians what we thought a many of us thought it was going to be. I don't think if you polled Canadians a year ago and said, Hey, look, what does NCI is doing? Are you expecting it to end and not to do more? I don't think that poll would have came back with Yeah, I think it's going to have a legacy, I have

TK

Ted Kuntz

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to tell you is the most disconcerting emails that I'm getting in the last two weeks is a result of the comments that people are hearing that the NCI is going to stop. And people are saying, You guys can't stop. What are you thinking about? And I have to explain to them, it's not stopping. You don't need to worry about that. But that's unfortunately, some of the messaging that that has gotten out there is that the NCI is going to stop and Canadians are grieved when they hear that they're shocked and concerned. They want the NCI to continue and again, so do I. I mean, I haven't invested in Shawn and Teresa and others on the support group haven't invested what what we have for it, to put a bow on it and, you know, put in....the, one of the phrases that's being used over and over again by people like Ches Crosby and Preston Manning is that we have to book-end this.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yeah,

TK

Ted Kuntz

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We have to preserve it for posterity. I think Ches uses the word posterity seven times in his interview with you. I don't see this as a trophy you put on a shelf. This is a tool that has to be used, and it actually has to be grown. It's important. It's made a difference. I can't imagine wanting to stop it.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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The way you put it that way in my head, I've a visual mind and I think about this thing. I see it as like a tool that was created, like a car, goes out there drives around, bring it back for some maintenance, clean it up, send it back out, drive it around some more because things will change over time.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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I would prefer that you use the metaphor of a transport truck.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Transport Truck honk-honk for sure. Honk-honk! Yes. So you have to come in and get to the you know, things maintain big red, you know, Chris Barbers vehicle is in the shop a lot because it needs to be kept alive, and it needs to be redone. Okay, so if we were able to negotiate with CIC, I'll just call them CIC for now. They kept the name CIC, they transfer the money over, they transferred over the social media accounts, and then provided the accounting up to date, and then open a conversation with you guys about whether or not there's funds left. Firstly, they addressed that issue, but if there was an ability to have them spin off, take some money, you know, funded by the NCI for the purpose of disseminating data across Canada.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Maybe they provide you a clear mission for one year. And they call that their legacy, prosperity, whatever you want to call it. But they have a mission one year long, and then you guys contribute to that. If that was something that people on that side would be open to would would, and again, it's not a commitment from you, even though you're the chair, of course, these are just conversations at this stage. But would that be something you know, maybe Canada and under your leadership might might accept?

TK

Ted Kuntz

1:31:39

Yeah, if their mission is is that they want to disseminate and advocate for the recommendations in the commission's report, we would absolutely welcome that. The key piece here that is not negotiable and can't be negotiated is that they can't represent themselves as the NCI.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yeah, and I think that's firm at this stage. And I don't dispute that because if you have to put O/A - operating as -then you don't really have the name. And I'm not sure what the purpose of them continuing with the name is. The brand, the brand has been established. Okay, so I'm more than happy to have that kind of conversation. Donald, at this stage I'm optimistic. You know, I think there's things we can work with here. Am I missing anything, Donald, from your perspective, that is very important. And then, Ted, I'm going to come to you with the exact same question. Am I missing anything that I should, should be aware of?

DB

Donald Best

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I think so. Well, first of all, there's two issues here. You know, people say, I said it, I think even when we were talking on air, it's tough to believe a bunch of lawyers actually set up this mess. You know, good fences make good neighbors, and, and good contracts make good business partners. But I understand. And I understand exactly, I wish I had \$1. for every investigation I've been called into, where during the initial setup of the corporation, some of them very big corporations where billions of dollars, where some clerk, or some minor employee, or some webcoder, grabbed the name of the organization, you know, so and so.com, in their name, paid for it, just to have it so that no one else would grab it. And it was never transferred back, and then it became very valuable or the guy died, in one case. So these kinds of things happen, but there's an understanding, there's a trust amongst organizations, especially informal organizations that have some formality to them, like, like the NCI did.

DB

Donald Best

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It's like, we all bought that, I'm going to use the car, we all bought the car. And there's 10 of us when we're in high school, and we have this vision that we're going to do this with it not with it, and everybody put sweat equity or money into the car, but it's got to be in somebody's name. And the insurance has to be in somebody's name. So it goes into that name, and everybody gets along for a year and a half. And then the people who happen to have the keys to the car, who happened to have the ownership and their name. And we've gone along for a year and a half, they decide they're going to take the car. And that's exactly what's happened here. It's an issue of trust.

