



Day of Remembrance and Action on Islamophobia

January 29, 2022

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Agenda :

10:30 AM PST | 1:30 PM EST - Event Opens with Emcee Yusuf Siraj, Islam Unravelled | Foundation for a Path Forward and a Prayer by BC Muslim Association Mufti Mouadh.

10:35 AM PST | 1:35 PM EST - Land Acknowledgment by Chief Wayne Sparrow (yəxʷyaχʷələq), Chief of the Musqueam Indian Band

10:40 AM PST | 1:40 PM EST - Her Honour the Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

10:45 AM PST | 1:45 PM EST - The Hon. Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion (Pending)

10:50 AM PST | 1:50 PM EST - The Hon. Harjit Sajjan, Minister of International Development and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada

10:55 AM PST | 1:55 PM EST - BC Muslim Association President Mr. Asad Gondal

11:00 AM PST | 2:00 PM EST - His Worship Kennedy Stewart, Mayor of Vancouver (Video Message)

11:05 AM PST | 2:05 PM EST - Mr. Jagmeet Singh, MP for Burnaby-South and Leader of the NDP (Video Message)

11:10 AM PST | 2:10 PM EST - Mr. Taleeb Noormohamed, MP Vancouver-Granville and Federal Muslim Caucus Representative for B.C.

11:15 AM PST | 2:15 PM EST - His Worship, Mike Hurley, Mayor of Burnaby

11:20 AM PST | 2:20 PM EST - The Hon. George Heyman B.C. Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

11:25 AM PST | 2:25 PM EST - MLA Rachna Singh, Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives

11:30 AM PST | 2:30 PM EST - MLA Sonia Furstenau, B.C. Green Party Leader

11:35 AM PST | 2:35 PM EST - Ms. Linda Annis, Surrey City Councillor and Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers

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11:55 AM PST | 2:55 PM EST - Insp. Terry Yung, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Chair and VPD Diversity, Inclusion & Indigenous Relations

12:00 PM PST | 3:00 PM EST - Cpl. Anthony Statham, RCMP Hate Crimes

12:05 PM PST | 3:05 PM EST - Islamophobia in Canada Presentation - Ms. Shahina Siddiqui, Founder of the Islamic Social Services Association Inc. (ISSA) and Mr. Tariq Tyab, Islam Unravelled | Foundation for a Path Forward

12:20 PM PST | 3:20 PM EST - Interfaith Panel on Bill 21 with Mr. Kashif Ahmed, Chair of NCCM, video message from Rabbi Philip Bregman, Vancouver Jewish Federation and Vancouver Rabbinical Association, and Ms. Amrit Kaur, teacher and vice-president of the Quebec chapter of the World Sikh Organization of Canada.

12:50 PM PST | 3:50 PM EST - Panel on Islamophobia in Schools with Ms. Naima Ali, President of the Somali Canadian Society of BC, Mr. Harman Singh Pandher, BC Multiculturalism Award Recipient, and Ms. Annie Ohana - Secondary School Teacher.

1:20 PM PST | 4:20 PM EST - Municipal Breakout rooms

1:50 PM PST | 4:50 PM EST - Closing remarks by Mufti Aasim Rashid, Al-Ihsan Educational Foundation | Islam Unravelled and Mr. Haroon Khan, President Emeritus of the Pakistan Canada Association



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Foundation for a Path Forward acknowledges that we are hosted on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples—Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Stó:lō and Selilwəta?/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) and xʷməθkʷəyəm (Musqueam) Nations.

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- Former executive with the BC Muslim Association and co-founder of the Muslim Care Centre.
- [Website](#)

Mufti Mouadh - The BC Muslim Association



- Opening Prayer for the January 29th Victims and for Peace
- Imam of Surrey Al-Jamia Mosque (largest mosque in BC)
- The BC Muslim Association is the largest Muslim organization in British Columbia
- [Website](#)

Chief Wayne Sparrow (yəxʷyaχʷələq), Chief of the Musqueam Indian Band



- Land Acknowledgement and opening remarks
- Chief Sparrow's principled approach is to be open and involved directly with his community through his knowledge and passion for Musqueam culture and traditions.
- After serving as a Councillor for many years, in 2012 Chief Wayne Sparrow (yəxʷyaχʷələq) was first elected Chief of Musqueam Indian Band. He was elected to a four-year term in November 2016 after serving two consecutive two-year terms as Chief.
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Her Honour the Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia



- The Honourable Janet Austin was sworn-in as the 30th Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia on April 24, 2018.
- Prior to this appointment, she spent 15 years as Chief Executive Officer of YWCA Metro Vancouver, one of the province's largest and most diversified non-profits.
- As Lieutenant Governor, she has identified three key themes for her mandate: the promotion of diversity and inclusion, democracy and civic engagement, and Reconciliation.
- [Website](#)

The Hon. Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Housing and Diversity and Inclusion (Pending)



- The Honourable Ahmed Hussen was first elected in 2015 to represent the riding of York South—Weston. He has previously served as Minister of Families, Children and Social Development and Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship.
- Serving as National President for the Canadian Somali Congress, Minister Hussen worked with national and regional authorities to advocate on important issues to Canadians of Somali heritage, strengthening civic engagement and integration. His results-driven reputation led to an invitation from the Toronto City Summit Alliance to join a task force for modernizing income security for adults.
- [Website](#)

The Hon. Harjit Sajjan, Minister of International Development and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada



- The Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan was first elected as Member of Parliament for Vancouver South in 2015. He served as Minister of National Defence from 2015 to 2021.
- For 11 years, Minister Sajjan was a member of the Vancouver Police Department, based primarily in South Vancouver. He completed his career as a detective with the gang crime unit. As a member of the British Columbia Regiment, he participated in four operational deployments – one to Bosnia and three to Afghanistan.
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Mr. Muhammad Asad Gondal - BC Muslim Association President



- Muhammad Asad Gondal moved to Canada from Pakistan in 2001. In Pakistan he had studied M.Phil in Soil Chemistry and worked in the government sector.
- Since 2017 he has been the Chairman for the BCMA - Surrey/Delta branch.
- The BC Muslim Association (the Province of B.C.'s largest Muslim organization) with 4,500 members and 17 branches - serves the 100,000 Sunni Muslims in B.C. with life long services including mosques, schools, and burial services.
- [Website](#)

His Worship Kennedy Stewart, Mayor of Vancouver (Video Message)



- Kennedy Stewart was elected the 40th Mayor of Vancouver on October 20, 2018, and is the City's first independent Mayor in three decades.
- Today, as Mayor, Stewart remains committed to building a sustainable, carbon-free economy while making sure we keep housing costs low and the quality of public services high.
- [Website](#)

Mr. Jagmeet Singh, MP for Burnaby-South and Leader of the NDP (Video Message)



- Jagmeet Singh grew up in Scarborough, St. John's, and Windsor, and served as an Ontario MPP from 2011 until 2017. On October 1st, 2017, he became leader of Canada's NDP – guided by values rooted in his experiences growing up
- Upon his election, Mr. Singh became the first person of a visible minority group to lead a major Canadian federal political party on a permanent basis.
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Mr. Taleeb Noormohamed, MP Vancouver-Granville and Federal Muslim Caucus Representative for B.C.



- Elected as MP for MP Vancouver-Granville in 2021
- Federal Muslim Caucus Chair for BC
- Awarded the "Governor General's Caring Canadian" Award, and the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.
- He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University, a Master's degree in International Education Policy from Harvard University and attended Oxford University for his doctoral studies.
- [Website](#)

His Worship, Mike Hurley, Mayor of Burnaby



- Elected Mayor of Burnaby in 2018
- As the former President of the Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund, he led the effort to raise \$15 million for Vancouver General Hospital and BC Children's Hospital.
- Recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 and the Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.
- [Website](#)

The Hon. George Heyman B.C. Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy



- MLA for Vancouver-Fairview and Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.
- Executive Director of Sierra Club of BC, one of the province's oldest environmental advocacy and education organizations.
- Former president of the BC Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU)
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MLA Rachna Singh, Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives



- Rachna Singh was elected as the MLA for Surrey-Green Timbers in May 2017 and re-elected in October 2020. She is the Parliamentary Secretary for Anti-Racism Initiatives.
- Rachna moved from India to Canada in 2001 and chose Surrey to build a better life for her young family.
- She has worked as a drug and alcohol counsellor, a support worker for women facing domestic violence, and a community activist.
- [Website](#)

MLA Sonia Furstenau, B.C. Green Party Leader



- Sonia was elected to the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in the 2017 provincial election to represent the electoral district of Cowichan Valley.
- In 2014, she started her political career when she was elected to serve as a director of Electoral Area B within the Cowichan Valley Regional District. This was after two years working with the Shawnigan Resident's Association to protest and appeal a British Columbia Provincial permit that allowed the siting of a landfill on the banks of the community's source of drinking water, Shawnigan Lake.
- Prior to holding elected office, Sonia was a high school teacher in Victoria and Shawnigan Lake. She has a BA and MA in History from the University of Victoria.
- [Website](#)

