

February 26, 2021



Honourable Kyle Seeback M.P. Dufferin-Caledon 229 Broadway, Unit 2 Orangeville, ON L9W IK4

Dear Mr. Seeback:

On February 23, 2021 Council for the Town of Mono passed the following resolution regarding a National 3-digit Suicide Prevention Hotline.

<u>Resolution #11-4-2021</u> Moved by Ralph Manktelow, Seconded by Sharon Martin

WHEREAS the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

AND WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

AND WHEREAS in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Mono recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Mono endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

AND THAT Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

"Carried"

Respectfully,

Fred Simpson Clerk

cc: Hon. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General & MPP Dufferin-Caledon All Dufferin Municipalities