



# Board of Trustees NEWSLETTER!

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## TRUSTEE'S MESSAGE

## MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE, VOLUNTEER!

Assalam O Alaikum, Brothers and Sisters!

Unfortunately lot of false and misleading information that has been circulated to you through email by some members and ex-directors of MIC. Based on the response from members and concerned community volunteers, we the trustees would like to address some of those and clarify as well as present the correct facts to all as follow;

Any communication under Meadowvale Islamic

Centre name from [meadowvale.islamic.centre@gmail.com](mailto:meadowvale.islamic.centre@gmail.com) after the MIC members meeting on Nov 13<sup>th</sup> was unauthorized and illegal as they (ex-board of directors) lost the privilege of communication on MIC platform. This was communicated to them in writing by the legal counsel both on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> and confirmed by the Nov 13<sup>th</sup> decision of the members and again on Nov 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The lawyer has requested the ex-board to hand over email accounts, passwords and all MIC property and documentation.

The current money in the Trust account that is \$95,000 is a reserve fund to cover the costs associated with the planning department at the City of Mississauga as the Project committee prepares the architectural drawings for submissions to obtain construction approval. The submissions will commence for year end December 2008. We have full intent to make the Masjid debt free as soon as the donations allow it. We are confident that with the construction permits the funds will be raised to build and clear the debts outstanding including the existing mortgage.

Shaykh Jamal decided to leave on his own accord and refused to accept a salary of \$2,000 per month. He was being paid significantly higher per month for the past year and MIC could no longer carry the burden of the salary expense. Mr. Asad Dean, a founding trustee personally signed on the car lease and insurance to facilitate the benefit to MIC. His account is being finalized and he has to surrender the car for lease termination.

The constitution of MIC was reviewed and discussed with a volunteer committee in 2007; two of the ex-directors (namely Mr. Jamil Rashid and Irfan Hotelwala) were members of that

committee and agreed to the same constitutions. Now it's the same people going against the same rules that they themselves made. Further more the constitution was reviewed by legal counsel and is fully aligned to the Corporation act. The two lawyers present at the meeting Arif Raza and Hussein Hamdani had no objection to Trustee votes or the due process executed. There is a general misunderstanding of the Corporation act and the constitution by those who are raising this issue. The Membership and Nomination Committee and all related affairs are decided as per the constitution and related by-laws with advise from legal counsel when deemed necessary. The committee came into existence after the June 2008 election as per the constitution by laws. It will carry out its full mandate.

Decision for legal counsel is at the discretion of the Trustee's and will be maintained with minimum financial impact to MIC. If everyone follows the constitution and carry's out their due obligations and adheres to the confidentiality agreements then all this was avoidable. The Trustee's deemed it necessary to keep the institution under proper legal guidance for a smooth transition and to avoid unnecessary confusion and conflict amongst members. The trustees always maintain the financial interests of the association and have been instrumental in cutting over \$24,000 of operational expenses for this fiscal year alone.

Ehsan Ehsanullah, CA is the auditor for MIC and is commissioned to deal directly with MIC. All correspondence is duly coordinated with him to his satisfaction. The reinstatement of the charitable status is also on track and the requirements for CRA are being met.

- As per the confidentiality agreement signed by the ex-board members they have a Fiduciary duty not to behave in a manner against MIC interests.
- Requesting donors to stop donating is unethical and against MIC interests. Please ignore and condemn this action requested.

The members of MIC can draw their own conclusion on these matters after the facts have been presented.

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**Together we are strong! Donate Generously! Call MIC!**