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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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