

Abbotsford Islamic Centre

A place to offer prayers, learning and legacy for our children and our future

Get involved. We need to stand together and each one of us needs to participate in this noble cause. The total cost of the property is \$845,000. A sum of \$350,000 have already been raised comprising of \$250,000 in donations and \$100,000 in loans. All brothers and sisters are kindly requested to contribute generously to this noble cause and to pray that Allah Subhana wa Ta'illa give us courage and success in establishing this Islamic Center in Abbotsford BC.

For additional information and to donate, please contact any of the following brothers or send an email to <abbotsford@thebcma.com>

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DONATION FORM (Tax Deductible Donation)

I am interested in helping the new Islamic Center Abbotsford financially:

- A donation of \$ _____ (Cheque enclosed)
- Automatic withdrawal of \$ _____ each month starting from (date) _____ (void cheque & withdrawal form provided)
- A monthly installment of \$ _____ each month starting from (date) _____ (number of Post dated cheques _____ provided)
- A monthly withdrawal of \$ _____ each month starting from (date) _____ from my Credit Card per following information.

Credit Card # _____ VISA MasterCard

Expiration Date _____ Name on Card _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Kept confidential)

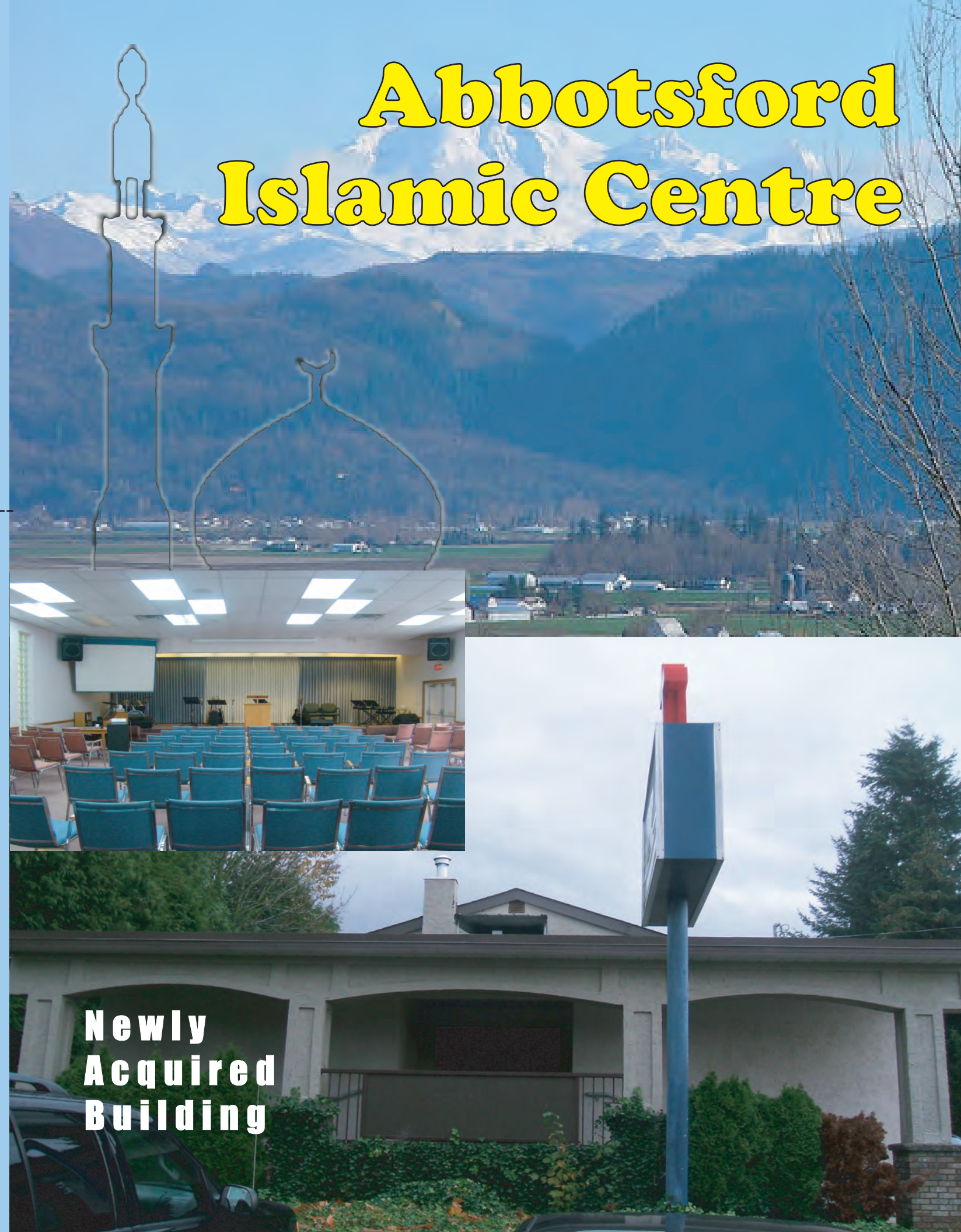
Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province: _____ ZIP/Postal code _____ Country _____

