

ISLAM CARE CENTRE

PROJECT IN THE HEART OF OTTAWA

“ Spending charity does not decrease wealth.



ISLAM CARE CENTRE (ICC)

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Features of the New Building:

- Masjid
- Da'wa Centre
- Muslim Social Resource Centre



THE PROJECT

Letter from President

Overview

Why You Should Support the New Building

Cost Breakdown

Site plans



Islam Care Centre

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New Building in Downtown Ottawa

As Salamu 'Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh;

May you be in the best of health and high Islamic spirit by the grace of Allah the Almighty!

Islam Care Centre (ICC) is a significant resource to Muslims and the Canadian public, in the heart of the city, presenting Islam and the way of life of Muslims. ICC is committed to the ideals of strengthening the spiritual and well being of individuals and families.

The Centre works with other religious, social and educational organizations to achieve its goals. ICC is a flexible organization endeavoring to meet the needs of Muslims. We strive to reach our objectives through spiritual and educational programs, social services, community partnerships and advocacy.

Founded in 1992, the Centre's stated purpose, at the time, was to invite the general public to learn more about Islam and Muslims, hoping to build stronger and healthier relationships within Canada. The Centre, because of our location, became a resource centre for different government agencies, the media, various academic institutions, other religious groups, as well as providing the material and means to individuals looking for information about Islam and Muslims.

ICC is in the process of constructing a new building on the same downtown location, where we have been for over a decade. The ICC Board has identified several social service programs to be undertaken without delay. The plan is to make the operations of ICC's program self-sufficient.

Funding to re-build the Centre is urgently required. Thus, we humbly request your help to make this new centre a reality; to cater for the particular needs of Ottawa Muslims and the community at large.

Your generous support will go a long way to enhance the image of Islam in this great country and will provide the only *Masjid* in the heart of downtown Ottawa, an established *Dawah* Centre and offices for the Muslim Family Services.

This fundraising kit contains a profile of ICC and the new building, letters from Canadian authorities and agencies, from Muslim organizations and samples of testimonial of individuals who are aware of the special services and potential to truly serve Muslims and non-Muslims alike and build good relationships.

Should you require further information please contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Abdilwahid Osman,
President

Support a New Project in the Heart of Ottawa

A new exciting project is underway to rejuvenate the presence of Islam in the downtown core. The Ottawa community has out grown the modest building at 312 Lisgar. By the grace of Allah the current building will be demolished for a new structure to better serve the Ottawa Community. Architectural design has been completed with the new four level structure. Collectively this will adequately provide prayer space to meet our needs in Downtown Ottawa. In addition to separate prayer facilities for men and women, the plan provides for offices to accommodate Muslim Family Services and Islamic Information Centre.

The full estimated cost of the new project is \$5.1 million Canadian. We realized 1.6 million so far and now need 3.5 million to complete our project. An amount that is far in excess of what the local Muslim community can provide. We are therefore obliged to seek financial assistance from our brothers and sisters nationally and internationally.



Current Building



Model of the New Building

Features of the New Building

- ✓ **4 stories with a finished basement**
- ✓ **Total area: 1,400 m² (15,000 ft²)**
- ✓ **“Store Front” Islamic Resource Centre**
- ✓ **New prayer facility to accommodate 350**
- ✓ **Sister's prayer area on main floor**
- ✓ **Offices for Muslim Family Services (MFS)**
- ✓ **Offices for New Muslim Affairs**
- ✓ **Environmentally friendly**
 - (Roof top garden for added insulation**
 - Drainage and reduce green house gases)**
- ✓ **Library and Bookstore**
- ✓ **Meeting and Conference Rooms**

ISLAM CARE CENTRE

Why You Should Support the New Building

1

It is the only **Masjid** in downtown Ottawa. The Centre has the largest congregation for Dhuhr and Asr prayers in Ottawa. Convenient for those working, living and visiting the Capital City of Canada.

2

It will provide a larger **Juma** prayer facility. Currently we accommodate 250 worshipers and must arrange for a second prayer. This project will increase our capacity to over 450 worshipers.

3

A **resource** Centre on Islam. The Downtown location provides easy access for immediate, professional and current information on Islam and Muslims to Government agencies, the media, academic and religious institutions.

4

Office for Muslim **Family Services** of Ottawa. As the community grows the social problems of the community also grow. The Centre will provide ready and fast services for the many needs of the community serving Muslims and no-Muslims alike.

5

Sisters will have a designated area in the main prayer hall as well as a Sisters and family area in the basement including child care facilities.

6

Dawah and **New Muslims**. Offices will be available to coordinate Dawah activities and provide much needed services for new Muslims including: Providing Islamic books; and training in the basics for individuals and groups.

7

The new building will have a welcoming **Storefront** concept to invite the general public to seek information on Islam - and to better understand the way of life of Muslims.

8

Green Masjid. We are building an environmentally responsible building coordinating with environmental groups to conserve energy and efficient use of space.

9

Wheelchair **Accessibility**. The new building will be access friendly, to accommodate the disabled with access, as well as providing an easily accessible elevator

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“Whoever builds a Masjid for the sake of Allah, Allah will build for him a house in Paradise.”
Bukari

**Islam Care Centre
New Masjid and Muslim Family Services**

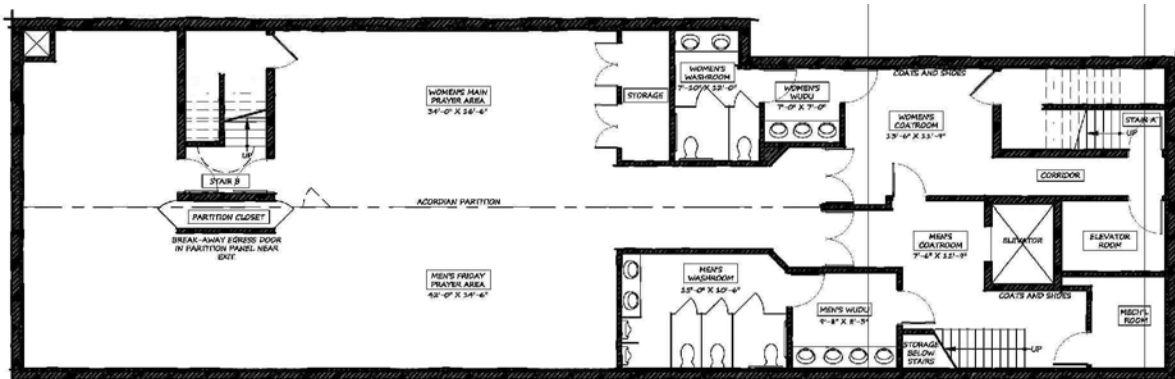
Costs Structure

Tentative Schedule	Description	Costs \$ CDN	(Paid) or Required \$
PHASE 1 - Land and City Planning			
Mar. 2011	Property at 312 Lisgar Street - fully paid	1,000,000	-(1,000,000)
Oct. 2011	Architechure Plans, Environmental Studies, Survey, City Planning, re-zoning - completed and paid	90,000	-(90,000)
PHASE 2 - Demolition and Foundation			
	Demolition and Disposal	50,000	
Feb. 2012	Shoring, Excavation and Basement Foundation	320,000	370,000
PHASE 3a - Construction - Framing and Structure			
	Steel Structure, columns, beams, roof trusses	575,300	
	Exterior steel stud walls, roof deck and weeping tiles	296,500	
	Footing and foundation walls, brick work and drywall	856,700	
Jun. 2012	Interior walls, insulaton, stairs, flooring and plumbing	755,000	2,483,500
PHASE 3b - Constr uction - Interior and Finishing			
	Doors, windows, electrical, heating and cooling	722,200	
	Fire alarm and security, interior decoration, carpets and elevator	442,000	
Aug. 2012	Miscellaneous - including 3rd Party Engineering and Surveying	30,000	1,194,200
Total Projected Costs and Money Required		5,121,700	4,047,700
To date	Less Fund raising in October 2011 and ongoing efforts		-550,000
Total Amount Required to Complete the Project			3,497,700

