

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,

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