Ms. Linda Annis, Surrey City Councillor and Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers



- Surrey City Councillor and Community Volunteer
- Executive Director of Metro Vancouver Crime Stoppers
- Received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal for her volunteer service, including at Osteoporosis Canada (Chair). Semiahmoo House and Surrey Care Community Foundation.
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Ms. Jean Swanson, Vancouver City Councillor



- Councillor Jean Swanson was elected to City Council in 2018
- Councillor Swanson has worked to get governments to reduce and end poverty for about 40 years, for which she was awarded the Order of Canada in 2017.
- For the last 12 years she volunteered at the Carnegie Community Action Project working for more and better housing, higher welfare rates, and stopping gentrification in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.
- [Website](#)

Mr. Sharmarke Dubow, Victoria City Councillor



- Sharmarke Dubow is a former refugee who fled civil war in Somalia at the age of 8, and spent 20 years seeking safe haven until Canada offered a home in 2012.
- On October 20, 2018 he was elected as a Victoria City Councilor.
- Sharmarke is the first Somali-Canadian elected to city council in Canada as well as the first Black city councillor elected in Victoria in 152 year.
- [Website](#)

Ms. Kasari Govender, the B.C. Commissioner for Human Rights (Video)



- B.C.'s first independent Human Rights Commissioner
- From 2008 until 2019, Govender held leadership positions at West Coast LEAF and was appointed Executive Director in 2011. She has co-authored key reports and articles and speaks widely on crucial social issues such as hate speech, access to justice, gender based violence and systemic racism.
- Govender earned her law degree from the University of Victoria and her Master's Degree in International Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford, UK. She has served on the board of directors for the University of Victoria, Pivot Legal Society, the Coalition for Public Legal Services, and the Society for Children and Youth.
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Insp. Terry Yung, S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Chair and VPD Diversity, Inclusion & Indigenous Relations



- Board Chair of S.U.C.C.E.S.S
- Board Governor of Justice Institute of British Columbia
- Vancouver Police Diversity, Inclusion & Indigenous Relations
- Recipient of the British Columbia Medal of Good Citizenship and The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers
- [Website](#)

Cpl. Anthony Statham, RCMP Hate Crimes



- Representing BC RCMP Hate Crimes Team
- The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP; French: Gendarmerie royale du Canada (GRC)), colloquially known as the Mounties, are the federal and national police service of Canada, providing law enforcement at the federal level.
- They have more than 20,000 police officers, supported by nearly 10,000 civilian employees in over 700 detachments in 150 communities across the country.
- [Website](#)

Ms. Shahina Siddiqui - Islamic Social Services Association Inc. (ISSA)



- Founder of the Islamic Social Services Association (ISSA).
- Shahina Siddiqui, BA. LL.D. is a freelance writer, author, spiritual counselor, speaker and educator. Shahina has been working for decades in build bridges between faith and cultural communities, to help preserve human rights, develop cultural competency and mutual understanding.
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Tariq Tyab - Islam Unravelled | Foundation for a Path Forward

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- Co-founder of Foundation for a Path Forward. Foundation for a Path Forward is the Official Faith Community Convener for Anti-Racism initiatives with the Province of British Columbia's Resilience B.C. Anti-Racism Network.
- Former executive with the BC Muslim Association and co-founder of the Muslim Care Centre.
- Director and Co-founder of the Muslim Food Bank and Community Services
- [Website](#)



Mr. Kashif Ahmed, Chair of NCCM

- Chair of the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM)
- NCCM is an independent, non-partisan and non-profit organization that protects Canadian human rights and civil liberties, challenges discrimination and Islamophobia
- Kashif is a Vancouver based Lawyer and Juris Doctor graduating from the University of Saskatchewan. He is the first NCCM chair from Western Canada.
- [Website](#)



Rabbi Philip Bregman - the Jewish Federation and Rabbinical Association of Vancouver (Video Message)

- Rabbi Emeritus Temple Shalom Vancouver (Temple Shalom Rabbi for 33 Years)
- Executive Director Hillel BC from 2013 to 2021
- Inter-Faith Liasion under the auspices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver and the Rabbinical Association of Vancouver
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Ms. Amrit Kaur, teacher and vice-president of the Quebec chapter of the World Sikh Organization of Canada