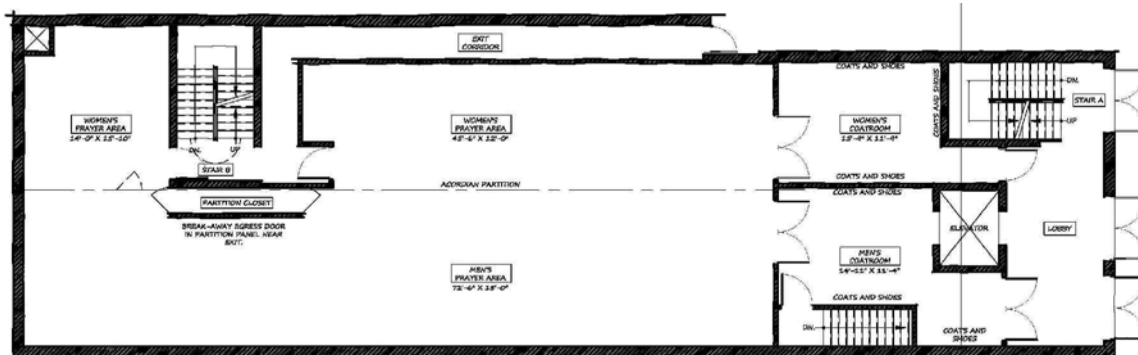


PROPOSED ISLAM CARE CENTRE BUILDING ~ FLOOR PLANS

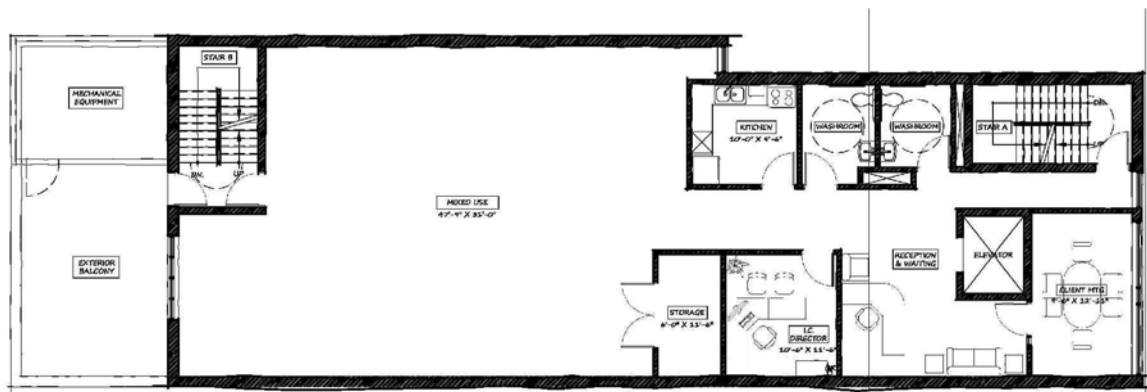
Islam Care Centre	Gross Floor Area
1. Prayer Area - Basement	302.94 m2 (3,260.8 ft2)
2. Prayer Area - 1st Floor	302.94 m2 (3,260.8 ft2)
3. Mixed use - Library, classroom - 2nd Floor	269.30 m2 (2,898.7 ft2)
4. Social Services - 3rd Floor	269.30 m2 (2,898.7 ft2)
5. Social Services - 4th Floor	269.30 m2 (2,898.7 ft2)
TOTAL GROSS A	1,413.78 m2 (15,217.7 ft2)



LOWER LEVEL - PRAYER HALL



MAIN LEVEL - PRAYER HALL



SECOND FLOOR - LIBRARY

FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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 OTTAWA, ON.

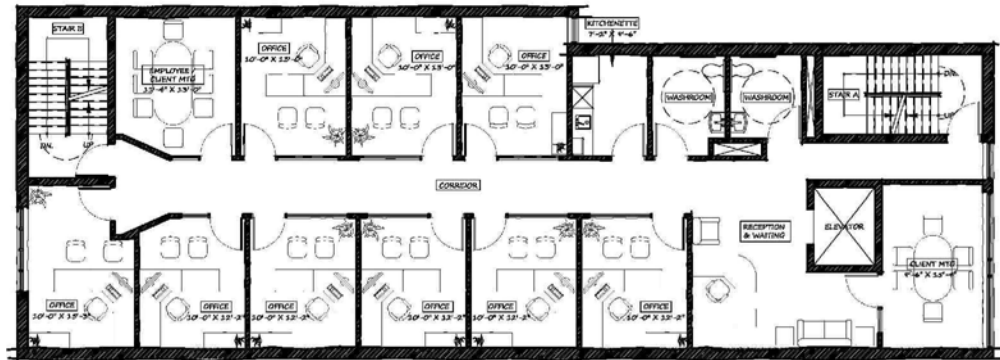
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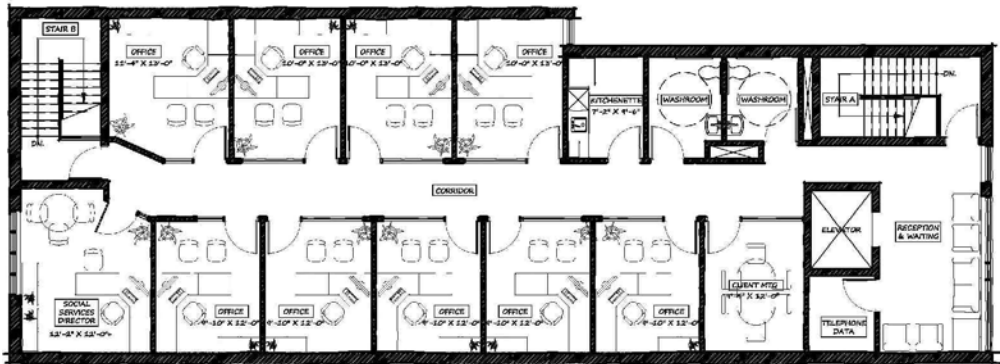
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THIRD LEVEL - MUSLIM FAMILY SERVICES



FOURTH LEVEL - OFFICES FOR NEW MUSLIMS / CONFERENCE ROOMS

FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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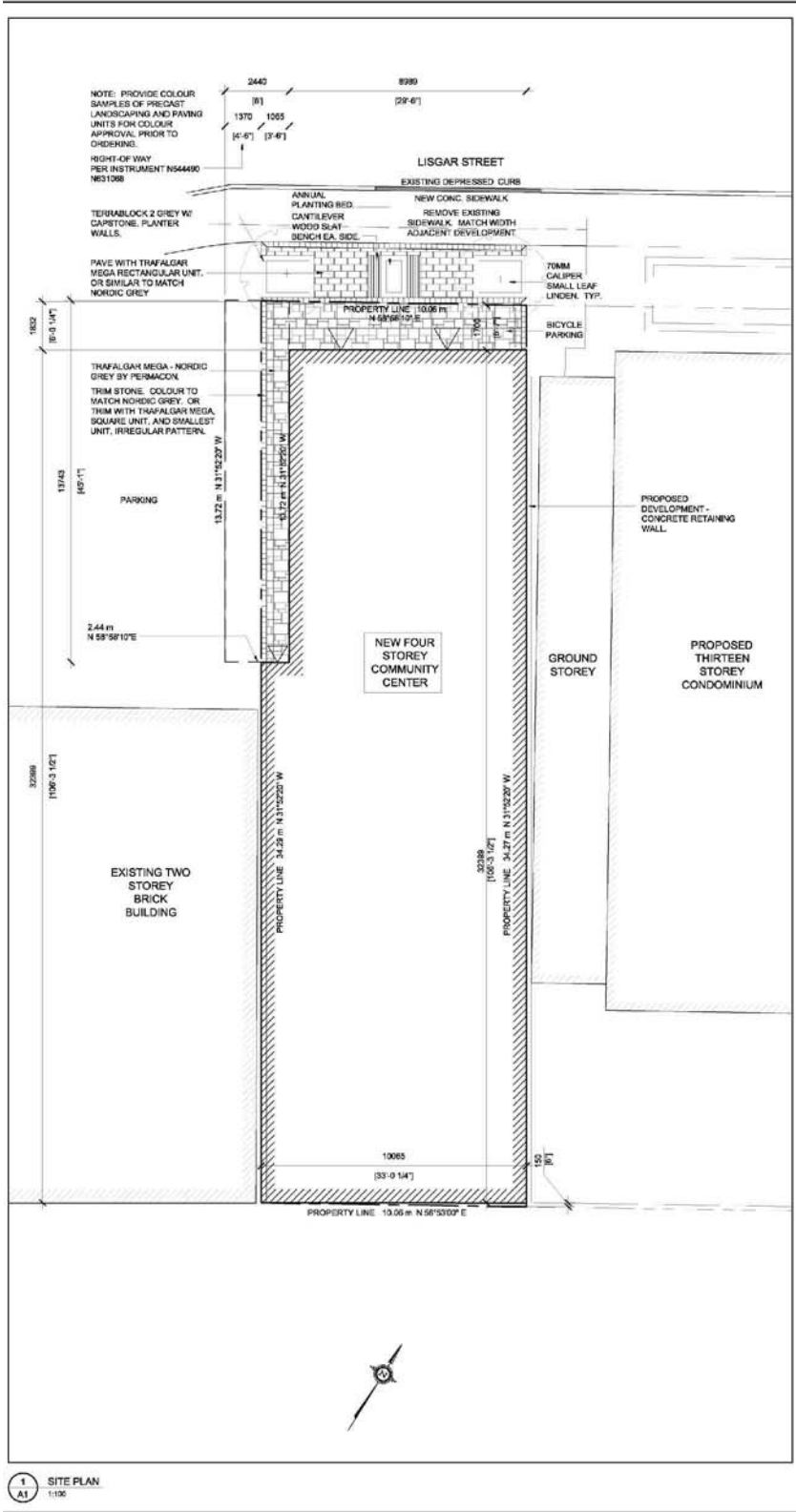
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PROPOSE SITE LANDSCAPE PLAN DESIGN



ZONING REQUIREMENTS

ZONE: ZONING BY-LAW 2008-250 11A

MINIMUM FRONT YARD 3 m

MINIMUM REAR YARD 4.5 m

MINIMUM INTERIOR SIDEYARD 7.5 m

MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHT 15 m

PROJECT INFORMATION

SITE AREA = 344.8 m²

BUILDING AREA = 313.4 m²

BUILDING HEIGHT = 15 m

GROSS FLOOR AREA

LOWER 228.7 m²

MAIN 238 m²

SECOND 216.4 m²

THIRD 216.4 m²

FOURTH 216.4 m²

1165.9 m²

EXISTING BUILDING TO BE DEMOLISHED

BASEMENT 133.29 m²

GROUND LEVEL 133.29 m²

FLOOR 2 133.29 m²

TOTAL AREA ABOVE GRADE 266.58 m²

REQUIRED PARKING

10 PER 100 SQ M OF GROSS ASSEMBLY AREA

LANDSCAPED AREA

FRONT AND SIDE WALK 30.7 m²

LEGEND

DECIDUOUS TREE AS NOTED

SETBACK LINE

PROPERTY LINE

ENTRANCE

INTERLOCK BY HATCH PATTERN AND AS NOTED



2 KEY PLAN
A1 NTS

GENERAL NOTES

- DO NOT SCALE DRAWINGS. FIGURED DIMENSIONS ONLY TO BE USED.
- IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR TO CHECK AND VERIFY ALL DIMENSIONS ON SITE AND REPORT ANY DISCREPANCIES TO THE ARCHITECT.
- ALL WORK DESCRIBED UNDER THIS CONTRACT TO COMPLY WITH ONTARIO BUILDING CODE, 2006 AND/OR NATIONAL BUILDING CODE, 1995 AND OTHER CODES AND BY-LAWS IN EFFECT.

