

# MILTON MUSLIMS CONNECT



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**MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF MILTON**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters**

السلام عليكم

Alhamdulillah, we are always obliged to make dua to our leaders. We pray to Allah (SWT) to guide our leaders. We ask Allah (SWT) to provide them with good entourage who will give them the right advice and help them do the right things. We pray to Allah (SWT) to keep away bad entourage from our leaders. We make these dua's because we subconsciously understand that leaders have the power to illuminate the lives of followers or cover the same lives in darkness.....



Leaders cast light when they master ethical challenges of leadership. Leaders cast shadows when they abuse power, mismanage information, and fail to assume responsibilities.

A leader is a person who has an unusual degree of power to create the conditions under which followers can thrive, conditions that can be either as illuminating as heaven or as shadowy as hell. A leader must take special responsibility for what is going on inside his or her own self, inside his or her consciousness, lest the act of leadership create more harm than good. A good leader knows that he must respect himself first, and then respect his brethren and fellow mankind.



For most of us, leadership has a positive connotation. And that is because we have been fortunate enough to benefit from the guidance of our teachers or coaches or counsellors or Imams. We admire noteworthy historical leaders for their great accomplishments. Yet we fail to pay more attention to the shadow side of leadership or the negative dimension of leadership. Political figures, parents, clergy, and business executives almost always have the potential to cast as much shadow as they do light.

*"None of you has faith until you love for your brother and neighbor what you love for yourself"*

.....Hadith – Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).....

Thus, if we refuse to face the dark side of leadership, then we make the leadership abuse of power to become more likely.

Leaders who engage in destructive behaviors and who exhibit dysfunctional personal characteristics undermine the group's success and the well-being of followers. Destructive leaders can be tyrannical and often abuse, bully, manipulate, deceive, and harass followers. Constructive leaders, on the other hand, care about subordinates and help the organization achieve its goals while using resources wisely. When we function as leaders, we take on a unique set of ethical burdens in addition to a set of expectations and tasks. How we handle the challenges of leadership determines whether we cause more harm than good or, whether we cast light or shadow.

As a community, we must always endeavor to enable and enhance good leadership qualities in our organization. We must do this by not ignoring bad leadership, nor by presuming that bad leadership is immutable. Rather, we must call out and fight bad leadership anywhere and everywhere in the organization as we would fight a disease that is always pernicious and sometimes very deadly. We must not be swayed with empty and false promises of better leadership tomorrow. Your leadership and management team is committed to ensuring that good leadership is the norm in MAM going forward.

**JAZAK ALLAHU KHAIRAN,**

*MAM Board and the management team*

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**4269 RR#25 Status**



**May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015** - The Asset Management Team rolled in a tractor to 4269 RR 25 to cut the thick and tall grass outgrowth on the property that had not been cut in the last two years. Masha 'Allah, the landscaper did a fantastic job. May Allah (SWT) reward all the brothers for their efforts.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015** – Over 20 volunteers showed up for general clean-up of 4269 RR 25. Maulana Huzaifa Patel of Malton Masjid rallied the volunteers with a pep talk on 'the role of leadership'. Breakfast was served, compliments of Br. Muzammil Muslehuddin, beforehand. May Allah (SWT) reward all who participated in the clean-up.

**Upcoming Events**

**THIS IS IT.....**Ramadan is almost here.



- Over a billion Muslims on *PLANET EARTH* will be fasting during Ramadan
- It is one of the most profound global spiritual experiences in the world



**Volunteers Required**

- For Taraweeh set up during the month of Ramadan
- For Eid prayer, before and after
- For Jumma prayers' set up and clean up

High school students will receive credits for volunteer hours. Please email your contact information to [volunteer@miltonmasjid.com](mailto:volunteer@miltonmasjid.com) or directly to the Volunteer Coordinator at [ali@miltonmasjid.com](mailto:ali@miltonmasjid.com).

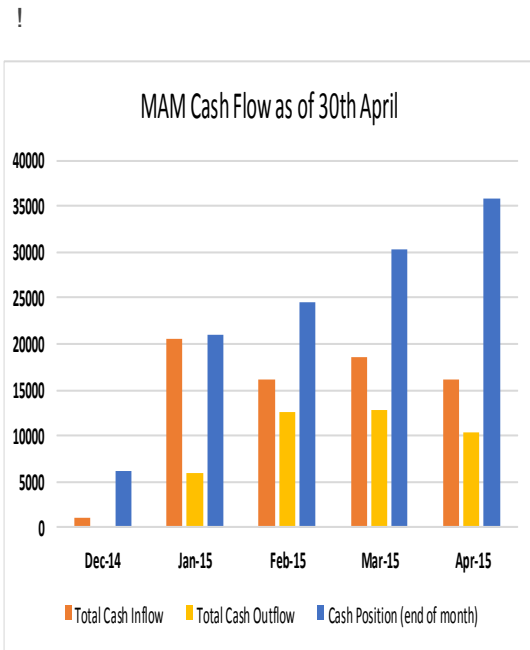


Hello Miltonians,

MAM pit masters are back with the 7th Annual BBQ and Community Fun Fair on **August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. Please mark your calendars for a great summer fun time and sharpen your appetites for tasty finger lickin' food.....

We are seeking vendor sponsors for the Annual BBQ event. As a sponsor, your business advertisement will be featured in our community magazine or you will have an opportunity to setup a stall at the event.

Please contact [lqbal@miltonmasjid.com](mailto:lqbal@miltonmasjid.com) or [mehmood@miltonmasjid.com](mailto:mehmood@miltonmasjid.com) for sponsorship information and details.



**Town Report by Zeeshan Hamid**

- ◆ CEAA ruled that CN has to go through the Federal Environmental Assessment. This is only a small victory as CN is still exempt from the more stringent Provincial and Regional EA.
- ◆ Council approved my motion to start work on converting all street lights to LED. In addition to reducing the environmental impact and carbon footprint, cost savings will pay for the conversion in just four years and then will contribute to reducing the tax burden we spend on operating and maintaining street lights.
- ◆ Council approved a 12 story

building adjacent to the GO station parking lot. Another 12 story site is under consideration between the Main Library and the Leisure Centre.

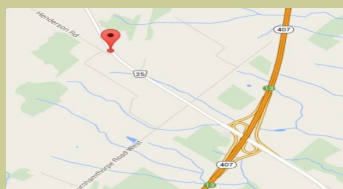
- ◆ Derry Road will be closed soon for two days to open the underpass. Region to provide Halton Police officers to direct traffic during the closure.
- ◆ The budget survey is going out. Please fill it out on [Milton.ca](http://Milton.ca) and if you get a call from Forum Research, please share your thoughts with them. Your opinion counts!

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