February 10, 2020

Town of Goderich
57 West Street
Goderich, ON
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Attention: Mayor John Grace and Members of Goderich Town Council

Re: Kin Canada Week – February 16-22, 2020

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

Thank you so much for declaring February 16-22 as Kin Canada Week and February 20th as Kin Canada Day in Goderich!

Founded by Hal Rogers on Feb. 20, 1920, Kin Canada is the nation's largest all-Canadian service club organization. Kinsmen, Kinette and Kin clubs across the country work to better their communities, enhance the well-being of Canadians and improve the environment. The Association boasts a proud history dedicated to fostering life-long friendships while 'Serving the Community’s Greatest Need.' Currently, over 6,000 members belong to over 400 Kinsmen, Kinette and Kin clubs across Canada.

Since our founding in 1920, Kin Canada clubs have donated more than $1 billion to Canadian causes, communities and individuals in need, as well as to disaster relief efforts beyond our borders. Kin Canada has been a partner in the fight against cystic fibrosis since 1964. During this time, Kin members have raised over $47 million in support of the work of Cystic Fibrosis Canada. We are also a Partner for Life with Canadian Blood Services.

Each year the Goderich Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs celebrate our anniversary around this time with our “National Day of KINdness”, which takes place on February 22nd this year. Many of our members will be participating in the Coldest Night of the Year walk as our KINdness day project this year, and to wrap up Kin Canada Week.

We kindly request to have a flag raising ceremony at 9:00 am on Saturday February 22nd to commemorate this special occasion and have the Kin Canada 100th Anniversary Flag flown at Goderich Town Hall until sunset that day. Further, we invite and would be honoured to have the Mayor present for this ceremony.

We thank you for considering our request and look forward to the next 100 years of Kinsmen and Kinettes ‘Serving the Community’s Greatest Need’ in Goderich!

Yours in Kin,

Ryan McClinchey
Kinsmen Club of Goderich