

Kinsmen Club of Stratford

“Serving the communities Greatest Need”

P.O. Box 21111, Stratford, ON

January 28, 2025

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

RE: Kin Canada Day 2025 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.

This year the Kinsmen Club of Stratford will celebrate it’s 80th year of serving the “Community’s Greatest Need”.

Chartered in 1945, the Kinsmen Club of Stratford is one of the most recognized service clubs in the city. Stratford Kinsmen major fund-raising and service projects over the past 70 plus years have included Allman Arena Booth, Canada Day and Santa Claus parades, Canada Day fireworks, Stratford Blues and Ribfest, high school bursaries and Cystic Fibrosis to name a few. This past year the Kinsmen have made financial donations to the Stratford Hospital Foundation, Wellspring for Cancer, Rotary Aquabox, Jakes Bowling fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House, Connections Centre, Stratford Library Snack Stop, gym equipment for a new outdoor facility by the skate park, cystic fibrosis and two high school bursaries.

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

We are respectfully requesting that the City of Stratford Council declare Thursday, February 20th, 2025 Kin Canada Day and the week of February 16 – 22, 2025 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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