



May 27, 2021

Mr. Chris Lewis, M.P.  
316 Talbot St. N.  
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

**RE: Support for National Suicide Prevention Hotline**

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At their meeting held May 25, 2021 the Council of the Municipality of Lakeshore passed the following resolution:

**173-05-2021**

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 percent;

And whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a ten-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 Lakeshore 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 Council of the Municipality of Lakeshore endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and  
Direct Administration to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, MPP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate support.

Carried Unanimously



Should you require any additional information with respect to the matter above, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Brianna Coughlin  
Manager of Legislative Services

cc: MPP Tara Natyshak  
Federal Minister of Health  
CRTC  
County of Essex municipalities