Push for Change brings awareness to youth homelessness

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Joe and Marie Roberts take a break from A Push for Change upon arrival in New Brunswick. (Contributed photo)

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FLORENCEVILLE-BRISTOL, New Brunswick -- The Push for Change is a cross Canada trek with spokesperson Joe Roberts pushing a shopping cart as a symbol of chronic homelessness for 24 km per day to raise awareness and funds for youth homelessness prevention.

The Push for Change Team will engage with Canada's population throughout this journey by participating in over 400 community and school events including a visit to Florenceville-Bristol, New Brunswick at The Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery annual Art Show & Sale and Chalk the Walk event, part of the town's weeklong Festival of Flavour.

The event will take place Friday, August 12, 2016 from 3 – 8 p.m. with Joe Roberts speaking at 4:10 p.m.

This free, family friendly event takes place on the Main Street Boardwalk which runs alongside the St. John River. The Boardwalk will be turned into a street market featuring the works of local artists and artisans, vendors' displays, food and the public is invited to chalk the walk. Visiting artist, Franz Spohn, will also be creating one of his trademark giant gumball murals in the River Art Centre and Studios during the event. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

In case of rain, the event will move indoors to the River Art Centre and Studios and Andrew & Laura McCain Art Gallery, 8 McCain St No.1, Florenceville-Bristol, NB.