DB

Donald Best

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So I know, we think and we hope this this can somehow be solved through talk and the very reasonable you know, the very reasonable I think concession that Ted is put through here. But the fact of the matter is, what if it's not about disseminating the report? What if it's about stopping the National Citizens Inquiry? For what reason I don't know. I can speculate, but I won't. But what if it's not about wanting to disseminate the report? What if it's truly about we want this thing stopped? And I saw in the comment from Island Jason, you know, something about can the National Citizens Inquiry reports, be definitive evidence? Well, there's no definitive evidence in the world. And as I think we spoke online, when we last spoke about this, if you arrest someone and you're charged someone the investigation doesn't stop, because the evidence doesn't stop. And in this case, look at the wild, incredible evidence that we have seen, since the last witness testified for the NCI. Just incredible evidence, damning evidence, that really indicted named persons and organizations. That needs to be documented under oath. And for sure, I'll give you I'll give you a definitive Prime Minister blackface will not do that. And maybe the next government will, or maybe they just want a fresh start. And they want to leave all this behind. I think that would be a betrayal of Canadians.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yes.

DB

Donald Best

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The National citizens inquiry needs to continue its most valuable work, because we cannot rely on the institutions of this country to do that work. Otherwise, we wouldn't have had to do the NCI ourselves.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yeah and I'll just correct one thing, it doesn't need to continue, it will continue. What is it going to look like, and how hurdles will have to jump over, or barricades will it have to drive through- another reference to James Sauer(?) here. But look, I get it. I totally get it. I'm gonna throw it to you, Ted, again. Is there anything that I should understand at this point that maybe I don't know yet?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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No, I think I think we've uncovered this and revealed exactly what's going on here. And I like your comment that you just said that to Donald the NCI will continue, they will continue. There's no doubt in my mind about that. So, you know, when when there's conversations that Ches Crosby and David Ross are saying that the future of the NCI will be decided at the AGM of the Citizens Inquiry network on March the first, that's that's a false statement. The future of the NCI has already been decided it's going ahead. And again, I would again underscore that what is up for discussion at the AGM is whether the Citizens Inquiry network will continue. And that's up to the members of that organization to decide what I can what I already indicated, is that the NCI itself has moved on, we no longer require the services of the CIC to set up a new nonprofit corporation, we're fully incorporated, federally and provincially. And so we're moving ahead. What I would like to end is this confusion about who is the NCI and and I think today's conversation has helped many people to now have clarity on that on that matter. And so I'm grateful to the two of you for helping to bring the creating a space where we can have this conversation and allowing me to share this information.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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The NCI, and I see it and comments from your from your viewers here, they recognize the importance of this, it has to continue. And those that want to stop the NCI from continuing, you know, again, I I'm like Donald, I have a number of speculations that that who were what may be behind this. I don't believe this is just a misunderstanding. I think this is very intentional. You know, we have been warned that if the NCI has impact, there will be efforts to try to stop it. You know, I think just as a matter of principle, I think we recognize that is that there are forces that don't like truth, they don't like the light and and they will do everything they can to to stop good work. I mean, we're saying this over and over again. It's good people are being punished by our court system. They want to silence them. And I'm not willing for the NCI to be silenced. I will do everything within my power to make sure that doesn't happen.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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You might be surprised to learn Ted, people are trying to shut Donald and I down, they're trying to shut the show down. We're constantly going through it daily. There's absolutely a group out there, everybody gets one, if you're starting to do really good work, you'll always will get the stoppers, the people that want to stop things, stop you. The anchors, let's call them the anchors, so you can keep moving forward. They're trying to slow you down and stop you. I don't want to jump into maybe the potential motives and speculate around that, because I don't think that's helpful. I think I'm a source type of guy, I prefer to talk to them and hear them and get their version of things as well. In a nonbinding way, do I have your permission to go ahead and as an interested party, have a conversation with them, and maybe represent some of the stuff you've provided to me today in a non binding way to have that conversation?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Well Jason, if you could help to bring some sense to this, and achieve the results that we've talked about here today that are nonnegotiable, God bless you. You know, I, I, I hope that they make the right decision. And and if you can help facilitate that, or Donald if you can help facilitate that, or anybody, you know, reach out to these individuals, and say, you know, the NCI needs to continue, it needs to its integrity needs to remain intact. Stay in your lane.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yeah, well, Ches did say he would nominate me. So there's some sort of agreement on that side already, to help facilitate this and too many cooks in the kitchen could also complicate this. So maybe having one or two people who are at least for the next short term, attempting, and if I failed, and you know this, because someone else in there, but it would be a bit of an honor to go ahead and try and do that for you, Ted and Ches as well if you're listening, I'm sure you're paying attention to as well. I don't think we're far as I said to him, I think we're just a couple steps away from getting this to go. Maybe one thing that I can put out there, so March 1st, is this AGM, who are the voting members on that? Is it just the three or there are other people who will vote on that?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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No the members of the Citizens Inquiry Network, which initially the members were all of the members of the support group. Now, in an interesting twist of events Jason, on Monday...

