



The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Greater Napanee hereby proclaims February 22nd, 2025, as "Coldest Night of the Year" in the Town of Greater Napanee.

WHEREAS the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser is a 2km or 5km walk in support of the hurting, hungry and homeless right here in Greater Napanee and simultaneously across the country. Over 190 communities across Canada will step outside the warmth and comfort of home to shine a light of welcome and compassion;

AND WHEREAS Morningstar Mission is the organizer and recipient of funds raised and is a registered charity, providing programs and services to individuals and families, and connecting people to other community supports and services;

AND WHEREAS food insecurity has recently been declared an emergency by the KFLA Public Health with 1 in 3 local families experiencing food insecurity. Morningstar Mission provides sit-down and takeout meal programs, clothing and food bank services, income tax services and an overnight warming centre. Morningstar sees 20 new households every month apply for its food programs and homelessness services, with over 850 households signing up in the last 2 years. The warming centre has welcomed 135 unique unhoused individuals in 2024;

AND WHEREAS although the temperature may not be the coldest of the year, it is a symbolic gesture to honour those in our community who are living in poverty;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Greater Napanee HEREBY Proclaims Saturday, February 22nd, 2025, be recognized as "Coldest Night of the Year" in the Town of Greater Napanee;

AND FURTHER encourage our citizens on this day to make an effort to support our community's hurting, hungry and homeless.

Mayor Terry Richardson