DATE	DESCRIPTION	REV.
2011 JUL 06	SITE PLAN INPUT -PRELIM.	2
2011 APR 19	ZONING AMENDMENT	1
2011 MAR 18	PRE-CONSULTATION	0



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312 LISGAR, OTTAWA ON.

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PROPOSED SITE/LANDSCAPE PLAN

SCALE: 1:100

FILE NO: 10-76

DATE: E.A.S. INC. S.E. NOV. '10

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Islam Care Centre Appeals for Funds to Rebuild

MUSLIM LINK Written by Staff Writer Thursday, 03 November 2011 12:04

One of Ottawa's most popular Muslim prayer spaces has turned to the community for help.

The fundraising dinner on October 23rd at the St. Elias Banquet Centre was headlined by Shaykh Abdullah Idris Ali, Secretary-General of Islamic Society of North America –Canada. He raised roughly \$170,000 in pledges from the community.

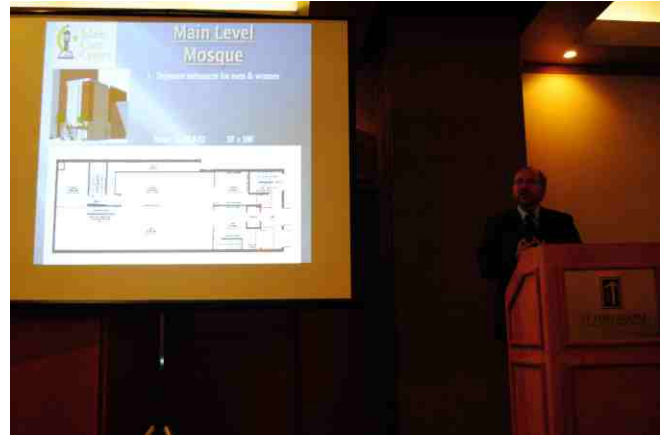
ICC estimates the cost of demolition and rebuilding to be at least \$4 million, not including the cost of the land.

Raed Arab, the project manager, outlined the features of the building. The new building would, in effect, more than triple ICC's existing space – welcome news for the more than 200 people who crowd into the small location for Friday prayers every week. The extra space will be used in part to expand the library, offices and prayer halls for women and men. There are also plans to establish a community centre and a regular soup kitchen. The first phase of the project -- filing a site plan and zoning application with the City -- is completed and the center has received permission to demolish the current 2.5 storey-building to make way for a 4-storey building.

At the fundraiser, Mr. Khan and Mr. Haji enumerated the services provided by ICC over the last 18 years. In addition to housing a large Islamic library, the centre is a source of information on Islam for Muslims and non-Muslims alike. ICC itself partners with St. Joseph Church on Laurier Ave. to provide meals to about 300 clients each month. ICC has also arranged for two Muslim chaplains to counsel and monitor the needs of inmates at thirteen correctional centres in Ontario. Working with Correctional Service Canada, ICC ensures that rights of Muslim inmates are preserved such as receiving halal meals and facilitation for Ramadan. They receive a prayer mat, a copy of the Quran and access to other Islamic literature.

In order to take care of the growing needs of the community the Centre has recently incorporated "Muslim Family Services of Ottawa" a charitable non-profit organization. MFSO will take over the social services program of the centre including: youth, programs to rehabilitate and reintegrate young offenders, assistance to new Muslims and Muslims new to Canada, counseling for individuals and families.

In all its work, the centre's primary goal is da'wah (providing information on Islam to others). At the fundraising event, several participants spoke of coming to Islam through ICC. Sakina bint Erik mentioned that while the centre has gone through many changes over the years one thing remains constant: its welcoming atmosphere.





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DATE: July 10, 2011

To: Islam Care Center

Re: New Construction at 312 Lisgar Ottawa, ON. Drawings by W. El

Section	Description	Sub Total
1	Backfill and compaction floor granular	\$45,100
2	Shoring, excavation and fill removal	\$275,000
3	Steel Structure, columns, beams, roof trusses.	\$575,300
4	Exterior steel stud walls	\$198,000
5	Steel roof deck	\$80,900
6	Weeping tile connection and stones	\$7,500
7	Footing and foundations walls, includes full basement,	\$552,700
8	Interior steel stud walls, drywall and taping	\$198,000
9	Air and vapour barrier Exterior wall	\$35,800
10	Insulation exterior wall	\$95,000
11	Exterior wall, Brick work	\$289,000
12	Plumbing and plumbing fixtures	\$175,000
13	Interior Steel staircase with concrete filled pads	\$65,200
14	Poured slab flooring, for all floors,	\$103,000
16	Roof Insulation, EPDM membrane and flashing	\$82,000
17	Doors, door frames, with all hardware	\$95,200
18	Windows/glass	\$195,000
19	Electric	\$157,000
20	Heating and cooling	\$275,000
21	Fire alarm	\$48,000
22	Suspension Ceiling	\$45,000
23	Washroom Accessories, handicap grab handles, HC Mirrors etc	\$8,900
24	Carpet	\$95,000
25	Ceramic tiles	\$55,000
26	Painting	\$35,000
27	Elevator	\$155,000
28	3 rd Party Engineering and Surveying	\$20,000
29	Miscellaneous	\$10,000
Total Cost of Project not including Taxes		\$3,971,600

We are pleased to provide you budget pricing for your project

TRANSFER AND DEED OF LAND

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Form 1 — Land Registration Reform Act

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(1) Registry Land Titles (2) Page 1 of 2 3 pages

(3) Property Identifier(s) 04115 - 0200 (LT) Property Block 79 Additional See Schedule

(4) Consideration CND Dollars \$ 1.00

(5) Description This is a: Property Division Property Consolidation
**Part of Lot 36, south side of Lisgar Street,
 Plan 12281, being Parts 2 and 3,
 Plan 4R-13966
 City of Ottawa
 Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton
 Subject to a right-of-way over Part 2 on Plan 4R-13966
 Together with a right-of-way over Part 1 on Plan 4R-13966
 Ottawa Land Titles Office (No.4)**

(6) This Document Contains: (a) Redescription (b) Schedule for: Description Additional Parties Other (7) Interest/Estate Transferred Fee Simple

(8) Transferor(s) The transferor hereby transfers the land to the transferee and certifies that the transferor is at least eighteen years old and that
The property transferred is not ordinarily occupied by me, LAHCEN JOUALI and my spouse, who is not separated from me, as our family residence.

Name(s) JOUALI, Lahcen in trust Signature *Lahcen Jouali* Date of Signature 1998 07 31

(9) Spouse(s) of Transferor(s) I hereby consent to this transaction Name(s) _____ Signature(s) _____ Date of Signature Y M D _____

(10) Transferor(s) Address for Service 312 - 314 Lisgar Street, Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0E2

(11) Transferee(s) ISLAM CARE CENTRE Date of Birth Y M D _____

(12) Transferee(s) Address for Service 312 - 314 Lisgar Street, Ottawa, Ontario K2P 0E2

(13) Transferor(s) The transferor verifies that to the best of the transferor's knowledge and belief, this transfer does not contravene section 50 of the Planning Act. Date of Signature Y M D _____

Signature _____ Signature _____
 Solicitor for Transferor(s) I have explained the effect of section 50 of the Planning Act to the transferor and I have made inquiries of the transferor to determine that this transfer does not contravene that section and based on the information supplied by the transferor, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this transfer does not contravene that section. I am an Ontario solicitor in good standing. Date of Signature Y M D _____

Name and Address of Solicitor _____ Signature _____

(14) Solicitor for Transferee(s) I have investigated the title to this land and to adjoining land where relevant and I am satisfied that the title records reveal no contravention as set out in subclause 50(2)(a) of the Planning Act and that to the best of my knowledge and belief this transfer does not contravene section 50 of the Planning Act. I act independently of the solicitor for the transferor(s) and I am an Ontario solicitor in good standing.

Name and Address of Solicitor _____ Signature _____ Date of Signature Y M D _____

(13) Assessment Roll Number of Property City: 04, Ward: 07, Sub: 901, Par: 62705 **NOT ASSIGNED**

(15) Municipal Address of Property 312-314 Lisgar Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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(17) Document Prepared by: MICHAEL L. WONG
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Fees and Tax	
Registration Fee	<u>725</u>
Land Transfer Tax	<u>N/T</u>

CITY OF OTTAWA ZONING BY-LAW

Islam Care Centre, 312 Lisgar Street, Ottawa

City of Ottawa Zoning By-law: 312 Lisgar Street

The current zoning designation of the Subject Property is I1A - Minor Institutional Subzone A as shown in Exhibit "H".

