

July 21, 2021

The Honourable Patty Hajdu
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**Re: Resolution of Council – Support of Municipality of Leamington Resolution
C-181-21 endorsing 988 Crisis Line initiative**

Essex County Council, at its Wednesday, July 21, 2021 meeting, adopted the following resolution:

157-2021

Moved By Hilda MacDonald
Seconded By Aldo DiCarlo

That Essex County Council receive the correspondence from the Municipality of Leamington, dated June 15, 2021, advising of their Council's endorsement for the 988 Crisis Line initiative; and further that Leamington Council Resolution No. C-181-21 be supported.

Carried

Should any further information be required, please contact the undersigned.

Regards,



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Enclosure
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June 15, 2021

To Whom it May Concern:

Please be advised that the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington, at its meeting held Tuesday, June 8, 2021 enacted the following resolution:

No. C-181-21

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 Municipality of Leamington 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 the Municipality of Leamington endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

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

Carried

Dated today, the 15th day of June, 2021.

Brenda Percy, Clerk
The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington