



Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

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March 30, 2021

The Honourable Chris Lewis
Member of Parliament
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VIA EMAIL

Re: Three-Digit Suicide Prevention Hotline

At the March 23, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, the Town of LaSalle Council passed the following resolution:

Resolution No. 465/21

"That the letter received by the House of Commons to bring a National Three-digit Suicide Prevention Hotline line to Canada be endorsed."

Carried.

The correspondence received by the House of Commons has been attached for your convenience.

Thank you,

Agatha Robertson
Director of Council Services/Clerk



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M. BONDY
TOWN OF LASALLE

Dear Members of LaSalle Town Council,

On December 11th, 2020, the House of Commons passed a motion introduced by Conservative MP Todd Doherty, through unanimous consent, to bring a national 3-digit suicide prevention hotline line to Canada.

That, given that the alarming rate of suicide in Canada constitutes a national health crisis, the House call on the government to take immediate action, in collaboration with our provinces, to establish a national suicide prevention hotline that consolidates all suicide crisis numbers into one easy to remember three-digit (988) hot- line that is accessible to all Canadians.

We're asking all municipalities across Canada to consider passing a motion similar, to the one below. In order to make 988 a reality, we must continue to put pressure on the government and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

Personally, you can support the cause by signing our electronic petition at:

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2772>

The past year has been a challenging year. Lives and livelihoods have been lost. We have begun to see the devastating impacts that COVID has had, through isolation, on the mental health of Canadians. The rates of suicide continue to rise. As elected officials and as leaders, and especially during this period of difficulty as a nation, Canadians are counting on all of us to make a difference.

Please consider passing this motion as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Chris Lewis, MP
Essex