

Good evening Your Worship, Mayor Fougere, Respected Councillors,
Administration and City of Regina Team, Friends, Ladies and gentlemen in the gallery tonight.

My name is Ayman Aboguddah

I am cardiologist by profession residing in Regina since 1992. I am the President of Regina Huda School.

With me tonight is Mr. Munir Haque

President of the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan, Regina (IAOS) and supporter of Regina Huda School. Two of his children are graduates of the school and he has one currently attending the high school.

I would like to start by thanking and acknowledging the professional help, guidance, and kind advice we received from the City of Regina team in the past and during the process of acquiring 20 Sheppard Street. We could not do it without them. The report before you tonight is very thorough and we do not have much more to add.

In 1999 a full time school under the name: Regina Huda School was established and since then Regina became home to many new comers simply because of this amenity.

“Come for the school and you will stay for the City!”

We are a nonexclusive associate School that caters to the Muslim community with our unique model.

Non Muslim students are welcome if wish they to attend.

All the teachers are from different faith and cultural groups who opted to work with us and our community. This gives our children the sense of truly growing up Canadian, taught to them by example of how to be productive part of the society.

We emphasize discipline, manners and academics.

We, like everyone in Regina, take pride in insulation, NOT isolation.

We have been welcomed in the neighbourhood and feel Our presence in the north part of the City makes that area more peaceful, inviting and inclusive.

Started with 20 students in 1999, we are now 600 students on the mark. There are 80 students currently on the waiting list.

Last week, an engineer who had his children attend the school a few years ago called from Kuwait asking for help finding a school there similar to Huda School. I used the connections I have to try to help him find the a suitable school. However, unable to find satisfying options, he is sending his 2 children back to Regina at the end of the month to attend Huda School while He stays behind in Kuwait. Similarly, a few years ago, his family stayed in Regina when he worked in Calgary as petroleum engineer.

We continually receive requests from USA, Britain and of course from many Muslim's country from parents who want to make Regina home only if I can grant them a seat for their children at the school.

We help attract dearly needed professions and expertise to Regina and keep them here. Regina is home for those new comers and not revolving door.

We just completed our 40000 sf addition which was filled from day 1.

It is about the students and children. We already grown as much as we can in the space that we have. The acquisition of 20 Sheppard Street.will allow us to satisfy the growing needs of our students for

academics, social and sport/ multipurpose facilities.

We are proud of our City and with our hands together, I am certain Regina will be better City for us and will be the destination for the lucky parents and their families.

We are now available to to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

Dr. Ayman Aboguddah
President, Regina Huda School