

POLICY

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Notation:	Code of Conduct and Guidelines for Town Crier	

Together, we are a welcoming, vibrant family of communities, intent upon securing our economic future while celebrating our heritage and meeting the needs of our citizens in an environmentally conscious manner.

1. Purpose:

Whereas the Perth Town Council, on the recommendation of the Heritage Management Committee, has created the position of Town Crier and realizing the dignity of this position, the following is the Code of Conduct and Guidelines for the position.

2. Code of Conduct:

The Town Crier shall follow the Ontario Guild of Town Criers' Code of Ethics as it pertains to Guild matters, and further, upon assuming the role of Town Crier,

The Town Crier shall be an official ambassador for the Town of Perth and represent the Town in an official capacity.

The Town Crier shall maintain the highest ethical standards while acting in his official capacity.

The Town Crier shall be non-partisan.

Personal opinions or views that differ from those held by Perth Town Council shall not be promoted in such a manner as may be, or perceived to be, on behalf of, or detrimental to Perth Town Council.

Behaviour, language and comments shall be above reproach.

3. Guidelines:

The Town Crier shall only take part in activities sanctioned by the Town of Perth. These shall include: Official Town functions to be determined by the Heritage Management Committee in accordance with this policy.

Appearances at Ontario Guild of Town Crier functions at the Town Crier's discretion.

Appearances, upon invitation, at official functions in other towns, as a representative of the Town of Perth, where approved by the Heritage Management Committee in accordance with this policy.

At his own discretion the Town Crier may attend the Farmer's Market or stroll the streets of Perth during festivals and events where the presence and historical significance of the Town Crier will add to the festivities.

The Town Crier should not be seen as favouring any organization, business or merchant but shall promote Perth as a whole.

Notwithstanding the above, the following appearances shall require approval of the Heritage Management Committee, in accordance with this policy and shall be submitted in writing to the Committee a minimum of 14 days prior to the event:

Grand openings or promotions of private businesses;

Private parties (e.g. weddings, retirement parties, etc.);

Charitable, fund-raising or other public events;

Festivals and events supported by the Chamber of Commerce and the BIA;

Any other appearances not listed above.

4. Reimbursement:

The Town Crier will receive a \$500 annual honorarium from the Town to cover town functions, uniform maintenance, and guild membership fees. The Town Crier shall charge a minimum of \$50 for other appearances to be paid by the sponsoring organization or individual.