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**ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT:
ONE YEAR AFTER
CANADA'S NATIONAL
ACTION SUMMIT
AGAINST ISLAMOPHOBIA**

**NO
TO
HATE**



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INTRODUCTION

More Muslims have been killed in targeted hate attacks in Canada than any other G-7 country between 2017-2021 because of Islamophobia.

That fact was taken to heart outside the London Muslim Mosque on June 8, 2021, when thousands of Londoners and people from different parts of the country gathered in the aftermath of the attack that took the lives of four members of the Canadian Muslim community in a shocking act of Islamophobic violence.

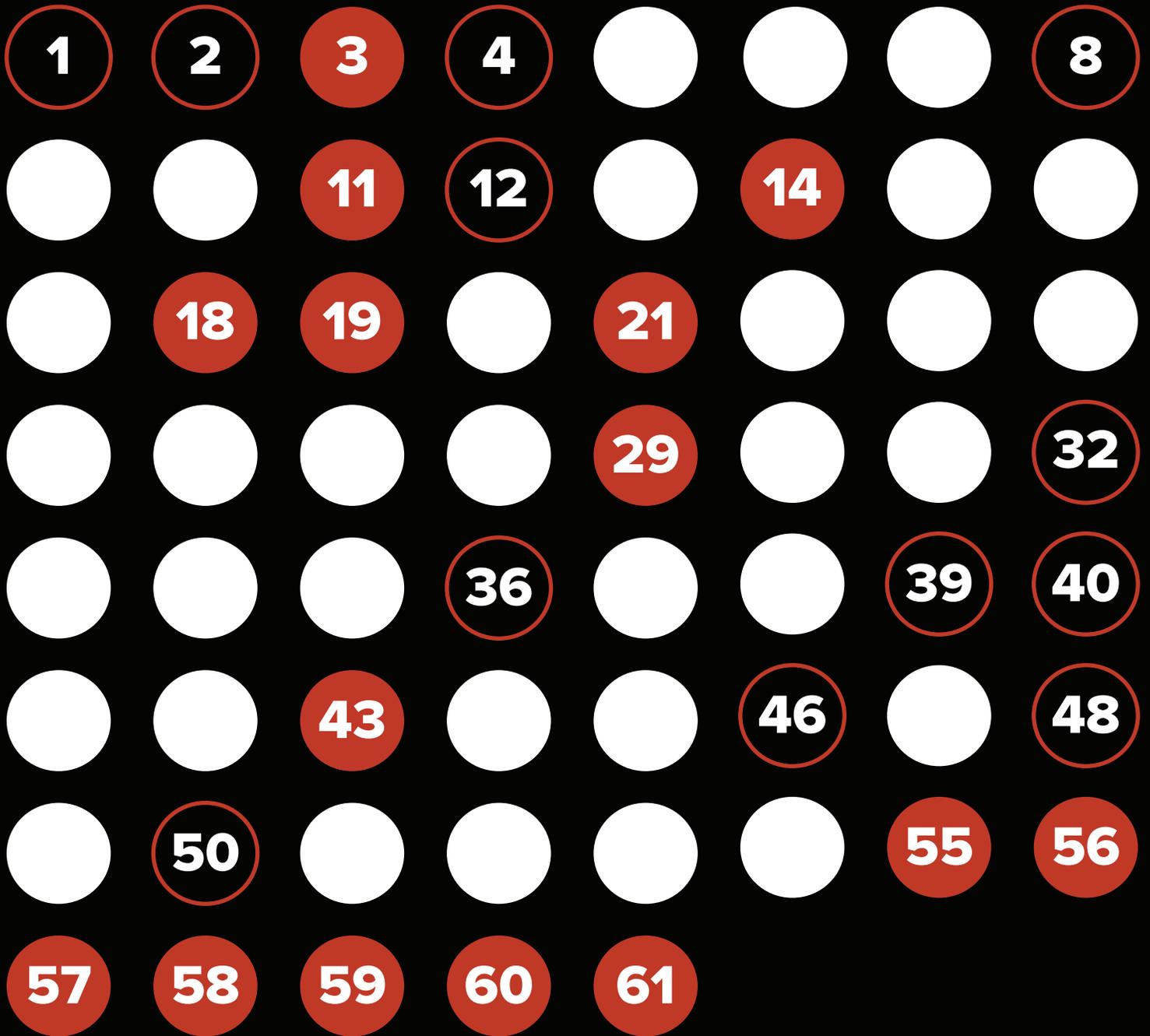
The London Muslim community, the NCCM, and hundreds of organizations across Canada joined voices to call on all levels of government to take action to address the harms of violent and systemic Islamophobia.