JL

Jason Lavigne

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You were dismissed

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Well, I haven't been dismissed yet. But the six new members were appointed by David Ross and Ches Crosby. And they are members that, for example, three of them are people that have been contracted and are paid. And first of all, I think that that's an inappropriate for membership at the CIC if you're being paid by the CIC. But there's reasons to question the integrity of that process. You know, there were no new members that were added, except for one case over the last year and a half. And on Monday, there are six new people that are have been added.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Right

TK

Ted Kuntz

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So I I think that speaks louder

TK

Ted Kuntz

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It says enough to me, the only other thing that makes it more concerning is to know that dominion is doing the vote counting, then we would know this is no good. Okay, so I see what's happening here. They're setting up this is stacking the Supreme Court, you hear this in the United States all the time, let's add some more members, so we get the vote our way. I get it, I get it. And that's not something I'd like to see either. So,

TK

Ted Kuntz

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yeah, it was pretty disappointing to see that email from David Ross yesterday.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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So there's no way to really rely upon this AGM as being a fair vote in any way, shape, or form. Because

TK

Ted Kuntz

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I don't have confidence.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yeah. So what I'm going to propose to them and have a conversation with them, they may be listening right now is to establish a new mandate for CIC, clearly articulate what they want to do with it. Vote on that have that voted on to see if they can get support for their new mandate, and then present it to you as something you guys are gonna have to vote on. Because their mandate should clearly articulate what they want to do, how much it may cost, what they're going to do for fundraising, what they're going to do with the, well, they shouldn't be a question what they're gonna do with the current funds, let's just presume the funds move to you.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Their, their new mandate should articulate if they need funds from you or if they're going to fundraise themselves, or do whatever themselves and if they can articulate a good mandate there, which includes using their own name CIC, not NCI, but as its it is adjacent to the NCI and it has its own mission which is separate from the NCI. That's what they should vote on and I can see how that would be a yay, they're going to do that. Work with you.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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That's exactly what I've been saying is that that's the AGM is to decide the future of the CIC. It's not to decide the future of the NCI. And yet one of the agenda items that David Ross has in his included in his memo for the AGM is the future of the NCI. And again, I've been clear in writing many times, formally in writing on behalf of the support group and as Chair, to say you don't have the authority to decide the future of the NCI. I don't know how much clearer you can be about that.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yeah, and I'm sure their side there'll be just as clear the other way. But now what we need to do is get an agreement between the two and then move this forward. Have you changed or created a mission statement for the new NCI? Or is it the same mission statement you had before?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Well, the bylaws of the new incorporation include statements that expand the mission of the NCI to be ongoing and to and to conduct multiple inquiries.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Okay, great. So now you've established your mission, let's get CIC to establish their mission, and then see if both of them can be able to move forward separately, and independently from each other. And I think that will also assist the NCI itself to be independent from the accountability stage or whatever it is that they want to do on their side. And then going forward, you'd be open to another group coming along and taking the Emergencies Act, inquiring or running with it or whatever. This could be a good precedent going forward that the NCI itself, establishes the inquiry, creates a report, and then hands it off to a group that wants to take it forward in some way, shape, or form. It may not be CIC next time, it can be somebody else next time. But this could be a good precedent that each report will

spin off an entity that's going to go out there and bring it to the people in any way, shape or form. Would that model kind of jive with what your your mission has?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Yeah. Again, I think we welcome Canadians taking the initiative to figure out how to advance the the commissioner's report the recommendations and and as we move forward, there will continue to be evidence that is revealed and will require some actions. And, you know, people ask this, well, what is the NCI going to do? And one of the things that we keep saying is what are you going to do? You know, this, these are now public documents. And, you know, we can make recommendations, you know, print off a copy, hand deliver it to your Member of Parliament, your MLA or MPP. And ask them where they stand, ask them if they'll raise in the House of Commons, the NCI? Will they ask the government to seriously consider the recommendations and do a formal report. I mean, now it's up to Canadians to take this information and use it to advance the cause of rights and freedoms in this country.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Beautiful, I really like that.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Freedom is a team sport.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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And freedom is not free either. We got to work hard for it. And sometimes there's a cost to it. Okay, Donald, that sounds like clean start. You know, there's one of the recommendations, your reports usually have a clean start, new books, new everything, start all over again, and keep going. So that might be one of the mechanisms that might be helpful here as well.

