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Administration Recommendation

Administration supports the proposed motions.

Purpose

To establish a national suicide prevention hot line that consolidates all suicide crisis numbers to one easy to remember three-digit (988) hot line that is accessible to all Canadians.

Summary

The past year has been challenging; lives and livelihoods have been lost. COVID-19, through isolation, has had devastating effects on the mental health of Canadians.

The Federal government has passed a motion to bring in a national three-digit suicide and crisis prevention hot line (988). The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%. Existing crisis hot lines require the user to remember a ten-digit number, go through local directories or even be placed on hold. It is a significant and important initiative to ensure barriers are removed to those in crisis and seeking help.

Given that the alarming rate of suicide in Canada constitutes a national health crisis, the government in

collaboration with the provinces, seeks to support the establishment of a national three-digit hot line (988) that is accessible to all Canadians.

The current suicide prevention line is 833-456-4566 or text 741741.

Strategic Plan/Policy/Legal/Staff Implications:

This request corresponds with the Complete Communities pillar statement as per Parkland County's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan.

Financial Impact:

Cost: 0

Source of Funding: n/a