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SIR JOHN A. WALKING TOURS COME ALIVE WITH CELEBRATED HISTORIAN

Kingston, ON: Tourism Kingston, the City of Kingston and local author Arthur Milnes have teamed up to provide a unique glimpse into our city's heritage. Starting September 3 and running through Labour Day (September 7) Milnes, the author of the nationally acclaimed *Sir John A. Macdonald Walking Tours* will be personally conducting daily guided tours.

These special one-hour guided tours, themed "In Sir John A.'s Footsteps!" offer a glimpse of downtown Kingston that highlights the life and legacy of Canada's first prime minister. Based on Milnes "do-it-yourself" *Sir John A. Macdonald Walking Tour* booklet which was launched this summer with assists from former prime minister Jean Chretien and Hockey Night in Canada legend Don Cherry, the personally guided tours will offer participants a unique opportunity to rediscover Kingston as it would have been lived by Sir John A. Macdonald.

"With summer coming to an end, we've come together to offer these author-guided tours as a way to salute Sir John A. and Kingston residents and visitors. Arthur Milnes is himself a walking treasure trove of stories and lore about Canada's prime ministers and Sir John A. in particular. Both young and old will be entertained and very much enjoy these tours," says Chris Whyman, Manager of Visitor Services for Tourism Kingston.

Milnes, a Fellow with the Centre for the Study of Democracy at Queen's University is a historian, journalist and former *Kingston Whig-Standard* reporter who writes about political history. He served as former Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney's research assistant on the latter's memoirs, published in 2007.

Tickets for the tours are \$8/adults and \$4/children under 12 years accompanied by an adult, and are available at the Visitor Information Centre at 209 Ontario Street. Tours will leave from the Visitor Information Centre at 12noon each day between September 3 and 7. Space is limited so it is recommended that tickets be purchased in advance.

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