



## Addendum to the Health and Social Services Committee Agenda

Council Chambers  
Regional Headquarters Building  
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

**Thursday, September 9, 2021**

**9:30 AM**

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**Note: Additional agenda items are shown in bold**

1. Roll Call
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Adoption of Minutes
  - A) Health & Social Services Committee meeting – June 3, 2021
4. Statutory Public Meetings

There are no statutory public meetings
5. Delegations
  - 5.1 Joe Otavnik, Oshawa Resident, re: Oshawa Micro-Homes Pilot Project
  - 5.2 Dr. Mark Katz re: The Clinical and Support Needs of Clients of the Beaverton Supportive Housing Proposal
6. Presentations
  - 6.1 R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health re: COVID-19 Update
  - 6.2 L. Mizzi, Assistant Administrator, Hillsdale Estates, re: Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission - Report Overview (2021-SS-8)  
[Item 8.2 A)]

7. Health

7.1 Correspondence

- A) Information Report #2021-INFO-67 of the Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health re: The Health Costs of Climate Change: How Canadians Can Adapt, Prepare and Save Lives

Pulled from June 18, 2021 Council Information Package by Councillor McLean

Recommendation: Receive for Information

- B) Correspondence from the Municipality of Hastings Highlands re: Resolution passed at their Council Meeting held on June 2, 2021, endorsing 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline

Pulled from June 18, 2021 Council Information Package by Councillor McLean

Recommendation: Receive for Information

- C) Correspondence from the City of Pickering re: Resolution passed at their Council Meeting held on June 28, 2021, endorsing 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline**

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**Recommendation: Receive for Information**

7.2 Reports

There are no Health Reports to consider

8. Social Services

8.1 Correspondence

8.2 Reports

- A) Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission (2021-SS-8)

- B) Updated Durham Advisory Committee on Homelessness Terms of Reference (2021-SS-9)

9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There are no advisory committee resolutions to be considered

10. Confidential Matters

There are no confidential matters to be considered

11. Other Business

12. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, October 7, 2021 at 9:30 AM

13. Adjournment

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Sent by email

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Subject: National Three-digit Suicide and Crisis Hotline

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I am writing to you today as a follow-up to an item I raised at a previous OBCM meeting regarding the adoption of a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline.

On June 28, 2021, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering unanimously adopted the following resolution from a motion I introduced:

Whereas, the Federal government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

And Whereas, on December 11th, 2020, the House of Commons passed a motion introduced by 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.

And Whereas, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200%; 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 City of Pickering recognized 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 Corporation of the City of Pickering declares:

1. That the City of Pickering endorse this 988 crisis line initiative; and,
2. That a letter demonstrating Pickering's support be sent to Todd Doherty, MP, Caribou-Prince George, Jennifer O'Connell, MP, Uxbridge-Pickering, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP, Uxbridge-Pickering, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Federal Minister of Health, and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications (CRTC).

The City is pleased to support this important mental health initiative.

Yours truly



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