

Early Friday morning, members of the Northumberland OPP will be assisting Joe Roberts during his Push for Change campaign visit to Northumberland County.

Roberts will begin his 24-kilometre journey at 7 a.m. from 53 King Street East in Colborne walking westbound along County Road 2 into the Town of Cobourg.

The Push for Change is a national awareness and youth empowerment campaign developed by Roberts to focus on ending youth homelessness.

Roberts is pushing a shopping cart across Canada, making stops along the way to speak about the struggles he faced as a homeless youth in British Columbia.

It wasn't until Roberts was in crisis back home in Ontario that assistance came from an OPP officer who responded to the call that ultimately set Roberts on a path of change.

Roberts received help, graduated college on the Dean's list, became a successful CEO and began paying it forward.

The OPP is in a community safety partnership with the Push for Change as Roberts makes his way through Ontario to raise awareness about risk factors and vulnerabilities affecting homeless youth.

For more information on other areas he's visiting in Northumberland County and beyond please visit: <http://www.thepushforchange.com>.