



MCP Community Bulletin, September 2017

Assalam-u-alaikum and Welcome to Fall Peel Community,

What's been happening with MCP...

The Board and E.D.

You asked and we delivered! We are moving to a monthly format of this bulletin. We welcome your feedback. Please email us ideas and information you want seen in this bulletin going forward. The submission deadline for events and announcements is the 21st of each month. Let's work together to inspire and inform each other.

Feature

October is an extremely busy month for MCP. The 2nd Fajr Together Breakfast will take place at Jame Masjid Mississauga on Sunday October 15. October is Islamic History Month as proclaimed by the Government of Canada several years ago and Islamic Heritage Month as proclaimed by the Government of Ontario last year. MCP will host an awareness raising event for the social services sector to mark the occasion. Watch for the promo in the coming days. A presentation by Social Workers at the Peel District School Board to update us on the emerging issues and challenges among Muslim youth particularly Syrian newcomers is scheduled for the evening of October 23. An invitation to MCP members will be sent next week. We are working collaboratively with the RCMP and MCP member organizations Alhuda Institute, Federation of Muslim Women and ICNA Sisters who are all women focussed organizations to hold a town hall session. The town hall will take place on Saturday October 28 from 10am to 1pm at the Sayeda Khadija Centre. See attached invitation for further details and share widely with women in your organizations.

Members hip Matters

- Please complete your organizational profiles. Email executivedirector@mcpeel.ca if you want the document sent 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. Please let us know what else you would like to see there. A separate email from MCP with instructions to create your log-in to follow.

Community Engagement

- Mayor Bonnie Crombie launched her annual Mayor's Food Drive and the One Bag Challenge. The Mayor's representative to MCP, Shehzad Haq is suggesting that MCP members in Mississauga wishing to make a contribution work together to present their

contributions. An appointment has been secured. Please organize your efforts to collect non-perishable food or funds. Let us know the amount collected by October 12 and join us in a community presentation. Please email executivedirector@mcpeel.ca to confirm your participation.

- The Muslim Advisory Committee of Peel Regional Police met on September 12. We learned that the police are in close communication with the Peel District School Board and that there are no anticipated protests in the near future. We were asked to provide feedback on a draft policy regarding searches of Muslims in custody to ensure that it respects the need for religious accommodation. We also discussed a campaign in the works to raise awareness and provide information on reporting hate motivated crimes.
- Rabia was invited by Dr. Karen Mock to attend a round table on the rise of hate in Canada hosted by the Pearson Centre, a social policy think tank. (Note that Junaid Mirza serves on the board. You may know him as the son of Latif Mirza from Maple Lodge.) Several prominent social justice activists from various communities were present including academics, heads of organizations and consultants. Concerns about the rise of hate toward racial minorities, Jews and Muslims was of common concern. MP Iqra Khalid and MP Arif Virani addressed the gathering.



- The Interfaith Council of Peel Steering Committee members working on the organization's governance met on September 18 at Solel Sinagau and finalized the terms of reference. The ICP will announce details about the annual members meeting soon. Please look for the invitation in the coming weeks.
- The Peel Newcomer Strategy Group is now taking the lead on bringing together the Syrian Refugee Settlement group previously facilitated by the Region of Peel in partnership with the United Way of Peel. Region of Peel, United Way of Peel, Peel District School Board and settlement agencies continue to actively participate in the meeting. We met on September 19. Various organizations provided an update on issues, concerns and successes in the settlement process. Mental health, parenting challenges, youth issues and financial supports were common themes.

- On September 22, Rabia met with MP Ruby Sahota and MPP Harinder Malhi in their constituency offices to express concerns about Islamophobia as well as the general sentiment in the community to uphold the credibility of the honorary Canadian citizenship.
- Rabia attended the by invitation only launch of the Toronto District School Board Islamic Heritage Month event at the Aga Khan Museum on September 25. Rabia will definitely be advocating for the Peel District School Board to take-on a similar initiative and will reach-out to the Muslim Educators Association of Peel, a network of teachers, to work collaboratively.
- On September 27, Dr. Hamid Slimi and Peel Police Chaplain Shaykh Imran Ally presented at the first Peel Regional Police Islamic History Month event to raise awareness among police officers.

Important Dates & Announcements

- Oct. 1st (5:10am-7:20am): Qiyam al-Layl **SeekersHub**
- Oct. 6-9th. Stairs to Bliss, The Rahma Retreat (Oct.6-9th) [Click here for details](#) **Jame Masjid:**
- Oct.8th (6am-8am): Fajr Program & Potluck Community Breakfast with Ustadh Amjad Tarsin (tentative event, please contact us to confirm) **SeekersHub**
- Oct14th Islamic history month dialogue with Indigenous Women at Studio89 3-5pm **FMW**
- Oct.15th The 2nd Fajr Together Breakfast at **Jame Masjid**
- Oct. 15th Emerging Change. [Click here for details](#) **Dar Al Tawheed**
- Oct. 23rd A presentation by Social Workers at the Peel District School Board to update us on the emerging issues and challenges among Muslim youth particularly Syrian newcomers
- Oct. 28th. OINSET Public Engagement Unit, Peel Regional Police and Muslim Council of Peel Townhall Meeting [Click for attachment](#) **SKCenter**
- Oct. 29th (5:45am-8am): Qiyam al-Layl **SeekersHub**
- Dawanet is featuring Islamic History/Heritage, at PAMA. look for detail on Facebook

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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