



Assalam O Alaikum, Brothers and Sisters!

As we end 2008 with interesting events that transpired during this year, MIC over all is emerging to be a viable project that will serve the Meadowvale Muslim Community in years to come.

We are in the process of having a Strategic and Planning Committee meeting in February 2009 with newly elected Board of Directors and Board of Trustee to set up clear MIC goals and objectives for 2009. It is critical that we brainstorm ideas and combined our strategy that is based on sound judgement, enhances the cause of MIC and built on realistic goals and objectives.

We need to improve operational side as well as financial matters that have caused great rift within our membership and community as a hole and have impacted our ability to generate funds for Mosque.

We need to debate our weakness to improve and capitalize on our mutual strengths to consolidate our energy and efforts for the betterment of the Mosque. We have learned from our past mistakes and need to take corrective action to improve those areas as appropriate in the best interest of MIC.

We invite all of you think of MIC in your daily life and continue to volunteer and contribute as much as you can. Building this House of Allah (SWT) is responsibility of Meadowvale Muslim Community and rest of the muslim brothers and sisters living in the neighbourhood. Think of ideas and strategies that can be applied in 2009 to bring this House of Allah closer to a Reality. Send your suggestions and ideas that help improve the services at MIC and help generate donations. Insha'Allah.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

MIC project committee members successfully negotiated contract with the Architect by reducing his fee from 7% to 5% and have put a ceiling on his fee. This efforts will result in saving of \$50-\$60K to MIC.

**ELECTION DATE AND TIME:**

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 1-4 PM  
Location: Meadowvale Islamic Centre, 6508 Winston Churchill Boulevard, Mississauga, ON. All members with good standing are encouraged to attend and to support their candidates. Food and refreshments will be served.

**CANDIDATE REVIEW**

Membership and Nomination Committee held a meeting at 11:00 AM, Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to review the application of all candidates participating in the election.

The committee reviewed the record of membership with good standing and approved all the candidates as nominated to stand qualified to participate in the election.

CANDIDATE	POSITION
Tahir I. Qureshi	President
Shoaib Imran	V.P.
Asad Ali Syed	Treasurer
Rizvan Faruqui	Secretary
Kamran Siddiqui	Joint Secretary

Since there were no competing candidates for any position, the Membership and Nominations Committee unanimously passed a resolution to declare them elected.

Pursuant to Article 5.2. Of MIC constitution and by-laws allowed three directors with highest vote to hold office for a term of two (2) years and another two (2) for a term of one (1) year from the date of their election until the next annual meeting after such date?

A resolution was passed by the Membership and Nomination Committee to allow membership to vote for the duration for each candidate. The first three candidates receiving highest vote will hold office for two years and another two will for one year. Therefore, it was decided that the ballot will be prepared to allow members to vote for two or one year for each candidate(s)

**MONTHLY A/C RECONCILIATION:**

Br. Aamir Khan, Trustee has completed the Monthly accounts reconciliation for the Month of December 2008 and has been posted on the [www.mici.org](http://www.mici.org). Please feel free to visit website to review and print.

**REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT:**

MIC Auditor Ehsan C.A. Professional Corporate, an independent Chartered Accountant has completed a review engagement and submitted his financial report and tax return for FY ending April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 which has been posted on [www.mici.org](http://www.mici.org). For membership review and information.

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This report has also been sent to CRA and it demonstrates that arm's length procedures are being followed at MIC and Inshallah will help facilitate restoration of charitable status soon.

### PROJECT UPDATE:

The City of Mississauga has adopted a new process for Site Plan Development Application. Thus, a meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 2PM to meet with DARC Committee to discuss their requirements.

This meeting will be attended by MIC Architect and Chairperson, Strategic & Planning Committee (Project Committee), Two Trustees and Three Board of Directors (Elect).

Upon learning of the city's requirements, MIC will be required to spend considerable amount of money to prepare required drawings, reports and submission fees to start the process. Current Building fund of approximately \$100,000 are sufficient to start the application process but not adequate to launch the construction. In addition, MIC has to maintain covenants to the Bank against the mortgage loan for the current building and land.

### FUNDING CAMPAIGN:

It is extremely important that all Muslim Brothers and Sisters living in Meadowvale Community generously donate for the MIC project so that this MOSQUE is built as expeditiously as possible. Currently we are paying small interest on the Mosque property as we have not received sufficient funds to pay down the loan. We encourage all of you to prepare yourself for giving generous donation so that we pay down \$300,000 in next 3-4 months. We will need your donation as well as time to solicit funds for this purpose. Many of you have raised this question, and we are now seeking your donation and support to get rid of interest payment currently we have for this mosque.

### VOLUNTEERING:

To make a real difference, volunteer. We encourage all brothers and sisters to volunteer for the mosque as we desperately need volunteers to do day to day activities at MIC and generate funds.

Volunteer for committee and make a positive impact on MIC affairs.

We are not asking for full time commitment but few hours every week. Allah will give Jaza to all who volunteer their time for Allah's house. A good opportunity for High school students to volunteer and complete their community work electives. It will also provide a good learning opportunity and inculcate team work.

### TRANSPARENT AND OPENNESS:

We have established transparency and openness in our polices when dealing with MIC affairs and to serve membership, donor, volunteers and Meadowvale Muslim Community.

Please feel free to express your suggestion /opinion that will help improve operational and projects needs of MIC.

Board of Directors and Board of Trustees is guardian of MIC affairs to ensure that an arm's length procedures are followed when dealing with funds.

### CAR LEASE - INCENTIVE:

MIC is offering \$3,000.00 as cash incentive paid directly to anyone interested to take over the lease of Honda Accord - Fully loaded. For Car Details please contact Joe Glube at Ready Honda 905-896-3500 or contact Br. Imtiaz Sidi at 905-598-6007. It is important to get rid of this expense as early as possible.

### MIC PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITES:

To learn more about MIC programs and activities, please visit [mici.org](http://mici.org).

We are here to serve you better!

### Board of Trustees:

Shaukat Qureshi, Aamir Khan Acting for Asad Dean & Imtiaz Sidi

### Ad Hoc Committee Members:

Tahir I. Qureshi, Chair, Asad Ali Syed, Member, Kamran Siddiqui, Member & Faisal Karim, Acting Member for Shoaib Imran

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