The stated purpose of the Minor Institutional Zone is to "permit a range of community uses, institutional accommodation and emergency service uses to locate in areas designated as *General Urban Area* or *Central Area* in the Official Plan" and to "*minimize the impact of these minor institutional uses located in close proximity to residential uses by ensuring that the such uses are of a scale and intensity that is compatible with neighborhood character.*"

The permitted uses in the Minor Institutional Zone are:

community centre	place of worship and ancillary
Community garden	rooming units
day care	recreational and athletic facility
emergency service	Residential care facility
Group home	retirement home
library	retirement home, converted
museum	rooming house
municipal service centre	rooming house, converted,
one dwelling unit ancillary to a permitted use	school
park	shelter
Place of assembly	sports arena
	Training centre limited to job instruction/ training associated with a school

The Zone Provision of the I1 zone provides for the following conditional permitted use provided that;

The following conditional use is permitted subject to:

- (a) the provisions of subsection 169(3) and
 - (b) The use being ancillary to a place of worship or community centre,
- And
- (c) The use occupying a maximum of 30% of the gross floor area of the building in which it is located, or if the use is located in the basement of a place of worship or community centre, the entire basement may so be used.



community health and resource centre
(By-law 2008-341)



Industry Canada Industrie Canada

Canada
Corporations Act

Loi sur les
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LETTERS PATENT

WHEREAS an application has been filed to incorporate a corporation under the name

ISLAM CARE CENTRE

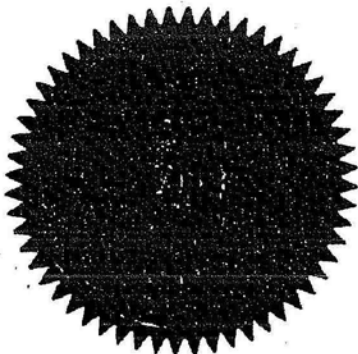
THEREFORE the Minister of Industry by virtue of the powers vested in him by the *Canada Corporations Act*, constitutes the applicants and such persons as may hereafter become members in the corporation hereby created, a body corporate and politic in accordance with the provisions of the said Act. A copy of the said application is attached hereto and forms part hereof.

Date of Letters Patent - November 18, 1999.

GIVEN under the seal of office of the Minister of Industry.

for the Minister of Industry

File Number: 368505-5



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ISLAM CARE CENTRE

Mission Vision

Overview

MFSO

Correctional Services

Newsletter

Ottawa Sun Article

Letters of support

Testimonies

Your Centre ~ ISLAM CARE

PROFILE OF ISLAM CARE CENTRE

Islam Care Centre (ICC) is an established non-profit organization with charitable status. It became a federally incorporated Registered Canadian Charity on November 18th, 1999. **Corporation No: 368505-5.**

ICC in Ottawa is a significant resource to the community. It was established with a number of goals in mind and with a set of principles that guide its work. Primarily, it is committed to the ideals of strengthening the health and safety of individuals, families and the wider community through the provision of resources to meet the unique needs of the individuals or groups involved.



MISSION

Islam Care Centre provides the Canadian (Ottawa) Muslim community with resources to meet religious and social needs with the objective of establishing a better relationship with the larger Canadian society.

VISION

To have established a collaborative, far reaching, all encompassing network of services and accommodations for Muslims and non Muslims alike.

ICC OVERVIEW

History

Founded in 1992, the Islamic Information (Dawah) Centre, rented a storefront on Cooper Street in downtown Ottawa, the capital of Canada. The Centre opened its doors inviting the general public to understand Islam and get to know Muslims better.

In 1999 the Centre purchased 312 Lisgar Street; this location provided a larger space for prayer. We then officially became Islam Care Centre and expanded our mandate. We started focusing on providing social services to Muslims and to monitor the needs of youth, particularly those at risk- arranging mentoring and outreach programs.



Worship Centre

Our location provides space for prayer minutes away from the Parliament Buildings. This is the only Masjid in Downtown Ottawa. Thus we attract more worshippers for Zuhr and Asr than any other Centre in Ottawa, and facilitate a large attendance for Jum'a prayer.

Resource Centre

Due to its location downtown the Centre provided information and resources to government agencies, the media, academic institutions and religious organisations facilitating lectures and information sessions and organizing visits to church groups.

Dawah Centre

The Centre has always been a place for people of different faith looking for information on Islam a drop-in centre with easy access and convenient long hours of operation. Throughout its history the Centre facilitated many to embrace Islam.

Education Centre

Lectures continue to be arranged, both at the Centre and elsewhere, to inform Muslims and the wider Ottawa community about the principles and ethics of Islam.

Halaqas for new Muslims are arranged in an effort to build a better understanding of the practices and ideology of Islam and to cultivate stronger community.

Youth Programs

The youth programs have also expanded. While the Centre continues to offer as many resources as possible to the youth of the Ottawa community, it has been focusing its programs to the following key area:

Educational Programs including weekly Halaqas

Camps: The Centre sponsors MYOs annual summer camp and organizes day camps over the course of educational holidays.

Specially tailored programs for those youth who are at-risk.

Designed programs that work towards rehabilitating and reintegrating youth offenders into a supportive Muslim community.

Provides mentorship training for Counsellors to be “Big Brothers and Sisters” for youth at risk.

Sporting activities including a sponsorship program.



Chaplaincy Services

Working in partnership with Correctional Service Canada and the Ontario Multi Faith Committee, the Centre has fostered a community that allows for individuals to develop themselves while serving their sentences and then to become welcomed members of society upon their release.

The centre ensures that inmates receive a prayer mat and Qur'an (in a language of their choice) as well as access to other Islamic literature, and monitor that their religious rights are preserved, in particular, to guarantee that they receive halal meals and allowed to do their prayers and observe Ramadan.

ICC provides two permanent Muslim Chaplains to the federal penitentiaries in Ontario. Chaplains serve to the following Institutions to ensure that inmates have access to the spiritual needs and connection of their choice.

Kingston Penitentiary
Collins Bay Institution
Millhaven Institution
Frontenac Institution
Joyceville Institution
Pittsburg Institution
Warkworth Institution
Fenbrook Medium Security
Beaver Creek Institution
GVI Women Prison
Brampton Half Way House
Keele Group Home

Food Bank and Soup Kitchen

The Muslim Food Bank of Ottawa originated at Islam Care now serving more than 500 clients weekly.

In 2008 we became involved in providing meals for about 300 needy citizens on a monthly basis in cooperation with St. Joseph Church on Laurier Avenue a project that has given Muslims a good image in Ottawa and providing halal Tuesdays at the Mission.



New Immigrants

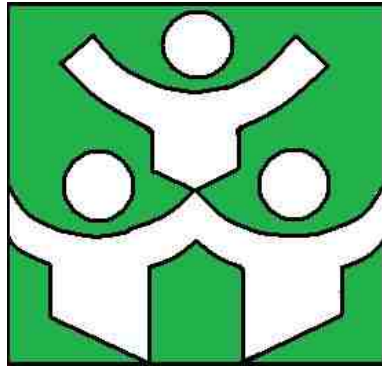
As more Muslims moved into the area, the Centre continues in its role as a channel of resources to assist new immigrants.

Linkage with many of the government agencies responsible for providing assistance to these newcomers have been formed so as to ensure that Muslims new to Ottawa can find the financial, legal and social assistance needed to establish themselves in a meaningful manner

Interfaith Programs

ICC represents the Muslim community at Multi-faith committees and forums on a variety of programs including the environment, poverty, and peace initiatives and Ontario Multifaith Council.





Muslim
Family
Service of
Ottawa

As numbers of Ottawa Muslims grew in the last three decades, immediate need to establish a professional organization which will deal with social issues related to individuals and families and their challenges grew as well and has now become of paramount importance.

In May 2011, Muslim Family Services of Ottawa (MFSO) was founded and a board appointed to carry out the mission and the goals of the organization.

MFSO is a full social service agency that primarily, but not exclusively, serves the needs of the Ottawa Muslim community.

**Marriage Performance & Counseling
Services**
Muslims Preventing Domestic Violence
Parental guidance
Foster Parenting
Youth crisis counseling
Monitor Services to Seniors
Career and Job assistance
Community Capacity Building
Education and Integration - Settlement
Establishing Hot Line for Crisis

ISLAM CARE CENTRE MONITORS INMATES AT DETENTION CENTRES

For the past six years Islam Care Centre of Ottawa, has been contracted by Correctional Service Canada to provide religious and spiritual care to Muslim inmates serving time in the federal correctional system, in eleven (11) institutions in the Ontario province.

The Centre ensures a regular presence in each of these federal institutions where Muslim offenders are housed, representing the spiritual dimension of life as part of a holistic understanding and approach to corrections. Spiritual counselling is offered on individual and group basis; establishing relationships on a spiritual perspective and within a theological understanding of life: compassion, forgiveness, guilt complex, anger control, self-worth, grief and repentance and other significant components of human existence. Also, when appropriate, the Imams get involved with offenders' families - as in crisis intervention and escorting offenders on temporary absences for religious and/or rehabilitative purposes.

Islam Care initiates, directs and coordinates religious services in these correctional facilities, ensuring that all traditional worship services are held when required; working collaboratively to address the religious needs of Muslim offenders to maintain a respectful atmosphere within the chapel environment - developing religious educational programs, conducting prayer and Qur'an study groups, personal growth and training of volunteers. Our Imams are also actively involved in the development of offender correctional plans and strategies including parole officers, psychologists, health care professionals and other correctional staff.

