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Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty to lead benefit Sir John A. Macdonald walking tour of Kingston September 29!

Kingston: Canada's Minister of Finance, the Honourable Jim Flaherty, will lead a benefit Sir John A. Macdonald-themed walking tour of downtown Kingston September 29, the Sir John A. Macdonald Bicentennial Commission announced today.

"We are honoured that a person with the stature of the Canadian Minister of Finance would take time from one of the busiest schedules in Canada to help our community mark the coming bicentennial of the birth of our nation's first and founding Prime Minister," said Arthur Milnes, Commissioner of Kingston's Sir John A. Macdonald Bicentennial Commission.

Flaherty, Minister of Finance since 2006 and a former Deputy Premier, Finance Minister and Attorney General of Ontario, will be leading the 90-minute walking tour through historic downtown Kingston starting at 6 pm on September 29. Along the route, participants will stop at various sites including the home of a past Minister of Finance, Sir Richard Cartwright. Other important sites include the statue of Sir John A. in a downtown Kingston park which has been visited in the past by at least two Canadian Prime Ministers and the sitting Prime Minister of Great Britain in the 1920s, and so much more.

At the end of the tour, Minister Flaherty will cut the ribbon officially opening a new restaurant, ***Sir John A.'s Public House***, located in the downtown Kingston building where John A. Macdonald's law offices were located between 1849 and 1860.

Space is limited for this unique tour and tickets are \$40 per person. Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the non-partisan, non-profit Sir John A. Macdonald Bicentennial Commission. This citizen-driven commission was established in 2010 in Kingston to encourage Canadians locally and nationally to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Father of Confederation in 2015. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Commissioner Arthur Milnes in Kingston at (613) 328-5592 or by email at arthur.milnes@sympatico.ca

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