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January 25, 2021

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And

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Via E-mail: Vance.Badawey@parl.gc.ca

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Dear Vance Badawey, MP and Jeff Burch, MPP

Re: Resolution – 988 Crisis Line

Please be advised that, at its meeting of January 11, 2021, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

That the resolution received from the Town of Pelham - 988 Crisis Line, be supported.

A copy of the above noted resolution is enclosed for your reference. Your favourable consideration of this request is respectfully requested.

Sincerely,

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Dean Allison, MP 4994 King Street, PO Box 880 Beamsville, ON LOR 1B0 Dean.allison@parl.gc.ca

AND

Sam Oosterhoff, MPP 4961 King Street Beamsville ON LOR 1B0 <u>Sam.oosterhoff@pc.ola.org</u>

Attention: Dean Allison, MP and Sam Oosterhoff, MPP

Re: Support for 988 Crisis Line

At their regular meeting of December 14, 2020, Council of the Town of Pelham received a Motion put forth by Councillor Haun and seconded by Councillor Stewart calling for support for the 988 Crisis Line and endorsed the following:

WHEREAS there is a call for the Federal government 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 Pelham Town Council 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 Pelham Town Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;



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

On behalf of Council, we thank you for receiving our correspondence of support for this important initiative.

Yours very truly,

(Mrs.) Nancy J. Bozzato, Dipl.M.M., AMCT Town Clerk

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cc. Councillor Lisa Haun Local Area Municipalities