Islam Care also interprets the needs and concerns of persons affected by the criminal justice system within the faith community; and educate members concerning their role in the safe and timely reintegration of offenders. This includes the recruitment and training of volunteers for prison work and to be mentors of youth at risk to offend and to be counsellors for those recently released, assisting them to rehabilitate and reintegrate. Islam Care is also involved in Restorative Justice programs and participates with other groups in the promotion of restorative justice principles.

Also, the work of Islam Care with CSC focuses on the integration of spiritual services to Muslim offenders into the life of the institutions by involvement with other chaplains and correctional staff; through developing a theological understanding of existence and experience in the context of multi-faith programs within the institution; integrating a portrayal of Islamic spiritual values in the course of providing spiritual services to inmates, and acting as a resource to the institutions as a whole by providing a focus on the spiritual dimension of life reflecting on all inmates.



Imam Refarz Alli



Imam Yasin Dwyer

Imam Yasin Dwyer, based at Joyceville Institution in Kingston, and Imam Refarz Alli from Toronto are currently under contract with Islam Care to provide the services described above. The Centre is committed to support the Imams and the Muslim offenders who seek guidance and support, aspiring to be worthy Canadian citizens. With the support of the Muslim community in Ottawa, Islam Care will make every effort to maintain the standard of service being provided and to contribute positively to foster a safe, secure and prosperous society.

Islam Care Centre is pleased to continue serving Muslim offenders incarcerated in the federal prison system. However, this noble work is conditional upon community support. With community awareness and financial support from generous donors, Islam Care will provide the necessary support: Quran, religious books, prayer mats and other religious material to offenders who are on the path of repentance and rehabilitation. The journey of faith for many Muslim offenders depends on the support and prayers of the faith community. Islam Care is dedicated to be a catalyst for change in the lives of Muslim offenders into the future, with God's help and support.



Bulletin

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Islam Care active in multifaith initiatives



Sulaiman Khan (right) and Abdiwahid Osman (centre) of the Islam Care Centre chat with Helen Smith (left), a member of the Ottawa Presbyterian United Church, at a multifaith event on aging on March 29, 2010.

The Islam Care Centre has been busy working with the interfaith community on social initiatives. Continuing its longstanding commitment to representing the Muslim community and collaborating with other faith groups on shared social issues, the ICC sent delegates to several events in recent months.

Islam Care Centre attended a conference entitled Faith and the Persistence of Poverty in Canada. The conference was held at Rideau Gardens where four members of a federal party Committee on Poverty addressed the capacity crowd on what they thought faith groups should know about poverty.

Dean Allison (Conservative, Niagra West), encouraged faith groups to get involved in

Faith and Poverty

On January 24, 2010, representatives from the

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Profile of your Islam Care Centre

Goals and Motivations

The Islam Care Centre is a significant resource to the Ottawa community. It was established with a number of goals in mind and a set of principles to guide its work.

Primarily, the Centre works with individuals and families to achieve their full potential, and strives to meet the most pressing needs of our community, by drawing strength and motivation from their Islamic identity. Islam Care cooperates with other organizations striving to reach our goals through social services, community partnerships and advocacy.

Background and History

The Centre was founded in 1992, then known as the Islamic Information Centre (Da'wah Centre), in

the heart of downtown Ottawa. Its stated purpose was to invite the general public to learn more about Islam to build relationships within the non-Muslim community and a growing Muslim community. Its purpose was to become a resource for different government agencies, the media, various academic institutions, other religious groups and individuals looking for information on Islam.

Soon the programs and projects began to expand. As information delivery was the primary goal, the Centre began sponsoring lectures at local universities, high schools, churches and to any group seeking information. Literature was made available on its building to anyone seeking information.

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ICC helps provide Islamic perspective



(Left to Right): Abdiwahid Osman of the ICC stands alongside Tony Martin, NDP MP for Sault Ste. Marie; Sulaiman Khan and Abdiwahid Osman of the ICC stand on either side of Yves Lessard, Bloc Québécois MP for Chambly – Borduas; Dean Allison, Conservative MP for Niagra West, speaks with ICC’s Abdiwahid Osman.

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educational initiatives. He said that in some areas, these initiatives have helped reduce high school drop out rates among poverty groups from 50% to just 10%. By helping more youngsters obtain the basic educational tools, faith groups can help break them and their families break out of the cycle of poverty.

Tony Martin (NDP, Sault Ste. Marie) said that Canada Poverty Elimination Act in concert with a solid plan on eliminating poverty is needed in Canada. Such a plan would ensure that institutions are able to grasp the real meaning of poverty and set up measures towards its elimination. He said that faith groups have a role to play in supporting such legislation when such private member bills are raised in the House of Commons.

Raymonde Folco (Liberal, Laval – Les Iles) spoke about how poverty is experienced among immigrants. Immigrant groups face issues of exclusion from mainstream culture and general isolation often due to language barriers. This hinders their ability to find jobs, knowing the services available to them, and getting adjusted to life in Canada. The challenge of isolation strongly affects older immigrant women. She said faith groups can help immigrants overcome these issues and break the isolation. She also stressed how accessible and affordable day care programs have helped immigrant women in Quebec support their families.

Yves Lessard (Bloc Québécois, Chambly – Borduas) spoke about the pressing need to assist poverty groups in the Aboriginal community. Faith groups, with their strong values of charity and

giving others hope, have an important role to play in reaching out to the poor in these communities.



Abdiwahid Osman of the ICC speaks before a crowd at the Faith and Gangs Roundtable event on Feb. 9, 2010.

Photo Credit: Ottawa West EMC

Youth and Gangs

The Islam Care Centre has been an active participant in a local initiative to combat youth gang involvement. In November of 2009, took part in the initial Faith and Gangs Roundtable event which was hosted by the Ottawa Youth Gang Prevention Initiative (OYGPI) and Crime Prevention Ottawa.

At the November meeting, the Ottawa Police explained the current gang situation to roughly 30 people of various faith communities.

On February 9, 2010, there was a follow up meeting of the Faith and Gangs Roundtable which the Islam Care Centre was once again able to attend. Abdiwahid Osman had a chance to address the crowd and share a Muslim perspective on how to tackle youth gang involvement as well as speak about the particular challenges that Muslim youth face.

The literature collected by OYGPI has

shown that providing a strong mentor to vulnerable youth can help steer them away from gang involvement. This is an area that faith groups have a chance to make an impact.

The Islam Care Centre hopes to form a mentoring program for youth in the coming year. It has long been providing pastoral services to inmates at the provincial jail on Innes Road. Furthermore in autumn of 2009, it has trained a dozen volunteers in mentoring those recently released from jail, providing guidance and support towards a crime-free life.

To read more about the Feb. 9 event, you can look up the following stories online:

“Wielding faith to cut down gangs” - March 19, 2010, *Ottawa Citizen*

“Faith groups weigh in on youth gang prevention” - March 15, 2010, *Ottawa West EMC*

Aging: Spirituality & Health

The Islam Care Centre coordinated with six other groups to host conference giving a faith-based perspective on aging on March 29. The full-day conference’s stated goal was to “Promote an exchange of views on the spiritual and health care issues facing seniors and address the challenges to healthy living.”

“I thought it was very well done,” says Khadija Haffajee, a longstanding and active member of the Ottawa Muslim community. She said it was very important for Muslims to be represented at such a conference, given that aging affects us all.

“I think it’s very important that we participate,” says Mrs. Haffajee. “It’s

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ICC executives console and uplift



(Left to Right): Oris Retallack, Rev. Dr. Phyllis Smyth, Helen Smith, and Abdiwahid Osman pose for the camera at the conference on aging and spirituality on Mar. 29, 2010. Rev. Dr. Smyth was a keynote speaker at the event, while the other three were part of the organizing committee.

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important that they (the service provider community) know about Islamic attitudes towards aging and the aged.”

Nazila Isgandarova helped bring that Islamic perspective to the 120 people who attended the conference. Ms. Isgandarova is a chaplain at two long-term care facilities (where they take care of the elderly) in Mississauga.

She facilitated one of the five workshops organized during that day. Her topic was ‘Aging and Spiritual Care

in a Cultural and Religious Context.’ She focused on the spiritual care of Muslim residents in long term care facilities.

“I was very impressed with how she presented being culturally competent,” says Mrs. Haffajee.

Other topics covered during the day included the spiritual side of dealing with dementia, the

positive effect spirituality has on health and aging, how music impacts one’s spirituality, and how illness can actually be vehicle to strengthen one’s faith.

Both Abdiwahid Osman and Sulaiman Khan from the Islam Care centre helped provide Muslim perspectives in these discussions.

The Islam Care Centre was one of seven groups who helped organize the conference, which included the Council on Aging of Ottawa, the Interfaith Network, Help Aged, the Ontario Multifaith Council, Bruyère Community Care, and

the International Order of the King’s Daughters and Sons.

Semiannual Memorial Service

On March 27, executives of the Islam Care Centre helped console and lift the spirits of the Muslim attendees at a semiannual memorial service held by a local long-term care facility, the Glebe Centre. Both Abdiwahid Osman and Sulaiman Khan were in attendance to offer prayers and pay respects to the elderly residents of the Glebe Centre who have passed away in the last six months.

“Sulaiman was our Imam for Islam and shared and prayed most appropriately,” says Jim Johnson, the Pastoral Services Coordinator of the Glebe Centre.

