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August 25, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu  
Federal Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6  
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Dear Honourable Patty Hajdu:

**Re: SUPPORT FOR 988, A 3-DIGIT SUICIDE AND CRISIS PREVENTION HOTLINE**

Please be advised that at the meeting held on July 26, 2021, the Council of the Town of Greater Napanee adopted the following resolution of support:  
RESOLUTION #351/21: Richardson, Kaiser

That the correspondence from Scott Aitchison, Township of The Archipelago re: Support for 988 Crisis Line, dated June 18, 2021, and from Adjala- Tosorontio re: Support for 3-digit suicide & crisis hotline, dated June 21, 2021, and from Adelaide Metcalfe re: Supports Owen Sound 988 Suicide Crisis Hotline dated July 12, 2021, be received; And further, That Council direct Staff to provide letters of support to pertinent Ministers and agencies involved. CARRIED.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Katy Macpherson  
Legal Services Coordinator

CC: All Ontario Municipalities



## Township of The Archipelago

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June 18, 2021

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**Moved by Councillor Mead  
Seconded by Councillor Zanussi**

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**RE: Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound Muskoka – Support for 9-8-8 Crisis Line**

**WHEREAS** the Federal Government has passed a motion to adopt 9-8-8, a National 3-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 9-8-8 crisis hotline; and

**WHEREAS** the Township of The Archipelago recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in crisis and seeking help;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council for the Township of The Archipelago hereby endorses this 9-8-8 crisis line initiative; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that staff be directed to send a letter indicating support to Scott Aitchison, MP Parry Sound Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP Parry Sound Muskoka, Hon. Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), and all Ontario municipalities and local First Nations.

**Carried.**

June 21, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu  
Federal Minister of Health  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

**Re: Support for 988 – 3 digit suicide and crisis prevention hotline**

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Adjala-Tosorontio, at its meeting held Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 enacted the following resolution:

**RES-167-2021**

*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 there for be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;*

*And that this resolution be sent to the Honourable Minister of Health Patty Hajdu, MP Terry Dowdall, Simcoe-Grey, MP Jim Wilson, Simcoe-Grey, Ian Scott, Chairperson & CEO-Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications (CRTC) and all municipalities in Ontario.*

Sincerely,

*Dianne Gould-Brown*

Dianne Gould-Brown, CMO  
Clerk





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July 12, 2021

City of Owen Sound  
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**ATTENTION: JAMIE ECKENSWILLER, DEPUTY CLERK**

**RE: SUPPORT OF RESOLUTION – ENDORSEMENT OF 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS PREVENTION  
HOTLINE INITIATIVE**

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Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, at the regular meeting of June 21, 2021, supported your resolution and the following was passed.

**THAT Council support the City of Owen Sound's endorsement of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Prevention Hotline Initiative.**

**CARRIED.**

Kind regards,

Morgan Calvert  
CAO/Acting Clerk