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Attention: Dean Allison, MP and Sam Oosterhoff, MPP

Re: Support for 988 Crisis Line

At their regular meeting of December 14, 2020, Council of the Town of Pelham received a Motion put forth by Councillor Haun and seconded by Councillor Stewart calling for support for the 988 Crisis Line and endorsed the following:

WHEREAS there is a call for the Federal government 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 Pelham Town 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 Pelham Town Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP and local area municipalities to indicate our support.

On behalf of Council, we thank you for receiving our correspondence of support for this important initiative.

Yours very truly,



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Town Clerk

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cc. Councillor Lisa Haun
Local Area Municipalities