The federal government responded to that call and convened the National Action Summit on Islamophobia on July 22, 2021. Muslim organizations from British Columbia to the Maritimes representing diverse voices presented recommendations for action at the summit which took place for several hours over the better part of a day. Muslim leaders met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, several cabinet ministers including the ministers of Justice, Public Safety, Heritage and others.

The NCCM presented 61 recommendations to address Islamophobia, in both its violent and systemic forms. A total of 35 recommendations for action were directed at the federal government, 19 recommendations were directed at provincial governments, and 7 recommendations were directed at municipal and regional governments.

In the following report, we will break down each recommendation that governments took actions on or took positive steps to address.





After the National Islamophobia Summit in July 2021, 27 out of 61 recommendations have been addressed by different levels of government across Canada.

More action has been taken than ever before to address violent and systemic forms of Islamophobia after the brutal killing of four members of a Muslim family in London, Ontario on June 6, 2021. Although much has been done, much more remains.

-  Recommendations that have been acted upon.
-  Recommendations that are in progress.
-  Recommendations that have not been addressed yet.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT



The federal government has addressed the following recommendations:

- **Recommendation 3:**
Added new violent white supremacist and neo-Nazi groups to its terrorist entities list, groups that included those who espoused violent Islamophobia.
- **Recommendation 11:**
Committed \$85 million over the next four years to help launch a new anti-racism strategy and national action plan to combat hate, including Islamophobia.
- **Recommendation 14:**
Committed \$89.9 million over the next five years to reform the current method of targeting terrorist financing within the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).
- **Recommendation 18:**
Committed to the creation of an oversight body of the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA).
- **Recommendation 19:**
Created a new office for a Special Representative on Combatting Islamophobia and allocated a budget of \$5.6 million over five years to support it.
- **Recommendation 21:**
Invested \$4 million to help support the Muslims in Canada Archives.
- **Recommendation 29:**
Committed to publicly intervene if appeal of Quebec's discriminatory Bill 21 reached the Supreme Court of Canada.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The federal government has taken positive steps to address the following:

- **Recommendation 1:**
Introducing rules to hold Big Tech and online services accountable for moderating online hate.
- **Recommendation 2:**
Establishing a National Support Fund for Survivors of Hate-Motivated Crimes to help victims of hate crimes.
- **Recommendation 4:**
Advancing study of the failure of national security agencies to deal with white supremacist groups, including the elimination of white supremacy in the Canadian Armed Forces.
- **Recommendation 8:**
Consulting with communities around reforming the Security Infrastructure Program.
- **Recommendation 12:**
Reviewing the Canadian Human Rights Act.
- **Recommendation 32:**
Advancing a private member's bill that will enshrine the obligations of lawyers for organizations like CSIS to fulfill their "duty of candour" in court.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS

We have seen strong steps in the right direction
by the following provincial governments:

ONTARIO



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In spring 2022, after consultation with Muslims from across Ontario, the opposition NDP tabled a first of its kind anti-Islamophobia legislation entitled the “Our London Family Act” (Bill 86). The following recommendations from the national summit were included in this proposed legislation:

- **Recommendation 36:**
To institute a provincial hate crimes accountability unit.
- **Recommendation 39:**
To prevent white supremacist groups from incorporating.
- **Recommendation 40:**
To prohibit rallies that incite hate on public property.
- **Recommendation 43:**
To develop a new anti-Islamophobia strategy in education.
- **Recommendation 46:**
To establish anti-racism councils.
- **Recommendation 48:**
To recruit minorities, including Muslims, into Agencies, Boards and Commissions.
- **Recommendation 50:**
To extend limitation periods for human rights complaints.

This proposed legislation received public support from all of Ontario’s main provincial parties. Although the bill did not pass in the spring legislative session, Progressive Conservative House Leader Paul Calandra announced that the provincial government is committed to action and would introduce legislation in the autumn of 2022.



On July 22nd, 2021, the BC government committed to introducing a new anti-racism act that will ensure an equitable society for all people “**regardless of their race, skin colour or faith**”.

In addition, they introduced anti-racism campaigns for grassroots anti-racism projects and the Resilience BC Anti-Racism Network. This includes funding for *Islam Unravelled* to work with communities on ways to stop faith-based hate.

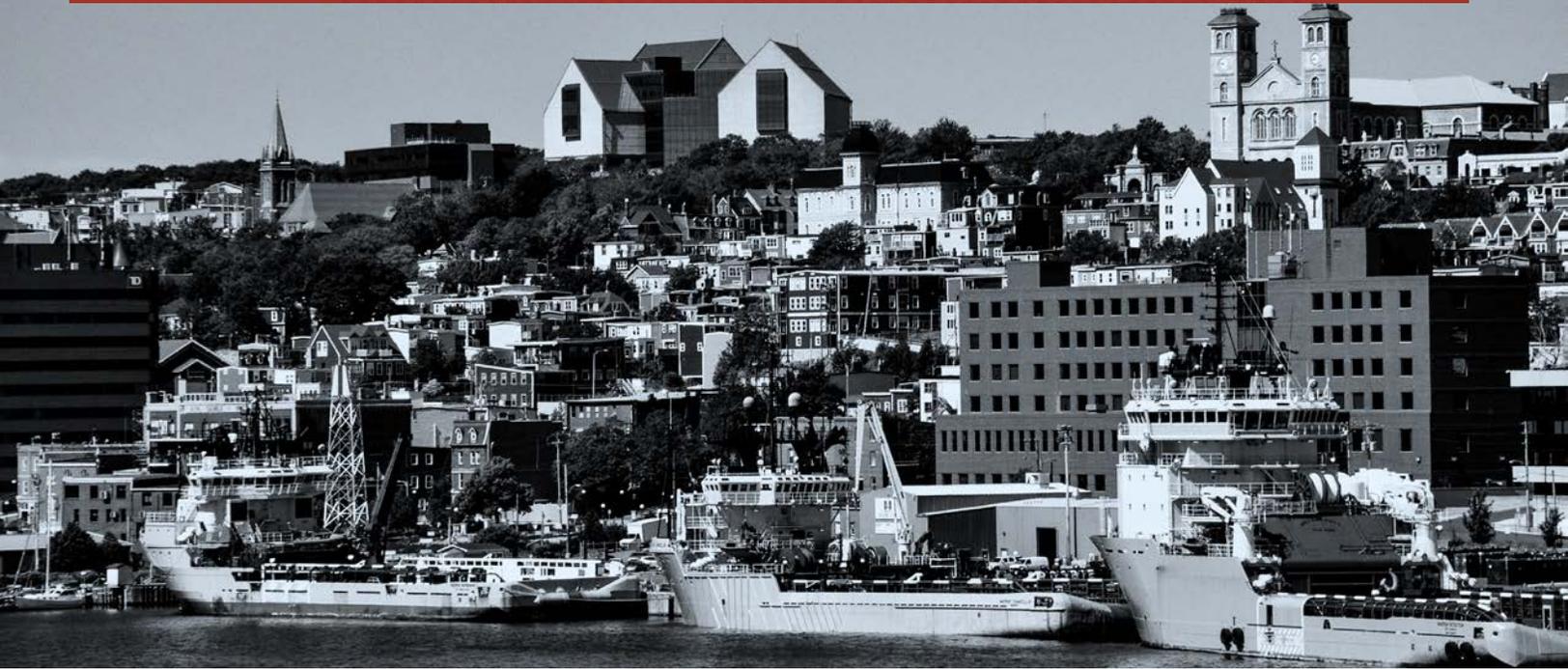
● **Recommendation 43:**

The BC government also recognized that education is a key factor in stopping hate and committed to introduce an anti-racism curriculum that includes topics relevant to Islamophobia, such as diversity, inclusion and the prevention of discrimination.



- **Recommendation 39:**
Establishment of a Hate Crimes Coordination Unit.
- **Recommendation 43:**
Commitments to generational efforts to counter islamophobia and racism within the education system.
- Introduction of a new Security Infrastructure Program to help protect targets of hate-motivated crime with funding for security upgrades.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR



- Commitments to review all legislative options to address hate speech within provincial jurisdiction.
- Commitments to launch an anti-racism and anti-Islamophobia public education campaign, in consultation with cultural organizations and community partners.
- Commitments to commence a provincial program review to identify and remove systemic racism, in partnership with community representatives.

NOVA SCOTIA



- An Act to dismantle racism and hate.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS

Over the past year, several municipal and regional governments passed motions opposing Islamophobia and hate. These motions committed to

implementing some or all of the 7 municipal recommendations listed below:



Recommendations Endorsed



Recommendations Under Consideration

- **Recommendation 55:**

Pass municipal street harassment bylaws that are proportional and constitutional, such as the approach adopted in Edmonton after an NCCM initiative. Bylaws should also address clearly hateful verbal assaults and give authorities the ability to ticket and fine when necessary.

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- **Recommendation 56:**

