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Mayor Junkin and Council Members,

In December of 2020 there was a unanimous vote in the House of Commons in favour of implementing the 988 Crisis Line which was initiated by my colleague, Todd Doherty the Member of Parliament for Cariboo-Prince George. I wish to sincerely thank you for your recent support of this potentially life-saving initiative.

As you know, in the past ten months, the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic have taken a toll on Canadians' mental health. So many people suffer in silence. It is important to eliminate unnecessary barriers for those who choose to seek help which is why the implementation of a crisis line is so crucial to help those struggling with mental illness. Suicide-prevention experts have stated that the three-digit number will be a breakthrough that helps people in crisis.

Thank you again for your support as we work together to ensure residents have the tools they need to seek assistance during a time of personal crisis.

Sincerely

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