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Deputy Grand Chief Derek Fox Presents Keynote Address on Truth and Reconciliation

Thunder Bay – November 10, 2015 – The Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN) is partnering with Lakehead University’s Bora Laskin Faculty of Law to present a talk by Deputy Grand Chief Derek Fox on the subject of Aboriginal Justice and the legal implications of the Truth and Reconciliation Report released last June.

“Truth and Reconciliation: Exploring Pathways to Healing through Law,” is the keynote address for the OJEN Northwestern Ontario Law Institute, a professional development conference for secondary school teachers of law and civics. This full-day conference allows teachers from the region to take part in workshops given by lawyers, judges, police officers and other members of the justice system on a variety of legal topics designed to enrich their classroom teaching.

“Lakehead University’s Bora Laskin Faculty of Law is delighted to work with OJEN on this event, which also speaks to our mandate to promote access to justice and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples in Northern Ontario,” said Lisa Philipps, Interim Dean, Bora Laskin Faculty of Law.

Deputy Grand Chief Fox’s address will take place on Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015, from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Paterson Auditorium, PACI Building, 401 Red River Road, Thunder Bay. The keynote is open to Law Institute participants, Faculty of Law students and members of the public.

The Law Institute will take place on Friday, Nov. 13, 2015, from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm at City Hall and the Thunder Bay Courthouse. Registration for this event is now closed.

About the Speaker

Deputy Grand Chief Fox Derek Fox is an Anishinaabe father, lawyer, and an avid outdoorsman. He is from Bearskin Lake First Nation in the Treaty 9 territory. He was called to the Ontario bar in 2014 and practiced in the area of Civil Litigation with a focus on Aboriginal and Corporate/Commercial Law. In August 2015, he was elected one of three (3) Deputy Grand Chiefs of the Nishnawbe Aski-Nation Executive. He remains a member in good standing with the Law Society of Upper Canada and carries the portfolios of Education, Economic Development, Broadband, Environment and Sports and Recreation.

About OJEN

Established in 2002, OJEN is a non-profit organization that promotes public understanding, of the justice system. Over 200,000 youth, province-wide, are impacted by its justice education programs and resources annually. OJEN supports teachers by developing law-related, curriculum-linked resources for a variety of elementary and high-school courses, and provides them free for download from its website in English and French. It also develops school-based programs for students and professional development opportunities for teachers.

OJEN partners with community organizations to deliver tailored justice education programs for youth outside the traditional school system and facilitates dialogue between youth and justice sector professionals. For more information visit, www.ojen.ca.

About Lakehead University

In 2015, **Lakehead University** will celebrate 50 years of exceptional education. Guided by its Strategic Plan (2013-2018), Lakehead is known for providing an education focused on independent thinking, unconventional scholarship, and a close sense of community. About 9,700 full-time equivalent students and 2,000 faculty and staff learn and work in ten faculties at two campuses in Orillia and Thunder Bay, Ontario. Lakehead University is a fully comprehensive university: home to Ontario's newest Faculty of Law in 44 years, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, and faculties of Engineering, Business Administration, Health & Behavioural Sciences, Social Sciences & Humanities, Science & Environmental Studies, Natural Resources Management, Education, and Graduate Studies.

Maclean's 2015 University Rankings places Lakehead University 2nd in Ontario and among Canada's Top 10 undergraduate universities, and 1st among Ontario's undergraduate universities for Total Research Dollars, Social Sciences & Humanities Grants, and Library Expenses. In 2015, *Re\$earch Infosource* ranked Lakehead first among Canada's undergraduate universities.

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