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May 3, 2021

Delivered by email
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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.

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Prevention Hotline

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michael de Rond', written in a cursive style.

Michael de Rond

Town Clerk

The Corporation of the Town of Aurora

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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

Sent via E-Mail to: 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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Allan Thompson
Mayor

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
Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon, sylvia.jones@pc.ola.org
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