Municipalities provide dedicated funding for local community-based anti Islamophobia initiatives.

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- **Recommendation 57:**

Mayors should build Anti-Islamophobia Advisory Councils while ensuring that there is appropriate representation of diverse local Muslim communities.

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- **Recommendation 58:**

Municipalities dedicate specific funding for anti-Islamophobia public awareness campaigns.

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- **Recommendation 59:**

Invest in celebrating the history of local Canadian Muslims and initiatives through a concrete program that brings these figures and names to the forefront of local-level recognition. Municipalities should fund events and spaces where their accomplishments are celebrated in a way that clearly shows that Muslims have made real contributions to Canadian society and are far from the violent caricatures that constantly make the news.

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- **Recommendation 60:**

Redirect funding towards alternative measures to policing in municipal budgets.

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- **Recommendation 61:**

Develop models for training young Muslim leaders for the future such as the Youth Fellowship program in Toronto.

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Along with committing to all 7 of the NCCM’s municipal recommendations, the city of London also published a detailed action plan on February 15, 2022, “A London for Everyone: An Action Plan to Disrupt Islamophobia”.

For more about how to oppose Islamophobia:

There have been significant strides made to address and mitigate the harms of violent and systemic Islamophobia at all levels of government. However, there is still so much more left to do in order to create a better Canada for all.

Learn about our recommendations to address Islamophobia here:

<https://www.nccm.ca/islamophobiasummit/>

Learn about how to support passing new laws against Islamophobia and hate in Ontario here:

<https://www.nccm.ca/supportourlondonfamilyact/>

Learn more about how cities from across Canada are supporting the legal challenge to Quebec’s discriminatory Bill 21 here:

<https://www.nccm.ca/defeatbill21-cities/>

Learn more about BC’s anti-racism commitments here:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2021AG0047-001422>

View the Canadian Heritage message about what has been accomplished since the National Islamophobia Summit here:

<https://twitter.com/CdnHeritage/status/1550586181271883776>



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