



## **Reginald Bellerose**

After 17 consecutive years of serving as Chief of Muskowekwan First Nation, Reginald Bellerose is honoured to be putting his name forward as a candidate for National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations. Though he intends to address a myriad of issues, his top three campaign priorities will be Rights & Jurisdiction, Economic Sovereignty, and Health & Wellness.

Bellerose has a distinguished political history of fulfilling a stewardship role for key First Nations organizations and institutions. He currently serves as Chair of the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA) and the Saskatchewan Indian Training Assessment Group (SITAG). He currently sits on a diverse number of boards, committees, and commissions.

Bellerose has been critical in advancing key initiatives that have positively impacted First Nations across the country. He has sponsored significant resolutions on the floor and has been politically active on a number of high-profile issues nationally and regionally. Notable highlights of his advocacy include successes in gaming, education, justice reform, children, and the labour market.

Bellerose has demonstrated his commitment to creating and expanding economic sovereignty and will focus on building generational wealth through economic development, reframing fiscal relations, supporting entrepreneurs, and influencing national procurement processes. He will also launch a national discussion focused on establishing a First Nations economy that utilizes our competitive advantages of rights, lands, and jurisdiction to secure new markets nationally and internationally.

He believes that First Nations must take ownership over healing and wellness. The existing colonial health system has failed our people. He believes we need to engage our knowledge keepers and work with the people to develop our own models of care. An intervention that focuses on family, that is inclusive of culture, language, and traditions, will result in healthier individuals, families, and nations.

Bellerose holds a Masters Certificate in Project Management from the University of Saskatchewan and a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Concordia University in Edmonton. He balances formal education with teachings and knowledge shared by Chiefs, Elders, and youth that he has encountered over the years.

He would like to facilitate a shift in strategy and focus where the Chiefs in Canada unite to create a common agenda with a united vision, rather than the status quo of reacting to the federal agenda. He can offer his wealth of experience and proven successes to the Chiefs of Canada beginning July 7th, 2021, to navigate a diverse and complex political reality from a perspective that was forged over 17 years serving his people.

For further information on Reginald Bellerose's platform and further links to his social media visit [www.reginaldbellerose.com](http://www.reginaldbellerose.com)