

July 21, 2021

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

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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,



Gary McNamara  
Warden  
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;

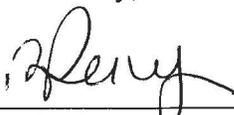
AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Leamington recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.



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Brenda Percy, Clerk  
The Corporation of the Municipality of Leamington