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May 3, 2021

**Delivered by email**  
**Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca**

The Honourable Patty Hajdu  
Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

Dear Minister:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of April 27, 2021**

**Re: Correspondence from Mayor Allan Thompson, Town of Caledon; Re: Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on April 27, 2021, and in this regard Council adopted the following resolution:

- 1. That the memorandum regarding Correspondence from Mayor Allan Thompson, Town of Caledon; Re: Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline, be received; and**
- 2. That Council support the Town of Caledon initiative regarding 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline; and**
- 3. That a letter demonstrating Aurora Council's support be sent to Leona Alleslev, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora, Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill, Hon. Christine Elliott, MPP Newmarket—Aurora, Hon. Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), and all Ontario municipalities.**

The above is for your consideration and any attention deemed necessary.

Town of Aurora Council Resolution – Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis  
Prevention Hotline

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael de Rond". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

MdR/lb

Attachment: Correspondence dated March 31, 2021, from Mayor Allan Thompson,  
Town of Caledon; Re: Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis  
Prevention Hotline

Copy: Leona Alleslev, MP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill  
Tony Van Bynen, MP Newmarket—Aurora  
Michael Parsa, MPP Aurora—Oak Ridges—Richmond Hill  
Hon. Christine Elliott, MPP Newmarket—Aurora  
Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)  
All Ontario Municipalities



Attachment

*Allan Thompson*  
Mayor

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Sent via E-Mail to: [Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca)

March 31, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu  
Federal Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Ms. Hajdu,

**RE: SUPPORT FOR 988, A 3-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS PREVENTION HOTLINE**

I am writing to advise that at the Town Council meeting held on March 30, 2021, Council adopted a resolution endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

The resolution reads as follows:

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

*Whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%;*

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

*Whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;*

*Whereas the Town of Caledon recognized 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 Caledon endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and*

*That a letter demonstrating Caledon's support be sent to Kyle Seebach, MP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP, Dufferin-Caledon, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.*

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**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF CALEDON**

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*Allan Thompson*  
*Mayor*

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Thank you for your attention to this very important matter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Allan Thompson  
Mayor

Cc. Kyle Seeback, MP Dufferin-Caledon, [Kyle.Seeback@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Kyle.Seeback@parl.gc.ca)  
Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon, [sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org](mailto:sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org)  
Ian Scott, Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and  
Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), [iscott@telesat.com](mailto:iscott@telesat.com)  
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## The Corporation of the Township of Burpee and Mills

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The Honourable Patty Hajdu  
Federal Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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Via email: [Patty.Hajdu@pal.gc.ca](mailto:Patty.Hajdu@pal.gc.ca)

May 11, 2021-05-11

Re: Support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline

Please be advised that on May 4, 2021, The Township of Burpee & Mills passed the following motion to support The Town of Caledon letter endorsing the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help.

THAT The Township of Burpee and Mills hereby supports the letter by the Town of Caledon, attached hereto in support for 988, a 3-Digit Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline.

AND FURTHER directs staff to forward a copy of this resolution to local members of Parliament, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried: Ken Noland

cc The Honourable Christine Elliott, Minister of Health, Ontario - [christine.elliott@ontario.ca](mailto:christine.elliott@ontario.ca)  
MP Carol Hughes - [carol.hughes@parl.gc.ca](mailto:carol.hughes@parl.gc.ca)  
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All Ontario Municipalities

May 21, 2021

Hon. Patty Hajdu  
Minister of Health  
Brooke Claxton Building, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor 0916A  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0K9  
[hcminister.ministresc@canada.ca](mailto:hcminister.ministresc@canada.ca)

Dear Minister Hajdu:

**Re: Endorsement of 988 Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline Initiative**

At its Regular meeting held on May 17, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound considered the above noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-210517-009 as follows:

R-210517-009

**"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%; and**

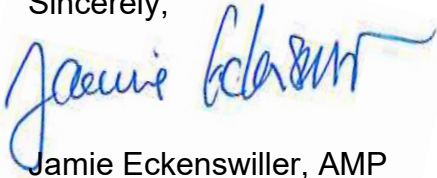
**WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10- digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;**

**THEEFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council endorses the 988 crisis line initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help; and**

**THAT a letter demonstrating City Council's support be sent to the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Honourable Alex Ruff MP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, the Honourable Bill Walker MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound, Ian Scott Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications and all municipalities in Ontario."**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP  
Deputy Clerk  
City of Owen Sound

cc. Hon. Alex Ruff, MP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
Hon. Bill Walker, MPP Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound  
Ian Scott, Chairperson and CEO, Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications  
Commission  
All Ontario Municipalities

April 30, 2021

COO

The Honourable Doug Downey, MPP, Attorney General  
20 Bell Farm Road  
Barrie, ON L4M 6E4  
(sent via email [doug.downey@pc.ola.org](mailto:doug.downey@pc.ola.org))

Dear Minister Downey:

**Re: NATIONAL 3-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS HOTLINE**

On behalf of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Barrie, I wish to advise you that City Council adopted the following resolution at its meeting held on April 26, 2021:

**21-G-098 NATIONAL THREE DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS HOTLINE**

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

WHEREAS the motion calls for the federal government to consolidate all existing suicide crisis numbers into one three-digit hotline; and

WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; 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 City of Barrie recognized 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 as follows:

1. That the City of Barrie endorses this 988 crisis line initiative.
2. That a letter demonstrating Barrie's support be sent to Todd Doherty, MP Caribou-Prince George, John Brassard, MP, Barrie-Innisfil, Doug Shipley, MP, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, MPP, Barrie-Innisfil, the Honourable Doug Downey, MPP, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned, [wendy.cooke@barrie.ca](mailto:wendy.cooke@barrie.ca) or (705) 739.4220, Ext. 4560.

Yours truly,

Wendy Cooke  
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services

WC/bt

cc:

- The Honourable Patty Hajdu, MP, Minister of Health
- John Brassard, MP, Barrie-Innisfil
- Doug Shipley, MP, Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte
- Todd Doherty, MP, Caribou-Prince George
- Andrea Khanjin, MPP, Barrie-Innisfil
- The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC)
- All municipalities in Ontario

May 7, 2021

RE: Support for 988 – a 3 Digit Crisis and Suicide Prevention Hotline

Please be advised that the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands, at its meeting held May 5, 2021, passed the following resolution:

**2021-312**

**Moved by Aakash Desai, Seconded by Dane Nielsen**

**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%; 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 Municipality of Grey Highlands 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 Municipality of Grey Highlands endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and**

**That the Municipality of Grey Highlands request that this initiative move forward expeditiously; and**

**That a copy of this resolution be sent to Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MP Alex Ruff, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound MPP Bill Walker, Federal Minister of Health Patty Hajdu, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.  
CARRIED.**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Jerri-Lynn Levitt*

Jerri-Lynn Levitt  
Deputy Clerk  
Council and Legislative Services  
Municipality of Grey Highlands

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