I (we) authorize BC Muslim Association, Abbotsford chapter, to withdraw above pledged amounts from my Bank account or Credit Card.

Signature _____ Date _____



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Newly
Acquired
Building

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Abbotsford known as “city in the country” is a beautiful place located in the Fraser Valley region of British Columbia. The population of Abbotsford in 2001 was 147,370 (Stats Canada) and growing. It has the third highest amount of visible minorities in Canada, after the areas of Greater Toronto and Metro Vancouver. According to Stats Canada 2001, the Muslim population was 440 in Abbotsford and 120 in the neighbouring city of Chilliwack- we have seen an increase since then, as more and more Muslim families and individuals are settling in the Fraser Valley.

Initially, only Friday Juma prayers and Eid prayers were arranged by Muslim brothers and sisters at the local community halls and in each others’ homes. Alhamdulillah, the number of Muslims in the Fraser Valley region, which includes the cities of Chilliwack, Mission, Aldergrove and Abbotsford, has grown immensely in the past few years with the city of Abbotsford at the heart of these communities.



In 2003 it was felt that a permanent prayer place was needed for the growing Muslim community and moving from place to place for prayer was no longer an option. A few brothers took the responsibility to rent a 650 sq ft location in Abbotsford and the first non-residential Musallah was established for the Fraser Valley Muslim community. After overcoming various challenges, brothers who were in charge of the Musallah effectively attracted more Muslim brothers and sisters. Within two years there was not enough space to accommodate all the Muslim brothers and sisters; and individuals actively began searching for a larger location.

In 2005, a 1200sq ft space was found in Abbotsford and the Musallah was moved to this new location. Arrangements were made to have daily Quran classes for children as well as Quran lecture nights for adults in addition to the five daily prayers and Juma prayers. This new space, with its ideal location, additional services and dedicated management became very popular among the Fraser Valley Muslim Community. In fact, within the first two years, even this location became too small to accommodate all the brothers and sisters for Juma prayers.



Faced with this rapid growth of the Muslim community in the Fraser Valley, a quick fix was required. In 2008 a location of over 4000sq ft within the same building was secured for the purpose of a Musallah. Renovations were carried out and the Musallah is currently able to accommodate 400 people with separate prayer and Wudu areas for males and females, an activity room for children, a full kitchen and eating area as well as plenty of storage space. Alhamdulillah, the Musallah continues to provide Quran classes for children and adults, Quran lecture nights, marriage services, activities for our brothers, sisters and youth, community dinners as well as the five daily prayers, Juma prayers and Eid prayers.



On Saturday October 17, 2009 the Muslim community marked a day in history by uniting to show support for a permanent Islamic centre — right here in the Fraser Valley. A church building on sale perked interest to serve as a future Islamic centre; the BC Muslim Association viewed the building and decided this to be an ideal location, provided that the Muslim community could demonstrate financial capability. A community meeting was held and approximately \$350,000 dollars were raised in one night, proving that Muslims in the Fraser Valley are ready and capable of supporting an Islamic Centre.

As of Sunday October 25, 2009 an offer of \$845,000 was finalized and a church building, located at 1980 Salton Road Abbotsford BC. V2S 3W7, right in the centre of Abbotsford, will serve as the community’s Islamic Centre. As Sami Monir, an active member of our Muslim community, explained having an Islamic Centre increases the Muslim population in a community as it unites everyone. With the number of Muslims, this Islamic Centre is essential and will not only serve the present population but also generations to come, INSHA ALLAH.

The building has two levels, with a total of 5000 square feet and located on 0.28 acres of land. Facilities include separate prayer halls for males and females, parking, plumbing, washrooms, and room for potential development in order to provide further opportunities and programs for our youth, children and adults. Photos can be viewed online at www.abbotsford.thebcma.com

