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Subject: Motion for next GP

Hi Claudia;

Can we get this motion on the next GP that is appropriate?

Thank you, Alexa

Draft motion:

Support for 988 Crisis Line

WHEREAS the Federal government has unanimously passed a motion to adopt 988, a National threedigit 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 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 Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative;

and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MPs, MLAs, Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health, and the CRTC.

