



## Chief Cadmus Delorme speaks on Truth and Reconciliation for Veritas Series

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London, ON - Chief Cadmus Delorme of Cowessess First Nation comes to King's to speak on, "Truth and Reconciliation: What We Inherited and Actions We All Must Take" on September 15 at 7 p.m. His presentation is the annual President's Lecture – the first lecture in this year's Veritas Series - and will take place in the Joanne and Peter Kenny Theatre, in the King Student Life Centre. The free event is open to the public and will be hosted by King's Campus Ministry and co-sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Parking is available on campus.

This past year, Chief Delorme faced one of the hardest moments as leader when the Saulteaux and Cree First Nation discovered 751 unmarked graves near the former Marieval Indian Residential School. The situation brought international attention to the historical wrongs of the residential school system. Shortly after, Cowessess made headlines again as the leading First Nations community to sign an agreement with the Canadian government that returns jurisdiction over children in care to the First Nations community. Chief Delorme will be speaking on Truth and Reconciliation, and what our obligations are now.

In 2012, Chief Delorme, then a student at First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv), received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, recognizing his leadership and the hospitality he showed to then-Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, when they visited FNUniv. He was named one of CBC Saskatchewan's Future 40, which celebrates the province's new generation of leaders, builders and change-makers under the age of 40.

In 2019, Chief Delorme was re-elected to a second term in office. Under his leadership, Cowessess First Nation has focused on economic self-sustainability for its nation and peoples and has moved forward on renewable energy, agriculture, and efficiency in land use initiatives that have created both current and future business opportunities.

The theme of this year's Veritas Series is "Listening for Truth." For more information on the Veritas Series, please visit <https://www.kings.uwo.ca/campus-ministry/veritas-series/>.

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