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The Honourable Patty Hajdu

sent via email

House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario,
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Re: Support for 988 Crisis Line

Please be advised that at the Monday, March 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, the Township of Spallumcheen Council passed the following resolution:

“THAT the Township of Spallumcheen Council pass the following motion and direct a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities as outlined in the letter from Member of Parliament Mel Arnold, North Okanagan - Shuswap for support for a National Suicide Prevention Hotline:

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 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 Spallumcheen Council 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 Spallumcheen Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative.”

Copy to:
Acting City Manager
Dir. Corporate Services
Dir. Planning & Building
Dir. Public Safety & Community Services

Council understands, now more than ever, that Canadians may need access to additional resources amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. It is imperative, we as elected officials, do everything that we can to help everyone come out stronger on the other side of this unprecedented and challenging time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, if you have any questions in this regard please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C Fraser".

Christine Fraser
Mayor

cc. Member Municipalities
MP Todd Doherty
MP Mel Arnold
Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC)