

Williams Lake Muslim Association Meetings

Meeting Date: October 13, 2024

AGENDA: Establishment of a Board of Directors and Setting a Path Forward

Background:

This meeting was a continuation of discussions initiated in a previous online meeting with the Kamloops Muslim Association. A significant highlight was the decision on whether to establish a formal connection with the BC Muslim Association (BCMA) or the Kamloops Muslim Association. The Kamloops Muslim Association had offered a temporary arrangement to collect funds on our behalf.

Meeting Points:

The meeting was initially organized as a family gathering (potluck dinner) with the primary goal of establishing a Board of Directors for the Williams Lake Muslim Association. We were later joined by Mr. Michael Moses, the BC NDP candidate for the Cariboo-Chilcotin region.

The key discussion points with Mr. Moses centered around the need for cooperation in constructing a mosque in Williams Lake, highlighting the community's growing need for a dedicated place of worship.

Following dinner, the meeting resumed its primary focus on the formation of the Board of Directors. Nominations were discussed, and key portfolios were assigned as follows:

Board of Directors:

Chair: To be elected

Finance: Mr. Ali Rehman

Communication & Public Engagement: Mr. Imran Khan & Mr. Nadeem Mulani

Director-at-large: Mr. Arif Khan

Women Representation: to be elected

Next Steps / Way Forward:

1. Begin the process of registering the Williams Lake Muslim Association with BC Registries.
2. Explore the requirements for obtaining charitable status with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
3. Discuss whether to temporarily partner with the Kamloops Muslim Association for fundraising purposes.
4. Consider the possibility of joining an existing group or organization as a branch or franchise to avoid the registration process in the initial stages.