



MCP Community Bulletin, October 2017

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

The Board and E.D.

Welcome to our monthly bulletin.

Please email us your events, announcements and any information you would like to see in our monthly bulletin by the 21st of each month. We look forward to your feedback. Let's work together to foster greater communication and collaboration.

Feature

We are finally seeing the signs of winter entering November.

November 11 is Remembrance Day.

The sanctity of life is paramount in Islam. Let's take this opportunity to remember the many people who made sacrifices to ensure the freedom of others. Throughout history, Muslims around the world have played an important role in the front lines to ensure that we enjoy the freedoms we have today. Today, there are many members of our community who serve in the various organizations, including Canadian Arm Forces and other policing agencies. They put their lives on the line to protect the safety and security for all Canadians. November 11 is a chance to simply take a moment of silence to remember all loss of life and sacrifice regardless of the politics.

November 22 - MCP Members Network Meeting

Mark November 22 on your calendar for our next MCP Members Network Meeting. This is an opportunity for you to ask questions about financial procedures. Details for this event are below.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dawanet's Taha Ghayyur, who will assume the role of executive director of ISNA Canada on December 1.

Membership Matters

- A gentle reminder that membership fees for 2018 will be due shortly. The AGM will be in February. The date will be announced shortly.
- We have a vacancy on the board. Please email your expression of interest to executivedirector@mcpeel.ca no later than January 15, 2018.
- If you haven't completed the organizational profiles, we ask that you do so. Email executivedirector@mcpeel.ca if you want the document sent again.
- 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.
- Watch for a feedback survey to be emailed soon. Please take a couple of minutes out of your busy schedule to complete the survey and help us plan for next year. Thank you Umar from SeekersHub Toronto for drafting the survey questions.

Community Engagement

- On October 10 Rabia was invited to talk about the MCP at the newly formed Muslim Educators Association of Peel ('MEAP').
- The 2nd Fajr Together breakfast took place on October 15 at Jame Masjid Mississauga. Interest in this event is growing. We are looking for a host organization for December 2017/January 2018.



2nd Fajr Together Breakfast took place at Jame Masjid

- MCP member organizations contributed to Mayor Bonnie Crombie's annual Mayor's Food Drive and the One Bag Challenge. The Mayor's representative to MCP, Shehzad Haq, invited MCP's Executive Director, Rabia Khedr, to participate in the presentation. A total of \$25,000 was raised by MCP members, Sayeda Khadija Centre, Mas'jid Al-Farooq, Seekers Hub, Dawanet, MNN, Brampton Islamic Centre and National Zakat Foundation, along with professionals and businesses.
- The Interfaith Council of Peel Steering Committee members met on October 16 to work on the organization's governance and finalize the terms of reference. Thank you to Solel Synagogue for hosting this meeting. ICP will hold its first Annual Members Meeting, and will begin the process of recruiting new steering committee members. If there are MCP member organization imams who are interested in being part of this committee, please email executivedirector@mcpeel.ca for more information.
- On October 25 MCP' Executive Director, Rabia Khedr, facilitated a workshop to raise awareness during Islamic History/Heritage Month. The workshop titled "Serving Diverse Muslims in Peel: Facts, Myths and Tips" was hosted by Sayeda Khadija Centre. Over 20 service providers and faith representatives participated.



Serving Diverse Muslims in Peel: Facts, Myths and Tips - Workshop

- The MCP Members Network Meeting took place on October 25 at Jame Masjid Mississauga. An informative presentation was made by Social Workers from the Peel District School Board to update us on the emerging issues and challenges among Muslim youth particularly Syrian newcomers
- On October 28 the RCMP OINSET Public Engagement Unit, Peel Regional Police and MCP Town Hall was held at the Sayeda Khadija Centre. Over 50 women participated in

a challenging discussion. They expressed interest in further learning opportunities. MCP will continue to collaborate with members to arrange workshops through Peel Regional Police on topics like cyber bullying, drugs and human trafficking. MCP will also work with the RCMP to disseminate information and organize a follow-up session to further explore the questions raised at the meeting.

Important Dates & Announcements

Nov. 22 at 6:30pm MCP Members Network Meeting at Alhuda Institute –Presentation on Financial Best Practices by Nazar Ahmad, Retired Auditor with CRA

Nov. 28 Interfaith Council of Peel First Annual Members Meeting at the Fo Guang Shan Temple. Look for an invitation in the coming weeks.

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

Please remember us in your du'as. Don't forget to like our Facebook Page and follow us on Twitter: <https://www.facebook.com/MCP-Muslim-Council-of-Peel-1635100146742492/?fref=ts>

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