Man walking across Canada to stroll through Guelph this week

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Former homeless addict, Joe Roberts, will be in Guelph between Tuesday and Thursday, raising money and awareness to help end youth homelessness in Canada. He's been walking across the country as part of the Push for Change campaign.

If you see a man walking towards downtown Guelph on Tuesday with a souped-up shopping cart, give him a wave or a nod. He's likely walked a very long way to get here.

On Tuesday, Joe Roberts is expected to stroll into Guelph as part of The Push for Change campaign. The charity is raising money and awareness in an effort to end youth homeless in Canada by pushing a shopping cart across the country. The shopping cart is meant to be a symbol of chronic homelessness.

The Push of Change team began the walk in St. John's, N.L. on May 1 and so far, Roberts has travelled more than 4,300 kilometres. He'll be spending a few days in Guelph before continuing on his way. He and his team have a goal of finishing the trek on Sept. 30, 2017 in Vancouver.

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Roberts is described on the campaign website as a former homeless addict who transformed his life to become a successful businessman. He's the executive director of The Push for Change charity.

In Guelph

On Tuesday, Guelph residents can hear him speak at the Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre between 4 and 5:30 p.m. Space is limited. Email pushforchangersvp@gmail.com to inquire about attending.

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On Tuesday and Wednesday, Roberts will walk and talk with Guelph schools.

On Thursday between 5 and 8 p.m., Roberts will be at Market Square, where you can join him for a skate.

For more information, or to follow him on his campaign, visit thepushforchange.com

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