

May 21, 2021

Hon. Patty Hajdu
Minister of Health
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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

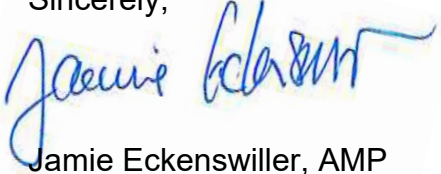
WHEREAS existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10- digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold;

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 Honorable 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