



The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Greater Napanee hereby proclaims September 28, 2026, as "National British Home Child Day" in the Town of Greater Napanee.

WHEREAS Over 100,000 children from toddlers to the age of eighteen were emigrated from all areas of the UK to Canada. Their children were used as a source of labour on our farms and in our Canadian households as indentured labourers. They are known today as the "British Home Children" (BHC);

AND WHEREAS There are an estimated four million descendants of BHC living in Canada today;

AND WHEREAS Many of these children were settled into Napanee and the surrounding area. They contributed enormously to the building of this Region;

AND WHEREAS On September 28th, our National BHC Day in Canada, over 65 venues across Canada, Scotland and England will be participating in the "Beacons of Light for BHC and Child Migrants Tribute" to honour the memory of the BHC and their descendants and the community can participate by leaving their porch lights on to lead them the way home or by placing a sunflower on the grave of a BHC at your local cemetery.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Greater Napanee HEREBY PROCLAIMS September 28th, 2026, be recognized as National British Home Child Day in the Town of Greater Napanee.

Mayor Terry Richardson