



## Suicide Prevention Community Council of Hamilton

*“The Hamilton Suicide Prevention Strategy is foremost an expression of our commitment to compassion and to caring. Compassion for those of us who have suffered the profound loss of someone we love. Caring for those who experience or live with suicidal thoughts or behaviours. A strategy confirms our commitment to every member of our community, to every neighbour, to every friend, to every family member, because suicide prevention is everyone’s business.”*

*Adrian Hill, Past President, Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention*

# HAMILTON SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGY DECLARATION OF SUPPORT

**PRINCIPLES:** The Hamilton Suicide Prevention Strategy has its foundations in the following:

1. Suicide prevention is everyone’s business.
2. We can influence societal attitudes and conditions.
3. Services for suicide prevention, intervention and postvention should:
  - a. Be respectful, non judgemental, caring and free of stigma and discrimination.
  - b. Take into account cultural, linguistic and gender diversity, sexual orientation and the needs of those with lived experience.
  - c. Be coordinated and collaborative.
  - d. Include, where possible, the appropriate involvement of family and community members in aftercare.
  - e. Be effective and informed by evidence.
  - f. Be adequately funded.

**THE PURPOSE** of the Strategy is to guide the development of an integrated, coordinated, comprehensive suicide prevention approach in the Hamilton community.

**THE AIM** of the Strategy is to help prevent deaths due to suicide and reduce the suffering related to suicidal ideation, attempts and those bereaved by suicide.

**DECLARATION:** To these ends, \_\_\_\_\_  
endorses the Suicide Prevention Strategy inclusive of the aim, purpose and principles upon which it is built. We also agree to further the work of the Strategy, both internally and externally to our organization/affiliation, on behalf of the constituents with whom we work, where possible and reasonable, in accordance to our mission and mandate.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME & TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_