

**City Council****Notice of Motion**

MM32.20	ACTION			Ward:All
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**Supporting a Muslim Youth Fellowship internship program in Councillors' Offices - by Councillor Neethan Shan, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Neethan Shan, seconded by Councillor Mike Layton, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the appropriate City Staff to work with organizers of the Muslim Youth Fellowship in order to support its program for Councillor Aide positions in Councillors' Offices.

**Summary**

The Muslim Youth Fellowship is a program hosted by the Urban Alliance on Race Relations in partnership with DawaNet. It aims to increase participation in civic engagement among Muslim youth.

The program has been developed to provide youth with an orientation into working in the public realm, and provides them with training and mentorship that will put them on a fast track to success.

The program was originally designed to have three components: (1) Ongoing training and mentorship throughout the four month program, (2) a placement at a City Councillor's office, and (3) a joint project that increases the democratic engagement of the Muslim community with Toronto City Council.

At the recommendation of the City, the Muslim Youth Fellowship has offered to make changes as deemed necessary to get the program started.

Muslim Youth Fellowship had advertised, screened and formally recruited members of the fellowship and were ready to start in September but at the advice of the City, the program was put on hold.

Urban Alliance on Race Relations has been a leader in creating spaces of equity and leadership

and championing the expansion of democracy within minority communities.

DawaNet is an umbrella Muslim organization that hosts some of the largest cultural events and programs in the Greater Toronto Area and was a key partner in hosting the first Iftar in the Toronto City Council Chamber during the month of Ramadan earlier this year.

**Background Information (City Council)**

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