

Assalam-u-alaikum and Eid Mubarak Peel Community,

## What's been happening with MCP...

### The Board and E.D.

With a very eventful spring and summer to date, we have lots to share with you in this bulletin. We feel that civic and interfaith relationships are extremely valuable in preserving and protecting human rights, combatting hate and nurturing an inclusive society. Our First annual Eid event has served as an important step toward building such relationships. View our pictures here. The community has continued to face an increase in Islamophobia. We have been working hard to ensure that various voices in the community are engaged and information about what authorities are doing to ensure the safety and security of the Muslim community in Peel and in particular of students is communicated. We continue to respond on demand to emerging matters with public statements and positions. Check-out [www.mcpeel.ca](http://www.mcpeel.ca) to view recent statements.

- Our Canada 150 Eid Unity dinner themed “Celebrating and Reconciling Relationships” was held on Thursday June 29 at Sagan Banquet Hall. The keynote speaker, Chief R. Stacey LaForme inspired the audience with his remarks and poetry. We presented recognitions for championing diversity and inclusion to Mayor Linda Jeffrey, MP Iqra Khalid, MP Ruby Sahota, former Peel Board Director Tony Pontes, Peel Police Chaplain Shaykh Imran Ally, Hamza Aziz, Maleha Baig, Shahmir Durrani and Saad Masood. Our interfaith friends from the Buddhist, Christian, Jewish and Sikh communities were invited to cut cakes alongside MCP board members including Imams Hafiz Faizan and Ibrahim Hindi.



- We introduced a Monthly Fajr Unity Breakfast to bring fajr congregations from member organizations together to pray, have breakfast and discuss important matters. The first one was held on July 9 at Sayeda Khadija Centre. We are in the process of confirming more of these with member hosts. Stay tuned to our social media for details of breakfasts coming up this fall.
- The workshop on hate crime is being rescheduled for this fall. It will include a presentation from a Peel Police hate crime coordinator and a crown attorney. Watch for the notice with registration details in the next couple of weeks.
- Our board of directors accepted Shireen Ahmed's resignation and look forward to her continued input as a member representative of SeekersHub. We will continue to work as a board of 6 directors until the next AGM.

## **Feature**

We are working collaboratively with the RCMP to provide a platform for learning and sharing information about policing and violent extremism engaging Muslim women leaders in the greater Toronto community. Our focus is to ensure that women connected to MCP member organizations actively participate in this workshop to challenge the system, communicate their concerns and to benefit from the knowledge shared.

## **Membership Matters**

Membership in MCP continues to grow. We want you on board if you are a non-profit incorporation or registered charity serving Muslims in Peel Region. Please review our membership requirements and apply.

- We are still looking for members to complete their organizational profiles. Email [executivedirector@mcpeel.ca](mailto:executivedirector@mcpeel.ca) if you want it sent to you again.
- The website is ready for members to set-up log-ins for the members only section where you will find helpful information and resources. It is still being populated and we welcome your suggestions. Watch for an email from MCP with instructions to create your log-in.

## **Community Engagement**

- MCP called for an emergency community meeting with senior members of Peel Regional Police, members of the Muslim Advisory Committee, representatives of MCP member organizations and other concerned members of the community. Peel Regional Police Chief Jennifer Evans and senior officers engaged in a dialog to clarify their process on investigating alleged hate crimes and incidents of harassment. They explained their role in ensuring protests are peaceful. They listened to the community's concerns about children being the targets of the protests and assured everyone that their officers would not hesitate to lay charges if any crime occurred under the criminal code.
- Rabia participated in interviews with [Global News](#), [New York Times](#) and the [Globe and Mail](#).
- Rabia represented MCP at several by invitation only iftars during Ramadan including those hosted by The Lieutenant Governor, the RCMP, The Consul General of Turkey, PC Leader Patrick Brown, Minister Charles Sousa and Premier Kathleen Wynne.
- Rabia also attended a private luncheon at the residence of the Consul General of Turkey where Imams and community leaders were in attendance.
- Rabia spoke at the ICNA Sisters Fund Raising Dinner and the Alhuda Institute graduation.

- Rabia has been actively serving as the voice of MCP members on the Interfaith Council of Peel Steering Committee and attending regular meetings. She has been actively providing input in order to create formal terms of reference including appropriate faith representation. The ICP will hold an annual members meeting in November to elect a new steering committee. The annual members meeting invitation will be forwarded to all MCP members.

## Important Dates & Announcements

- Eid prayers are being held at several locations hosted by MCP members. Visit our website for an updated list.
- We invite member organizations to provide us events and announcements to be included in this bulletin.

Eid Mubarak to all. Please remember us in your du'as. Don't forget to like our Facebook Page and follow us on Twitter: [@mcpeel4u](https://www.facebook.com/MCP-Muslim-Council-of-Peel-1635100146742492/?fref=ts)

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