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MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF MILTON

Dear Brothers and Sisters

السلام عليكم

Alhamdulillah, we live in a country that values and cherishes freedom and liberty for all individuals. Canadian liberty is about individual liberty and collective identity. It is about inclusion. These values, along with the teachings of our beloved Prophet (PBUH), taught the founders of MAM to build MAM based on Faith and on the Canadian values of inclusiveness and tolerance. MAM's founders understood the things that unite and distinguishes us from one another - Faith, Languages & Cultures - and how diversity contribute to our identity.



The founders built MAM on the ideal that it is possible for members of MAM to express their differences within MAM without compromising unity and cohesion. Today, MAM is at *risk* of instability from the actions of a few unhappy members who refuse to accept the will of the membership as a whole. These few launched a **shameful** and **reckless** lawsuit against the management team and volunteers of MAM on the pretext that the Board election of *February 22* was rigged, even though the members voted their choices. This **ill conceived and reckless** action has plunged the organization into a crisis that threatens to adversely affect the delivery of programs and services, damage the organization's reputation and threaten its capacity to survive. The premise of their unhappiness is their ego driven desire to become Directors



of MAM by any means necessary, whether elected or not. Anything less than a directorship position means they will stop at nothing, but would rather subject MAM to a state of **'no peace and die or surrender'**. They try to camouflage their true intentions by claiming they are demanding for accountability and transparency from the Board, yet their claim rings hollow and empty of genuineness and is full of **false allegations**. As stated by the Prophet (PBUH):

"Do not ask to be made a leader, for if the position is given to you after you have asked for it, you will be left on your own to carry it out. However, if it is given to you without asking, you will be helped (by Allah SWT) in carrying out its duties" (Bukhari, Muslim)

.....Hadith – Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Brothers and Sisters, the board attended the court hearing on *June 24th, 2015*. The Judge hearing the case postponed the hearing to *December 1, 2015*. It is however important to note that the integrity of an organization depends on the behaviour and actions of the people in it. The founders of MAM forged for us an identity based on our shared values and the things that bind us together as a group. Their founding ideals guided everyone within the organization to behave and treat one another with respect. We must return to these ideals, values and standards, which we have enshrined in our new Code of Conduct (Code), and which establishes and sets the boundaries of acceptable behaviour and sanctions for lapses. Organizations that have a strong Code reduce the risk and associated costs of fraud, conflicts and other events that could harm the organization and its reputation. Your leadership and management team is committed to ensuring that the Code is observed going forward in order to avoid conflicts such as the current lawsuit. We close with the below **'quote of the day'**:

"It is not the critic who counts, nor the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; Who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat." — Theodore Roosevelt

JAZAK ALLAHU KHAIRAN,

MAM Board and the management team

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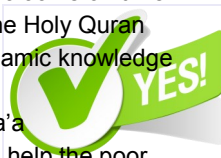
Assalamu Alaikum; over one billion people on planet earth are fasting Ramadan this year in one of the most profound global spiritual experiences in the world. Fasting is ordained by Allah (SWT) on Muslims and fasting has countless rewards. Below are some of the reasons for fasting, as well as rewards:

- ◆ **Pillar of Islam** – fasting is designed to empower humans with overcoming the self and transcending the ego
- ◆ **Spiritual Purification** – fasting purifies the mind, body and spirit, leading to greater clarity, sensitivity and health
- ◆ **Health** - reduction of food intake during fast improves human health and longevity
- ◆ **Family and Community** – fasting is the greatest social experience for renewing solidarity and cultivating positive relationships with family and community
- ◆ **Gratitude** – fasting cultivates gratitude for the unlimited abundance of divine favors Allah (SWT) has bestowed on us
- ◆ **Humility and Selflessness** - fasting reminds us of our frailty and dependence upon Allah (SWT), leading us to humility, reverence, piety and selflessness

- ◆ **Empathy and Compassion** - fasting helps us develop the holy qualities of empathy and compassion thus connecting us with all human beings which leads us to greater contribution and selflessness in the service of our fellow human beings
- ◆ **Restraint and Self-Discipline** - fasting helps us attain true freedom and independence from this world; it liberates our souls from the self that seeks instant gratification of desires
- ◆ **Simplicity and Non-Attachment** - fasting enables us to limit excess indulgence thus facilitating return to simplicity and non-attachment thereby bringing balance into our lives
- ◆ **Focus** - fasting restores and strengthens our focus, direction, balance and purpose in life

During Ramadan... ... you should DO:

- ◆ Pray all 5 daily Salaah's on time
- ◆ Recite & learn the Holy Quran
- ◆ Study & learn Islamic knowledge
- ◆ Do lots of Dhikr
- ◆ Make lots of Dua'a
- ◆ Give in charity & help the poor
- ◆ Lower your gaze, control your anger



... you should NOT DO:

- ◆ No eating or drinking while fasting
- ◆ No arguing or fighting
- ◆ No smoking
- ◆ Don't listen to music
- ◆ No swearing, lying, or backbiting
- ◆ Don't waste time on useless activity



The 'Eid Prayer

On Eid day, every believing man, woman and child should go to the prayer ground and participate in this joyous occasion.

Eid prayer is wajib (strongly recommended, just short of obligatory).

It consists of two Rakaat with six or thirteen additional Takbirs.

It must be offered in congregation.

The prayer is followed by the Khutbah. The Khutbah is part of the worship and listening to it is Sunnah.

At the conclusion of the prayer the Muslims should convey greetings to each other, give gifts to the youngsters and visit each other at their homes.

MAM management would like to wish you and your loved ones

RAMADAN MUBARAK! EID MUBARAK!

Volunteers Required

For Jumma / Taraweeh / Eid setup and clean-up
Please email your contact information to
volunteer@miltonmasjid.com

7th Annual Community BBQ

Summer is here and so is our Annual Community BBQ event. We would like you to join us for a fun-filled day with your family and friends on

Saturday Aug 8th, 2015

@ **Croatian Club Karlovac (Soccer Park)**
1860 Thompson Road, south of Britannia

For **volunteering, stall bookings, and sponsorships**, please contact the following individuals for more details:

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Town Report by Zeeshan Hamid

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First of all, I'd like to wish everyone a very blessed Ramadan. This is a month of reflection, self-control and charity. Let's open our hearts and wallets for good causes benefiting humanity, starting from this very masjid that is in need for your support.

This is a busy month, here are some updates since the last newsletter:

- ◆ Councillors started work on the Destiny Milton 3 Strategic Plan. This strategic plan is the guiding document for how we develop this town and what our priorities should be. We had two workshops to develop the document which should come to council in August for approval.
- ◆ One of my goals for this term is to make sure infrastructure finally catches up to the population growth. With Louis St Laurent completed and the Derry Road underpass less than two months from

completion, the final piece of that puzzle is the Main St stretch from Scott Blvd to Bronte Road. This section will get expanded in the fall over a 12 week period.

- ◆ Milton District Hospital Foundation had its official groundbreaking on Wednesday the 25th. This 3 year project will bring needed expansion and modernization to the hospital.
- ◆ PanAm Games will likely bring some serious traffic pain for commuters. Please check 401, QEW and other highway lane closures and plan around it.

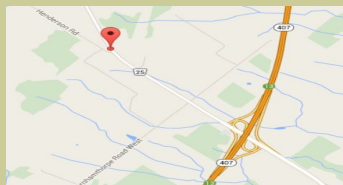
I hope you found the updates informative. If there is anything I can ever assist with then please do not hesitate to contact me.

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