



## CITY OF LANGLEY

### MOTION

#### **SUPPORT FOR A NATIONAL 988 SUICIDE AND CRISIS HOTLINE – Mayor van den Broek**

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**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 Council of the City of Langley 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 City of Langley 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.