



# MCP Community Bulletin, December 2017

## Assalam-u-alaikum Peel Community, What's been happening with MCP...

### The Board and E.D.

Welcome to our year end bulletin.

Please email us your events, announcements and any information you would like to see in our monthly bulletin by the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month. We want your feedback to better serve your interests. We aim to support our members by facilitating greater communication and collaboration.

### Feature

December certainly brought winter! We hope you are keeping warm and enjoying the new calendar year. MCP's Annual General Meeting will take place on February 25. We need board members who are "able and available" to help guide the organization. Please consider joining. 2018 is also an important election year at provincial and municipal levels. By expanding our membership, we will have a strong voice in civic participation, which is important to our community.

### Membership Matters

- A gentle reminder that membership fees for 2018 are overdue now. We cannot operate without your financial contributions.
- We have a vacancy on the board. Please email your expression of interest to [executivedirector@mcpeel.ca](mailto:executivedirector@mcpeel.ca) no later than January 25, 2018.
- If you haven't completed the organizational profiles, we ask that you do so. Email [executivedirector@mcpeel.ca](mailto:executivedirector@mcpeel.ca) if you would like us to resend the document.

- Have you set-up your log-in for the members only section? Please let us know if there is anything you would like to see there.
- Thank you to members who completed the feedback survey to help us plan for 2018.

## The Year in Review

For Canadian-Muslims 2017 was a very difficult year where we faced growing Islamophobia. Alhamdulillah Peel Region and its school board saw the Friday Prayers issue resolve in spite of Islamophobic resistance. Sadly, our greatest fears were realized when we received the news that on January 29 six men were killed by a terrorist attack in the mosque in Quebec City. We felt comforted with the rings of peace and interfaith support in the days that followed. We witnessed hate in the form of protests in front of schools on Friday afternoons. We saw hate mongering at its best through videos on social media targetting students. Most of all we witnessed the Muslim community's peaceful resolve.

MCP put its purpose into immediate action on January 30 holding an emergency meeting mobilizing community leaders, MCP members, police and officials in less than 24 hours to discuss the Quebec terrorist attack and ensure security for mosques and Islamic organizations. Rabia Khedr as official spokesperson participated in over six television broadcasts including providing live commentary on the Montreal funerals on the CBC.

MCP hosted a number of members networking opportunities and seminars including the workshop on Human Rights in Ontario and a workshop on How to Serve Muslims in Peel.





The most important highlight of 2017 was MCP's Canada 150 Eid Celebration.

MCP certainly maintained a strong presence in Peel in interfaith, community and political circles. MCP provided leadership in engaging Muslim community with policing agencies locally and nationally. It actively participated in the Interfaith Council of Peel's activities. It represented the community at regional meetings including the Syrian Newcomer Settlement Working Group table.

MCP is looking ahead to 2018 ensuring quarterly events, increasing memberships and making sure that our members interests are heard with the provincial and municipal elections around the corner.

#### Important Dates & Announcements

January 20 What Men and Women Really Want Public. Hosted by SeekersHub Toronto

January 28 Muslim Social Brunch (Ages 25-35). Hosted by Dawanet and Understanding Islam Academy Canada

January 29 Stay tuned for details on vigils marking the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Quebec mosque attack

February 17 Tawheed Community Centre Fundraiser

Sat 5:30 PM - ISNA, Mississauga. Join Alaa Elsayed Hosam Helal Samiya Ahmed Musleh Khan and Zunera Ishaq for the opportunity to build something our children can be proud of!

February 10 Annual FundRaising Dinner. Hosted by Sayeda Khadija Centre.

February 25 Save this date for the MCP Annual General Meeting to take place at 9:00 at Dar Al-Tawheed Islamic Centre, 5550 McAdam Road, Mississauga.

We invite member organizations to provide us events and announcements to be included in this bulletin.

Please remember us in your dua's.

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