Mr. Johnson says that the Islam Care executives’ presence was especially significant for one of the dementia-afflicted residents who attended the service.

“It was very moving to see one resident when she saw, for her, the Imam (Sulaiman), a wonderful smile came on her face,” says Mr. Johnson. He says that having a Muslim representative attend these events is crucial as it helps the Muslim residents connect with their faith and the deep power to uplift that it often brings.

Profile: ICC a community hub

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Eventually it began supplying the local libraries with Islamic material - all free for non-Muslims. Quickly, the Centre became the first stop for information on Islam to the entire Ottawa community. Its easily accessible location facilitated this purpose.

Expanding further, the Centre offered the basic community services expected of any faith-based organization (i.e. marriage facilitation, funeral arrangements, family counseling and access to community resources). It soon developed into a focal point of vital information for new Canadians. The geographical accessibility combined with its convenient hours of operation (opened daily) allowed the Centre to develop into a community hub. The Da’wah Centre provided daily prayer

services, including Jum’aa prayers.

Current Activities

The Islam Care Centre has a long history of providing assistance to inmates at the local Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre. For many years, trained Muslim chaplains ensured that inmates had access to the spiritual connection of their choice. Working also with Correctional Service Canada, Islam Care Centre ensures that inmates receive a prayer mat, a Qur’an (in a language of their choice), basics on Islam (How to Pray) as well as other Islamic literature. This partnership with the federal government agency that regulates the detention centres has fostered a community that allows for individuals to develop themselves while serving their sentence and then become active and welcome members of society upon their

release. The programs run by the Centre help to foster a sense of responsibility within individuals as well as connect these individuals with the resources they need to contribute to the community, with the expectation that these individuals never again find themselves facing incarceration.

The Centre continues to function in the same capacities - as a source of information about Islam to the general public, media, schools and universities, governmental departments and other faith groups. It expanded on many of its roles that revolve around serving the Muslim community. The mosque on site has become even busier at all prayer times, and particularly on Jum’aa, due to an increase of Muslim workers in the

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Profile: New facility to be built

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downtown core and the fact that Islam Care Centre remains the only Islamic institution located in downtown Ottawa. Lectures continue to be arranged, both at the Centre and elsewhere, to inform Muslims and the wider Ottawa community about the principles of Islam. These lectures are typically scheduled on a monthly basis. Halaqas for new Muslims and for Muslim women are also arranged, in an effort to build a stronger community and help those seeking information on Islam to acquire it easily. Day camps are now offered to the community so that young children can also become involved in their community while learning. These day camps run throughout the year, in the summer (week-long on site) as well as over the course of educational holidays.

The youth programs have also expanded. While the Centre continues to offer as many resources as possible to the youth of the Ottawa community, it has begun narrowing the focus of its programs to three key areas: those youth who are at-risk to offend (commit a crime) due to their environment; those youth who are already offenders; and programs that work towards rehabilitating and reintegrating youth offenders or at-risk youth into a supportive Muslim community.

Programs to further multi-faith dialogue are an area of particular interest to the Islam Care Centre. In more recent years, the Centre has become involved in community projects that work with other faith groups. An example of this includes programs like soup kitchens, which are held in concert with Christian groups like St. Joseph.

As more Muslims moved to the area, from areas outside the Ottawa-Gatineau region, or from other nations, the Centre has continued in its role as a channel of resources to assist new immigrants in the city. Linkage with many government agencies responsible for providing assistance to these newcomers have been formed so as to ensure that Muslims new to Ottawa can find the financial, legal and social assistance needed to establish themselves. These welfare services continue to expand as the community grows and the Centre works hard to ensure that Muslim families in Ottawa are

provided with the resources they need to contribute actively to our society.

Future Developments – New Facilities

Being active for 18 years now, the Directors of the Islam Care Centre have developed numerous ideas to increase and expedite the relentless efforts. A primary goal at this time is to demolish the current building and to rebuild a larger facility that would be more amenable to its programs and aspirations. As the community expands the need to have a centrally-located Islamic-resource centre becomes essential. Islam Care must then expand its operations in spite of challenges. It plans to garner support from every source, to bring awareness of the invaluable and unique role it plays as a convener and community support in Ottawa.

The new facility will feature a larger storefront area, with a clear space designated for literature and audio-visual resources, to attract the general public. Making these resources easily accessible will ensure that many more people will benefit. Additionally, the library will be updated and maintained so that the latest information, in the latest media options, would become available. As well, we will expand the number of works available not only in English but in French, Arabic and other highly demanded languages.

To address another pertinent issue, the new facility will have larger and much more accessible prayer spaces for the growing number of Muslims who live or work in the downtown core. This is an issue of particular importance. The new facility will provide a much clearer division of the prayer areas from the remainder of the offices and works of the Centre.

The establishment of a functioning and well-maintained youth centre is of critical importance. Given the refocus of its programs on at-risk youth and young offenders, the availability of a facility where youth will find support and social resources, as well as a safe haven to build friendships and foster a sense of responsibility to them and the Canadian community at large, is a dream that Islam Care is endeavoring to push into reality. By providing such an environment, Islam Care will increase its outreach to youth who do need and are looking for a helping hand, and to youth who want to

expand in knowledge and commitment. It also increases the multi-generational profile of the Centre, making it the only centre in Ottawa that is equipped to provide this kind of assistance. Integrating governmental resources with the Islam Care youth centre will also help to establish a foster care system that respects the needs of Muslim youth, and it will help Muslim families to take on greater roles in the foster care system.

The disadvantaged in Ottawa require many resources to break cycles of poverty, addiction and crime. The Centre has for many years, in collaboration with other faith-based community organizations, made an impact in breaking these cycles. If endowed with a larger facility, the programs on the impoverished individuals and families can expand to create a better community. The establishment of a food bank and regular soup kitchen to feed any hungry person are particular goals of the Centre. Islam Care also plans to increase its ability to provide financial welfare and housing opportunities to those in need. To help with crime and addiction, Islam Care will be involved in a group home program to rehabilitate young offenders. As well, the establishment of a shelter for women and children with familial problems is a particularly important goal. In all cases, counseling services which are already provided, can be more easily facilitated in an environment conducive to dealing with such problems. An office area and a clinic dedicated to render these services, to work effectively in as many ways as possible, within the community is imperative to the success of these programs.

The Centre's new facilities will also allow for the rental of office/business space to facilitate the emergence of Islamic institutions – Islamic banks and residential mortgages, publishing and media relations, charitable organizations, etc. This would generate funds to facilitate its programs and services. However, we will also require significant fundraising, and maintenance of a well-established volunteer circle, to manage the increasing number of projects. These issues are much easier to administer when the infrastructure can be navigated more clearly and a space is available to the community to organize any kind of fundraising or awareness event.

MUSLIMS BUILDING FAITH

Little mosque on a mission

Islam Care Centre aims to build bigger, better facility

LARISSA CAHUTE
Ottawa Sun

It wouldn't be a shock to see the dismal, run-down white house on Bank and Lisgar streets slated for demolition.

But it may be a shock it's considered a "spiritual hub" to many Muslims in the downtown core.

Surprisingly, the mosque is hoping to tear down the building — only to build a better model, and quickly.

The Islam Care Centre filed a development application with the city two months ago to demolish the entire building and rebuild a four-storey building, to better serve their community.

"The Ottawa Muslim population is growing very fast," said Imam Dr. Zijad Delic, executive director of the centre.

The mosque can't keep up.

Many worshippers

The daily noon prayer attracts more than 60 people and that's "more than any other centre in the city during the day," according to Delic.

But it's the Friday noon prayer causing the overcrowding. More than 200 people typically crowd into the small location on that day.

"We cannot accommodate how many of them come," said Delic. "We had to have two prayers during Friday weekly prayer — simply because there is a demand out there."

A main focus is to expand the prayer space and resource library.

But it's not just the size of the building holding it back.

"We want this building to have the beauty aspect in it," said Delic. "This (building) doesn't really

represent who we want to be and who we are in terms of physical representation."

A brand-new building is now going up next door.

"Our building, beside the beautiful (new) building, would look like a hut," said Delic.

Downtown

The centre is the only Islam institution downtown, with government and downtown workers frequenting the location.

It also offers family services to all denominations.

"I have seen that need in the lives of people and I think almost in every single aspect — social, spiritual, political — you can notice there is a demand that this building be rebuilt and given the beautiful shape that we want to have."

Delic hasn't heard back from the city since he filed the development application but expects feedback by August.

Once they get the go-ahead, Delic will go full force with fundraising.

He estimates the revamp will cost about \$3 million, which the centre plans to come up with through community fundraisers, help from partners and grants. He hopes to raise all funds needed, so construction can be finished quickly.

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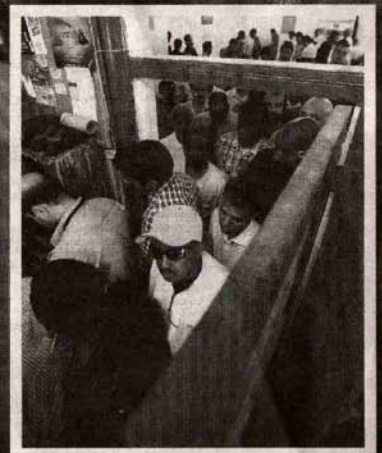
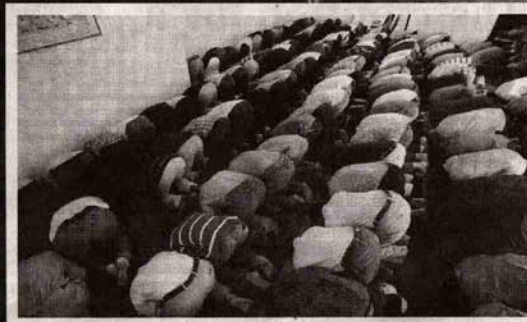


A PLACE FOR PRAYER

Check out our online photo gallery for a look inside the Islam Care Centre on a crowded Friday.

ottawasun.com/mosque

Nearly 200 men are jammed into afternoon prayers at the Islam Care Centre on Friday.



