



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES  
CANADA

## TAKO VAN POPTA

Member of Parliament  
Langley--Aldergrove

February 24, 2021

Mayor and Council  
Township of Langley

By email

Dear Mayor Froese and Councillors Arnason, Davis, Ferguson, Kunst, Long, Richter, Whitmarsh, and Woodward,

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.**

We're asking all municipalities across Canada to consider passing a motion similar, to the one below. 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).

Personally, you can support the cause by signing our electronic petition at:  
<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2772>

The past year has been a challenging year. Lives and livelihoods have been lost. We have begun to 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.

### OTTAWA

Room 832, Confederation building, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6  
Tel.: 613-992-1157

### CONSTITUENCY

4769 - 222nd Street Suite 104, Langley, British Columbia  
V2Z 3C1

TAKO.VANPOPTA@PARL.GC.CA

Please consider passing this motion as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Tako van Popta, Member of Parliament  
Langley—Aldergrove

**Motion:**

Support for 988 Crisis Line

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 Township of Langley Mayor and 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 Township of Langley Mayor and 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 Minister of Health, Patty Hajdu, the CRTC and other local area municipalities to indicate our support.