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Attention: Honourable Kyle Seeback

RE: National 3-Digit Suicide Prevention Hotline

At the February 23, 2021 Special Electronic Meeting of Council, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Stirk, Seconded by Banfield

Be it Resolved that 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 percent;

And Whereas the 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 Township of East Garafraxa 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 Township of East Garafraxa 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 Council's support. **CARRIED**

Regards,

Susan M. Stone, AMCT
CAO/Clerk-Treasurer
Corporation of the
Township of East Garafraxa

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