DARREN BROWN/OTTAWA SUN PHOTOS



Paul Dewar

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May 19, 2011

RE: Islam Care Centre Reference

The Islam Care Centre is an important organization that provides numerous beneficial services to all members of the Ottawa Community, and is valuable to Ottawa society.

Since the foundations of the organization, the Islam Care Centre has strived to foster a community in which multiple generations feel safe and secure. The Centre has worked to build lasting ties between the non-Muslim community and the growing Muslim community in Ottawa City.

The Islam Care Centre provides daily prayer services to members of the Muslim faith, and provides counseling and assistance to inmates at local detention centers. In addition, the Centre provides marriage and funeral services, and is expanding to include youth outreach services as well. Day camps are provided, with outreach towards at-risk youth in hopes of rehabilitation and reintegration into the supportive Muslim community. The Islam Care Centre further participates in interfaith programs including community projects and soup kitchens, working with other organizations including Christian groups to foster a brighter community.

I look forward to seeing the continued results of the work the Islam Care Centre is doing in the community, and know that with the expansion of the Centre the community will continue to grow and prosper.

Regards,

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YASIR NAQVI, MPP

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May 27, 2011

Abdiwahid Osman Haji
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Dear Osman Abdiwahid Haji:

It is my pleasure to congratulate you and your colleagues for the important contributions Islam Care Centre has been making to the community in Ottawa.

I am also happy to hear that Imam Zijad will be serving the Centre as its Executive Director. Congratulations!

I understand the significance of community for everyone – the importance of connecting people in meaningful ways to one another. You and your colleagues have worked diligently to create a strong Islamic community, and to connect this community with other groups across Ottawa, building bridges and partnerships to foster understanding and diversity. I commend you also for the volunteer work you do with inmates at the Ottawa Detention Centre – spiritual counselling, access to faith, and fostering personal growth and development. I would also like to thank you for your long-standing participation and valuable contribution in the Regional Multi-Faith Committee (within the Ontario Multi-faith Council).

I wish you and your colleagues success in your efforts to rebuild a new Centre at 312 Lisgar Street to meet the increasing demand for a larger prayer hall to serve Muslims working in downtown Ottawa and the growing Muslim community in our urban core.

I know that as the only Islamic Centre in downtown Ottawa, you are the main source for Islamic literature and information on Islam to the general public, media, government departments and other faith groups, and I thank you for your service. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. I hope that you and your colleagues will continue to provide the valuable services in our community.

Please accept my personal best wishes.

Yours truly,



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Abdiwahid Osman Haji
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Dear Osman Abdiwahid Haji:

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I understand the significance of community for everyone - the importance of connecting people in meaningful ways to one another. You and your colleagues have worked diligently to create a strong Islamic community, providing religious and spiritual guidance. I commend you also for the volunteer work you do, counselling inmates at the provincial Ottawa Detention Centre, ensuring that Muslim inmates have access to the faith of their choice, fostering a community that allows individuals to develop spiritually, while serving their sentence, and getting them prepared to become responsible members of society. I also commend your long-standing participation and valuable contribution in the Regional Multi-Faith Committee (within Ontario Multi-faith Council).

We are also proud that ICC helps in educating the larger society about how all citizens of Ottawa work on making Ottawa even safer city and free from any crime.

I wish you and your colleagues success in your efforts to rebuild the centre at 312 Lisgar Street, for a larger prayer hall to meet the increasing demand of the large number of Muslims working in downtown Ottawa and the growing number of Muslims living in the urban core.

It is handy that yours is the only Islamic Centre in downtown Ottawa, just minutes away from key federal and provincial service centres. I appreciate the fact that you are also the main source for Islamic literature and information on Islam to the general public, media, government departments and other faith groups as well as the essential source of the social services to the large and diverse Ottawa Muslim community across the city. I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. I hope that you and your colleagues will continue to provide these valuable services to the Canadian society.

Please accept my personal best wishes.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eli El-Chantry'.

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Ottawa has established itself as a dynamic multi-cultural metropolitan Centre. Over the past 15 years Islam Care Centre has helped to enhance the multi-cultural and multi-faith presence in the community. This Centre has become essential for the increasing number of Muslims living and working in center town as well as an integral part of the larger Ottawa community.

Many institutions have come to rely on you as a source of information on Islam, Muslims and regular support to different agencies in the city.

Your involvement on numerous multi-faith groups and advisory committees has proven to be invaluable. You have helped to foster open communication, understanding and good will with people of all faiths. Your help in feeding the hungry at the St. Joe's Supper table is immensely appreciated and valued.

I am aware that yours is the only Islamic Centre in downtown Ottawa, and that you are the main source for Islamic literature and information on Islam to the general public, government departments and other faith groups. I hope that you will continue to provide the valuable services to the Canadian society.

Please accept my personal best wishes.


Andre Boyer, Pastor


Mary Murphy, Pastoral Associate



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Letter of Support for Islam Care Centre (ICC)

Islam Care Centre is a unique organization. The services that it provides are much needed in the community. This is by no means limited to just Muslims, but rather ICC is a benefit for the wider community.

ICC works provides great support to youth organizations, such as the University of Ottawa Muslim Students Association. One example is the material support that we have received in the past for Islam Awareness Week—a week in which UOMSA seeks to dispel misconceptions about Islam and Muslims, and seek to make a positive contribution to the campus community. Another example is the guidance received; needless to say, some of our philanthropic activities are inspired by ICC. Furthermore, many of our members are actively involved in ICC. Without a doubt, some of UOMSA's most active members i.e. those with the greatest sense of civic duty, are those who also participate in ICC's activities.

ICC has been and still is a key to instilling UOMSA members with a sense of responsibility as Canadian citizens. Many youth leaders have emerged from UOMSA, and it is most certainly because of the role that ICC has played in fostering the growth and success of UOMSA.

Members of UOMSA have also greatly benefitted from ICC's involvement in interfaith dialogues, seniors services, and marriage counseling, to name a few services and activities. Many of the services provided by ICC are unique, and thus the sustainability of ICC is absolutely essential for the Ottawa community.

ICC is highly respected within the Muslim and the wider community. We hope to see its positive contribution expand even more. UOMSA wholeheartedly supports ICC's vision of a new Centre.

Sincerely,

Adam Gilani

President, University of Ottawa Muslim Students Association



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April 5, 2010

As Salamu 'Alaikum!

Islam Care Centre is an incorporated charitable organization operating in Ottawa since 1982. This Centre is the only Islamic centre located in the downtown core of the Capital City. It is busy at all prayer-times, and particularly on Jum'aa, attracting the many Muslims working in the area and the growing number of Muslims moving to the urban centre.

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I know Sulaiman Khan personally, a founder of this organization. As Director and Founder he contributed immensely to its growth and reputation. Working with him is a team of extremely loyal and dedicated Muslims. I do appreciate the support of Islam Care to the efforts of HCI, always collecting funds for the many humanitarian projects we sponsor.

We wholeheartedly support Islam Care in its effort to construct this new Centre, to expand and provide all the services in its mandate, to meet the growing needs of our Ottawa community. Any financial support to make this project a reality will be highly appreciated. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kaleem Akhtar
Executive Director

THE MUSLIM NON-PROFIT HOUSING
CORPORATION OF OTTAWA CARLETON

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Date: March 1, 2011

Re: Letter of Support to Islam Care Centre's Project:
"Growing Up & Belonging to the Ottawa Community"
To: City of Ottawa
Community Funding Unit &
Social Services Department
Ben Franklin Place
101 Centrepointe Drive (4th Floor)
Ottawa, ON K2G 3K7

Dear Madam/Sir,

It is of great importance to all citizens of the Ottawa community to live in a safe and healthy environment and therefore The Muslim Non-Profit Housing Corporation supports the project on Growing Up & Belonging to the Ottawa Community headed by the Islam Care Centre. Islam Care Centre's social engagements with the project of social nature have contributed greatly to the larger Ottawa community in the past. Some of these projects include active participation in the interfaith work, elimination of the poverty in the community, chaplaincy services to the prisons, etc.

Our hopes are that Islam Care Centre receives the funding so that they proceed with the activities and help minority youth integrate more successfully in the larger Ottawa community.

If you need any further information regarding the Islam Care Centre's project and our choice and willingness to support the project (Growing Up & Belonging to the Ottawa Community) and a well-known and established Ottawa organization – Islam Care Centre, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Name: Kemal Ally
Title: Executive Director
Phone: 613 726 5911
Email:

About the Muslim Family-Youth Services Centre in Downtown Ottawa

Islam Care Centre, an incorporated organization with charitable status, is the only Islamic centre located in downtown Ottawa – in close proximity to Parliament Buildings, key government departments and important service agencies. It is a store front Centre, inviting the general public to better understand Islam and Muslims. Islam Care prides itself on offering quality service to Muslims and non-Muslims alike. The Centre has been a reliable source of information on Islam to the general public, to governmental departments of the Capital City and to other agencies.

