



On Jan. 22, former homeless youth and current entrepreneur, Joe Roberts, will be pushing a shopping cart, (a symbol of chronic homelessness) through the East Algoma area.

The Push for Change is a 9,000 km, 517-day trek across Canada to raise awareness and funds for ending youth homelessness. The East Algoma OPP has organized several events that will take place throughout the week of Jan. 22 – 29.

On Jan. 25, Roberts will be in Blind River. From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., there will be a luncheon at WC Eaket Secondary School. And, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Roberts will be at École secondaire catholique Jeunesse Nord in the Alain Bray Auditorium. Various grades from neighbouring schools are also invited to attend.

On Jan. 26, Roberts will be in the Thessalon and Bruce Mines area. There will be a “meet and greet” at Thessalon Public School and Bruce Mines Arthur Henderson Public School in the morning. After that, he will be at Central Algoma Secondary School (CASS) to walk with students and then give a presentation at 2 p.m.

Motorists are asked to drive extra carefully and slow down when approaching or passing Roberts, as he walks along

Highway 17 throughout the East Algoma area.

Those seeking to learn more or to donate can do so at www.pushforchange.com. Funds raised by the Push for Change Foundation will go to the Upstream Project to help implement an evidence-based partnership with schools utilizing a model of early intervention for young people who are at risk of disengaging from school, becoming homeless and entering the justice system.