

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **KINGSTON TOWN CRIER TO COMPETE AT 2010 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Kingston, ON: Tourism Kingston is proud to announce that Chris Whyman, Kingston's official Town Crier and Goodwill Ambassador will be competing in the Chester World Town Crier Tournament in England in June 2010.

The Chester World Town Crier Tournament selects 40 participants from across the world to compete by invitation only. Whyman, who competed in the last tournament in 2004, took home the top award and title of World Champion.

"I'm really excited about going back and maintaining my title. It's always a great time to catch up with friends and colleagues from around the world at such a strong tournament, while "crying the praises of Kingston". I'll be preparing and practicing my cries and begin training this spring. It's our version of the Olympics – only louder, with criers representing towns and cities from around the world in attendance. I'm really proud to be able to represent Kingston at this event again."

Whyman is one of only eight town criers attending from Canada. When not donning his Crier uniform, he works for Tourism Kingston as Visitor Services Manager.

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