We are aware of the Centre's activities in providing counselling to inmates at local detention centres. Trained Muslim chaplains ensure that inmates have access to the spiritual connection of their choice. Working also with Correctional Service Canada, Islam Care Centre provides religious and spiritual services to Muslim offenders in Ontario. This has fostered a community that allows individuals to develop spiritually, while serving their sentence, and be well prepared to become responsible members of the society.

We understand that a new sister organization has spun off the Islamic Care Centre in 2011, namely the Muslim Family-Youth Services Centre. It aims at establishing a comprehensive family services centre that serves Muslims and non-Muslims alike. Such services are much needed in the community. OMWO supports Islam Care Centre and its Sister Organization in their effort to construct this new Centre, to expand and provide all the services in its mandate, and to meet the growing needs of the Ottawa community such as larger prayer rooms in the city core, space for a library and information centre.

The Muslim community in Ottawa is growing and it is important to integrate with the main stream society by offering social services, training and information as an integral part of the larger diverse Ottawa community. The proposed Centre will serve address this need.

Sincerely,



Shano Bejkosalaj
President of the Ottawa Muslim Women's Organization



The Ottawa Muslim Association

www.ottawamosque.ca

July 6, 2011

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Working with a team of extremely loyal and dedicated leaders of Islam Care Centre has contributed greatly to the wellbeing of Ottawa Muslims and the larger society.

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Any financial support from you – respected donor – to make this project a reality in the capital city of Canada – Ottawa – will be highly appreciated.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Naim Malik
President of Ottawa Muslim Association

Melanie Fortier
545 Gordon, Gatineau, QC J9H 5L3

Wednesday, May-25-11

Dear Sir or Madam: I believe that the ICC and other organizations like it are crucial to the Muslim community. The ICC not only offers services that most mosques and community centers offer but it goes beyond that and provides crucial services that are often overlooked - such as programs for delinquent youth, foster parenting and cross-cultural training just to name a few.

It is a reality that poverty and crime exist in every community Muslim or not. It is also not well known but quite true that there are very few Muslim foster parents available for the Muslim families who need them. Another very real fact is that some Muslim families immigrating to Canada carry with them cultural baggage that can hinder their integration into Canadian society. The ICC is there to help in these situations and many more.

The ICC seems to me like the ideal place that has everything a Muslim or community could possibly want or need. There are programs for everyone, from youth to seniors and from families to new Muslims. The ICC provides all the services one could expect from an Islamic center such as jumuah, nikah and funeral services and a few more such as chaplaincy services.

The location is also important to note as many people do not have cars or are limited in their ability to travel. The ICC is in downtown Ottawa which means it is accessible to most residents of Ottawa and Gatineau as well. There is

Date: Thu, May 26, 2011

Subject: Letter of Support

Assalam alaykom (Peace be upon you),

I am writing this email to demonstrate my support to Islamic Care Centre (ICC) in its plan to demolish and build a new Islamic Centre for all members of the Muslim community. I really appreciate the services of ICC because it is very near from my work. I pray my dohr and asr prayers hamdolilah in ICC and I know that a lot of Muslims indeed benefit from its services as it is located at Ottawa downtown.

I would like to inform you that I will participate in any fundraising that you will plan regarding this project of building the new building. May Allah help you

Khalid ZEROUAL

Date: Fri, 27 May 2011

Subject: Re: reference letter for Islam Care Centre

As Salamu 'Alaikum Imam Zijad,

The Islam Care Center was a hidden treasure in the heart of the community for me from the very beginning of becoming Muslim.

It was a refuge in which I could come to study, browse the bookstore, listen to Islamic lectures and get in touch with the community so I could build a strong Muslim identity.

Being there is something I look forward to every time I drop in downtown.

Lisa Duchene

Date: Thu, 26 May 2011

Subject: Re: reference letter for Islam Care Centre

To Whom It May Concern:

Assalaamualaykum warahmatullah; I first became involved with the Islam Care Centre in the spring of 2010. I was introduced to the Centre through some colleagues from the University of Ottawa that thought it was a place that had as much to offer me as I had to offer it. They were right. For over a year now, I have been involved with the Centre and I have become well acquainted with its work and felt the impact of its significant contributions to the community.

There is no other organization in Ottawa that does what the Islam Care Centre is capable of. In a community where, for decades, the focus has been on building masajid (mosques) to support the growing Muslim community, many organizations forget our social responsibilities, both to Muslims and non-Muslims in the Ottawa region. The Islam Care Centre does what no other organization can: it creates links within the Muslim community and between the Muslim and non-Muslim communities. It provides resources, often for free, to those in need, regardless of their religious background. It coordinates activities, day camps, events and numerous social services at the same time as maintaining, embracing and epitomizing its Islamic roots.

The potential of this organization is far underestimated. But a shift is happening in our Muslim community. A younger generation of Muslims, born and raised here, feels stronger ties to the broader, Canadian society. We are Canadian. As someone who was blessed to grow up in this country and as a convert who became a part of Ottawa's Muslim community, I can safely say that the two are linked for me, each an important component of who I am. I recognize that what impacts on one community affects the other. A new generation of Muslims feels this same connection: a duty to support their community but it is a community that can no longer be defined as existing within the confines of a mosque. The Islam Care Centre embraces this perspective, connecting on an intimate level with young Muslims throughout Ottawa and providing a rare opportunity for those same youth to reach out to others and prove that Islam is about charity, compassion and goodwill between men and women, without regard to their ethnic, cultural, religious or socio-economic background.

The Islam Care Centre requires the generous support of the Ottawa community to continue its important work. For my part, I will continue to work with the Centre in whatever small ways I can to ensure that its impact is felt meaningfully across the city. For others, I would encourage them to do whatever they can; this organization is a cornerstone for the Ottawa community, a foundational building block that can transform our neighbourhoods in ways that will astonish only those who doubt the power of sincere compassion and genuine effort.

Meaghan Williams

ATHER MAQBOOL
269 Laurier Ave. W.
K1A0K9

Date; 27 May 2011

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

This is to certify that, I have been working in downtown Ottawa for few years. Where, I have been privileged to perform my religious duties; in my lunch break and sometimes afterhours at Islam Care Centre facility at 312 Lisgar St. Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 0E2

This facility has been source for religious guidance and information about many other community services. Being in the downtown, this facility has been the most approachable place for me and several others.

As Ottawa is a fast growing city, so is the Muslim community along with others. I would like to see this facility renovated/rebuilt and well maintained to serve better, the communities in Ottawa downtown region.

Yours Sincerely;



ATHER MAQBOOL
613.608.4542
TOATHER@YAHOO.COM

Walid Hammoud
K2J 0R9
Nepean, Ontario

Friday, May 27 2011

I have been attending the Islam Care Centre on Lisgar St. for nearly three years, coinciding with the commencement of my career in the downtown core. As someone who works in the downtown core, I find it very important that I have a place nearby where I may perform my daily prayers in congregation.

In addition to being a quiet and tranquil place to pray, away from the stresses of the work environment, the Centre also provides me a place where I may observe various community lectures and consult a wide selection of resources and other materials relating to Islam and other subjects – both of which I have had the opportunity to take advantage of.

Praying in congregation is an extremely important aspect of the Islamic faith and without a facility like the Islam Care Centre, it would otherwise be very difficult or impossible for myself and many others living or working in the downtown area to practice this essential part of our faith.

Over the three years that I have been attending the Islam Care Centre, I have come to see the real and immediate need to expand and rebuild the Centre. It accommodates many people who work or live in the downtown area. During the Friday noon congregational prayer in particular, the Centre has to hold two separate prayers in order to accommodate all those coming to pray at the Centre. It is clear to me that the number of people who rely on the Centre to practice their faith has now outgrown what the Centre can feasibly accommodate.

I fully support the reconstruction of the Islam Care Centre and intend to support this project now and in the future. I very much look forward to seeing it come to fruition.

Walid Hammoud



Islam Care Centre
Lisgar Street
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

I work from downtown and visit the mosque during noon prayer everyday. This centre is in close proximity of my work place. It helps me to perform my religious obligation and also helps me spiritually. This centre has a library, which has a large collection of books.

More and more people are using this centre for their daily prayer. This centre has become very essential part of my daily life.

Islam Care Centre started to involved in many social activities under the leadership of Imam Delic. I wish him success in his endeavour. The centre needs expansion. It requires help from the community.

I hope that Islam Care Centre will become an important hub in downtown location for source of information regarding Islam .

Thank you.

Sincerely Yours



Nasim Chowhury

30 Northgate Street,
Nepean, Ontario, K2G 6C8.

Islamic Information Centre
312 Lisgar St, Ottawa,
Ontario, K2P 0E2

Re: To whomever it may concern

Assalam-OAlaikum

I am writing this note to express my gratitude and support to the organizers of the Islamic Information Centre at 312 Lisgar Street for providing the much needed prayer facility for the number of Muslims who work and live in the core downtown community of the City of Ottawa.

I am a contractor who works at one of the Federal Government facility in the downtown core Ottawa. I use this facility to perform my Zuhr and Friday prayers whenever I am able to. I join a large number of Muslim brothers and sisters who come to use the facility, like me, for the sole purpose of enriching their spiritual life by attending the congregation on a regular basis.

Jazakallah khair



Atique Siddiqui



REBUILDING ISLAM CARE CENTRE

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