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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 21, 2021, Regular Council Meeting passed the following motion supporting the Federal government's proposed National three-digit suicide and crisis line initiative:

*Whereas the covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the mental health of Canadians; and*

*Whereas persons in crisis need quick and easy access to crisis intervention services; and*

*Whereas Parliament has unanimously passed legislation to provide a 3-digit number to access these services from anywhere in Canada; and*

*Whereas the United States is intending to initiate a similar service using the same 3-digit number thereby creating access to these services from anywhere in North America;*

*Therefore, Council directs staff to send a letter to the local Member of Parliament, local Member of the Legislative Assembly, the Federal Minister of Health, the Canadian Radio and Television Commission and local area municipalities to express the City of Langford's support of this initiative.*

We look forward to the implementation of this initiative.

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where it all happens.

Sincerely,



Stew Young,  
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