



April 12, 2021

Dear BC Municipalities

RE: Endorsement of 9-8-8 Crisis Line Initiative

Please be advised that at a District of Clearwater Regular Council meeting held on April 6, 2021, myself and Council expressed appreciation for the initiative to create a 9-8-8 crisis line and passed the following resolution:

“THAT Council direct Administration to provide a letter of support for the 9-8-8 Crisis Line Initiative to be addressed and distributed to BC Municipalities.”

Council understands the critical significance of reducing the barriers that a person in crisis will face when seeking resources. Through unanimous consent, the District of Clearwater supports the creation of a national 3-digit suicide prevention hotline in Canada. This initiative is particularly timely given the considerable pressures on the mental health of Canadians that have manifested during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Merlin Blackwell', is written over a light blue wavy line.

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