

# *Kinsmen Club of Stratford*

*"Serving the communities Greatest Need"*

*P.O. Box 21111, Stratford, ON*

January 18, 2023

Mayor Martin Ritsma & Council  
City of Stratford  
P.O. Box 818, Stratford, Ontario, N5A 6W1

**RE: Kin Canada Day 2023 Proclamation**

Dear Mayor & Council

*Kin Canada was founded on Feb 20, 1920 in Hamilton, Ontario and has been a vibrant and responsible all-Canadian service organization devoted to serving communities across Canada.*

*Kin Canada, Canada's largest all-Canadian service organization, is made up of Canadian men and women who gather together in clubs to volunteer their time for the purposes of bettering their communities by performing 'hands-on' service work, raising funds for important community projects and having fun.*

*Chartered in 1945, the Kinsmen Club of Stratford was one of the most recognized service clubs in the city and at one time had over 75 active members. Major fund-raising and service projects over the past 40 years have included Arena Booth, Canada Day and Santa Claus parades, July 1st fireworks, Stratford Blues and Ribfest, Camp Tanner, high school bursaries and Cystic Fibrosis.*

*The Covid pandemic put a hold on many activities including the celebration of Kin Canada's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Stratford Kinsmen Clubs 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020.*

*We are respectfully requesting that the City of Stratford Council declare Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Kin Canada Day and the week of February 19 – 25, 2023 as Kin Canada Week and fly the Kin flag over City Hall during that week.*

*Respectfully  
On behalf of the Kinsmen Club of Stratford*

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