DB

Donald Best

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It sounded like deja vu all over again to me. And I thought, Oh, I'm not doing a report on this one. Thanks. I think these folks can figure it out themselves. But I will say this. Look, I like Ches. I've spoken with him an awful lot. I like him, just fine. I respect him very much. But I just think I do think in this case, that there's an issue of trust and that the trust was broken. Not by anyone except Shawn Buckley, or I mean, except Ches and his people who took the keys to the car and broke a long standing practice and agreement. I am concerned that it's 18 months without revealing how much money, where... what was spent. That's,

that's a significant issue. I'm sure it can be cleaned up. But once again, we get back to this, that they are purporting to be the legitimate... hmm reporting to be themselves to be the legitimate management owners controller of everything NCI and the report itself. And I think that, I don't know if that's an irreconcilable difference. I just hope that the people involved do the right thing because after having read all the documents, it's quite clear to me that the whole thing operated a certain way and then they just took the keys, and the funding for the car and the insurance.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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If this ends up in litigation, I already think I know where this would end up, it will end up where we're trying to be right now. It's just gonna be two years later. So hopefully we can get in avoid that.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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And I don't want to ask Canadians to donate to a litigation,

JL

Jason Lavigne

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but no.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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So I hope they don't have to go there. But I want to underscore something you said, Donald, you know, I like Ches, and I like David Ross, and they have been instrumental in helping to set up the NCI. And so their contribution is very grateful and very much appreciated. What's happening now is a violation of trust. It came as an absolute shock to us. And we had a difficult time understanding what they were saying, Where did this come from? And so I have, you know, I'm still struggling with what's behind this, right, because I have to believe that they're too insistent for this to be just a matter of ego, or any of those things. There's, there's something else at play here. But these gentlemen have made a significant contribution, I want that to be recognized. But where they're standing now, I suggest as a violation, it's a violation of a fundamental trust. And in a way of operating that we've, we've had to create this incredible organization, the National Citizens Inquiry.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Okay, and I think one of the established facts in my mind now is with or without their participation, the NCI is going to continue. So that's going to have to be, you know, articulated quite well to them. And then they're going to have to make the decision on

whether or not it's gonna be with or without their consent. Without their consent, it's going to be expensive, ugly and damaging to Canada. So we'll find out very quickly, if they want to, do they want that to be damaging to Canada or not. So I'm gonna go and have that conversation today in over the weekend. Ted, last last chance, is there anything else you want to put into this noggin that you think is relevant to those conversations?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Again, my gratitude to both of you for helping us to walk through this and help Canadians to understand what we're up against. This is too important an initiative to not to spend the kind of time and energy that we need to understand it and reach the conclusion that we need to get to, which is the NCI has to continue, it has to maintain its integrity and its independence. And we'll forge ahead, and I know that God is with us.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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So and one more piece, I think that will be established here as your resilience. I think being able to resilient, be resilient against these kinds of things is going to be helpful. And I because I think this is an unfortunate situation. But this isn't going to be the worst thing that happens. As soon as you start getting into the government pushing and lobbying. You may find out later why there was this push to (???) you're gonna have some more battles ahead of you.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Those are wise words, Jason is, you know, I think this is just toughening our resilience, for battle. And again, you know, I've learned that adversity is often the gateway to wisdom. And so I'm hoping that this adversity makes us wise.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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I think so for everybody, and also just gonna get you going forward another structure that's very clear, now you can avoid these issues in the future, and CIC as well can learn something from this as well. If that was the original intent, they can be clear about it. I think a lot of lessons will be learned, I'm going to assume that nobody has any nefarious or malicious intent here, unless it's proven otherwise, I'm going to assume we're all trying to do the right thing. As far as we're concerned, we just have a difference of execution and who has the ability to make those decisions. And that's, that's a sticking point for sure. It's a sticking point. But I think we can have a conversation around it. Donald, anything else you want to add before we jump off?