- Amrit Kaur, who recently graduated to become a teacher, has moved across the country from her Montreal-area home to B.C. so she can work while wearing her turban, after the Quebec government passed a law banning religious symbols for some public-sector employees.
- Kaur is a member of the Sikh faith and believes the law, formerly known as Bill 21, violates her human rights.
- The World Sikh Organization of Canada (WSO) is a non-profit organization with a mandate to promote and protect the interests of Canadian Sikhs as well as to promote and advocate for the protection of human rights for all individuals, irrespective of race, religion, gender, ethnicity, and social and economic status.
- [Website](#)

Ms. Naima Ali - President of the Somali Canadian Society of BC



- Naima is a Somali Refugee to Canada who is an educator, teacher, and anti-racism researcher. She has a Masters Degree in Education from Otterbein University. Naima is passionate about education, advocacy, youth empowerment and facilitating allyship to address systemic issues.
- In 2021 she became the President of the Somali Canadian Society of BC
- [Website](#)

Mr. Harman Singh Pandher, BC Multiculturalism Award Recipient



- Elementary school teacher and author of the award winning Gurpreet Goes to Gurdwara: Understanding the Sikh Place of Worship children book.
- From 2011 to 2018, he was elected to two consecutive terms as a School Board Trustee on the Burnaby Board of Education.
- Winner of the 2021 B.C. Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Awards: Intercultural Trust Award. He was recognized for his work in bringing youth together in anti-racist action and engaging the community in intercultural conversation.
- Co-founder of SACH Community Hub
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Ms. Annie Ohana - L.A. Matheson Secondary School Teacher



- Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence in STEM
- An Aboriginal Teacher Advocate and a Social Justice Curriculum Specialist, Ohana practices what she preaches and isn't afraid to teach about the "real world". A believer in interdisciplinary learning, she will infuse Aboriginal content into her classroom using the medicine wheel or ask her students how science and math can bring out the creative power of language.
- [Website](#)

Mr. Haroon Khan, President Emeritus of the Pakistan Canada Association



- Haroon Khan is President Emeritus of the Pakistan Canada Association and Trustee of Al Masjid Vancouver.
- Haroon carries on a lifelong commitment to service beyond self inspired by his father, the Late Riasat Ali Khan, a pioneer in the Islamic, Pakistani, Interfaith and Multicultural communities demonstrating continuity, leadership and ongoing engagement as a proud Canadian.
- [Website](#)

Mufti Aasim Rashid, Founder of Al-Ihsan Educational Foundation



- Graduated from the Islamic University at Binnori Town with a Masters in Islamic Studies. Mufti Aasim is an internationally renowned Islamic scholar and speaker.
- Founder of Al-Ihsan Educational Foundation which offers Islamic Education in BC.
- Founder of Islam Unravelled, an anti-racist education and engagement organization.
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Breakout Rooms: Community Engagement Participants

Burnaby:

- MLA Speaker Hon. Raj Chouhan
- MLA: Minister Katrina Chen
- Councillor Mike Hillman
- Councillor Alison Gu
- Councillor Sav Dhaliwal
- Additional participants confirming.

Richmond:

- MP Parm Bains
- MLA: Kelly Greene
- MLA: Arman Singh
- MLA Teresa Wat
- Councillor Bill McNulty
- Councillor Andy Hobbs
- Councillor Chak Au
- Additional participants confirming.

Surrey:

- MP Sukh Dhaliwal
- MLA: Mike Starchuk
- MLA: Jagrup Brar
- MLA: Garry Begg
- City Councillor Linda Annis
- Additional participants confirming.

Vancouver:

- MP Taleeb Noormohamed
- MLA: Brenda Bailey
- MLA: Niki Sharma
- Councilor Pete Fry
- Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung
- Councillor Dominato
- Councillor Carr
- Councillor Christine Boyle
- Additional participants confirming.





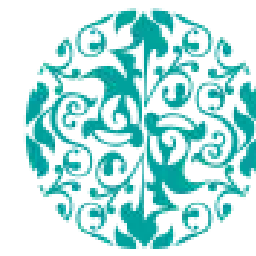
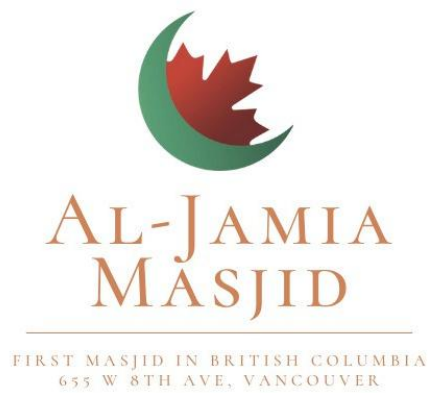
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