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Sent Via E-Mail to: Patty.Hajdu@parl.gc.ca

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

This letter is written to advise that, Council, at its June 14, 2021, Regular Council Meeting passed the following motion supporting the Federal government's proposed National three-digit suicide and crisis line initiative:

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 per cent; 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 Council of the City of Colwood recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the City of Colwood endorses this 988-crisis line initiative.

Yours truly,

Rob Martin,
Mayor.

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