DB

Donald Best

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I do know of several organizations and initiatives that are getting going right now one even incorporated last week. And all they can say is because of what is happening with the NCI. It forced them to take a really good look and and put all the pieces in place. Let's not rush this lens, get it done. And there's a great lesson to be learned and people have learned it. And I also want to say Ted if we took a poll of Canadians who are aware of the situation right now, I think that the vast majority would want to continue and will support the continuation of the NCI's great work. And that's what I think there's no stopping this. And I think Canada agrees.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yeah. And if we get down to the point where we need some sort of decision I would recommend that the witnesses are the ones that cast a vote. So anybody that testified during the NCI, they're a step away from the management group, but yet they will have vested interest in the decisions going forward. So at some point, maybe there's a vote amongst 300 people, if it gets to that point, but maybe not maybe we don't have to do that.

DB

Donald Best

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Look, no decision about anything can be made until the 18 months of financial records are accepted by everybody who had an interest in that those those financial records with the supporting banking records must be the first thing on the table. How can anything proceed without that?

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Without that transparency.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Correct, and I'll push for that immediately. Because there is no real moving forward unless we get that re...financial report done. Yeah, that's gonna happen.

DB

Donald Best

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I'm not talking about red flags, not at this stage. I'm saying everybody's a good guy here, everybody's a good girl here, but after 18 months with no financial records, public money donated, how much? Millions across this country, hundreds of 1000s. I think people deserve to know. And they deserve to know how much is less is left? Is it a couple of grand

or 20? Grand? Or is that 100? Grand? I think that the public, Canadian public deserves to know. It matters. And it's very concerning that no financial records were seen by anybody in 18 months.

DB

Donald Best

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Sure, sure. And let's get that resolved. All right, Ted, thank you very much for your time, I really appreciate that. You're probably getting ready for that meeting of the freedom leaders.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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I am, yes

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Send me the link, I wouldn't mind that checking it out again. It was a really interesting last time. And Donald, thanks a bunch for all your commitment to this as well, including our Tuesday morning conversation. I think all of that helped, I think all helped. Right, gentlemen, I'm gonna let you get back to it. I've got some more noodling. And I'm going to make some phone phone calls. And we'll see where we're at over this weekend. Ted, I don't know if I have your phone number. So if you can email me your phone number, I need to reach you during the weekend, I will be able to. But yeah, let's go ahead and conclude and get ourselves ready for the day and keep this fight going.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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And I'm glad Ted that we have this problem. It may sound weird to you to hear that. But I'm glad we have this problem because that means Canadians are fighting for what they need. And those may include making sure the NCI continues, all the fights are worth it. Just Canada's worth it. So, you know, in a weird way, this is a good thing. You're gonna have a stronger NCI when we're done, you're going to have a group of people you can trust and continue to build this foundation for the rest of Canada. So thank you, Ted, for your efforts on that one. And I'm assuming you're not getting a full time salary out of this. So you're doing a lot of your own work on this too. So thank you for that.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Wow. My wife says the only thing I retired from was getting paid. So

JL

Jason Lavigne

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I'm too young. I did the same thing.

DB

Donald Best

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I think your wife was going along fine with my wife. Absolutely. Yes.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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Yeah. Yeah, that's that's par for the course, that's par for the course. Ted, thank you. God bless you, Donald. Thank you. God bless you. We will be talking soon. You have a great day.

TK

Ted Kuntz

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Thanks, gentlemen. Yep. Bye.

JL

Jason Lavigne

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All right, folks. Okay, I know a lot more of what the founding was the structure was the understandings were the implied and direct understandings. There's plenty of information and documentation. And it's, there's a term in the legal world where I think it's implied consent. You don't necessarily need direct consent, but because of your actions and how you did things for quite some time, it's implied that that was the understanding. So yeah, maybe somebody owned the paperwork on the car and typically held the keys. But if they kept letting it be used as a resource for the work of another group, it became a work vehicle, not a family vehicle. And anyways, the philosophy here is, I am not, I am not convinced at this stage that there was a desire by anybody early to only do one report and call it a day. I'm not seeing much that makes it clear that that is the case. And even if that was the case, you're able to evolve and change your mind based on what you have in front of you. So even if the NCI originally said we're going to end, February 14 2024, you know, that would be the two year anniversary from the or 2025, even if they said that they have the right to change your mind. Okay. And if there is a smaller group, they've democratically looking at this if there's a smaller group that wants to do something different, even if they think that the original mission was a certain way, it should be open to spending -

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