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Via Email: dwalker@whiterockcity.ca

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Dear Mayor Walker,

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the House of Commons passed a motion introduced by Conservative MP Todd Doherty, through unanimous consent, to bring a national 3-digit suicide prevention hotline line to Canada.

That, given that the alarming rate of suicide in Canada constitutes a national health crisis, the House call on the government to take immediate action, in collaboration with our provinces, to establish a national suicide prevention hotline that consolidates all suicide crisis numbers into one easy to remember three-digit (988) hot-line that is accessible to all Canadians.

I am reaching out to you to ask that the municipality pass a similar motion, just as we are asking all municipalities across Canada to consider passing a motion similar to the one above. In order to make 988 a reality, we must continue to put pressure on the government and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).

The past year has been a challenging one. Lives and livelihoods have been lost. We now see the devastating impacts that COVID has had, through isolation, on the mental health of Canadians. The rates of suicide continue to rise. As elected officials and as leaders, and especially during this period of difficulty as a nation, Canadians are counting on all of us to make a difference. Our White Rock constituents are counting on us to deliver the supports they need.

Please consider passing this motion as soon as possible.

Should you have any questions or which to discuss further, I am always available to you and Council.

Yours truly,

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