ANNUAL REPORT 2026

Serving our community with dedication, dignity and integrity

Introduction

Barzakh Community Services (BCS) held its Annual Meeting on October 17, 2026. This report summarizes the organization's background and purpose, governance and member responsibilities, burial plot availability, community support provided during the reporting period, financial position, operational improvements, and constitutional amendments presented for consideration.

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About Barzakh Community Service

Founded in 2006, **Barzakh Community Services** is a not-for-profit organization established to serve and empower the local community with dedication and integrity. The organization was founded by **Muslim Canadian women from Kenya** who believed that the community should have access to its own burial services, managed directly by members of the community.

Beyond its core burial-service responsibilities, Barzakh Community Services recognizes the importance of addressing the broader needs of the community and supporting its well-being at every stage of life. With a vision that extends beyond its founding mandate, the organization has identified several areas of **future interest** and development, including mental health and wellness, mentorship, and youth leadership.

Through these areas, Barzakh hopes to contribute to a stronger, healthier, and more connected community by encouraging personal growth, providing guidance and support, and creating opportunities for younger generations to develop their skills, confidence, and leadership potential. These areas reflect the organization's ongoing commitment to serving the community, responding to its evolving needs, and building a lasting positive impact for generations to come.

Governance and Organizational Structure



Structure	Number / Position
Senior Directors	**3**
Board Members	**15**
Treasurer	**2**
Paid administrative support	**1 Administration Assistant**

As membership continues to grow, so too do the administrative and data management demands associated with supporting members and maintaining efficient operations. The introduction of a dedicated, paid Administration Assistant position will strengthen day-to-day administrative capacity, streamline member payment processing through Rotessa, manage high-volume data entry and processing, and support timely and accurate maintenance of membership records. This additional support will help improve operational efficiency and ensure the organization can effectively manage its growing membership.

Roles and Responsibilities

Board Members

- Dedication to the organization.
- Approximately 3–4 hours per month for Barzakh operations.
- Attendance at meetings and attention to emails and messages.
- Responding to member queries and providing assistance.

Barzakh Members

- Make financial contributions on time or ensure sufficient funds are available in the account for scheduled withdrawals.
- Keep Barzakh informed of changes that may affect membership or policy, including beneficiary and contact information.
- Support the community during funeral and burial services.
- Support the enrollment of children as individual members when they reach 25 years of age, if they wish to join Barzakh.



Available Burial Plots

Cemetery	Available plots
Muslim Green Cemetery	9
Meadowvale Cemetery	9
Beechwood Cemetery	4
Richmond Hills Cemetery	40
Total	62

Community Support and Deaths

Cemetery	Available plots
Barzakh members covered	14
Non-members covered through donations by Barzakh Board Members	1
Non-member supported with a burial plot	1



These figures demonstrate the organization's role in supporting members and, in specific circumstances, extending assistance to non-members through Board Member donations or plot support.

Financial Report

The financial statements presented at the meeting covered the fiscal year April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026, with the balance sheet dated March 31, 2026.

Income Statement

Item	Amount (CAD)
Cash collections, registration and prepaid contributions	$66,190.00
Total operating income	$66,190.00
Burial costs	$10,786.67
Equipment	$1,779.19
Software fees	$2,302.38
Collection service fees	$106.22
Bank fees	$72.00
Total operating expenses	$15,046.46
Net income	$51,143.54

Balance Sheet — March 31, 2026

Assets	Amount (CAD)
Cash	$267,123.90
Equipment — cost	$1,779.19
Less: accumulated depreciation	($800.00)
Equipment — net book value	$979.19
Richmond Hills plots	$155,164.00
Meadowvale plots	$25,200.00
Beechwood plots	$12,000.00
Green Cemetery plots	$12,114.00
Total assets	$472,581.09

The balance sheet also reported total liabilities of **$0** and owners' equity of **$472,581.09**, with total liabilities and owners' equity matching total assets at **$472,581.09**.

Operational Improvements and Functional Refinement

- Automated payments through Rotessa Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) are active for Phase 3 members.
- A move to a paid Shared Drive was identified to provide more storage space, security and efficiency.
- The organization is moving toward paperless administration by replacing physical membership cards with electronic cards (e-cards).

Proposed Riders to the Constitution

The following amendments were presented for consideration. They should not be treated as adopted until their approval has been confirmed.

Item	Amount (CAD)	Proposal presented
2.1	Maximum member coverage	Increase the stated maximum coverage from $8,000 to $15,000 CAD.
2.3	Member contributions	Replace a mandatory $20 contribution per family each time a death occurs with a $100 per-family advance contribution intended to cover five deaths; retain the one-time $100 registration fee.
2.4	Additional services	Add authority to provide other community services identified by Barzakh members as needs arise.
3.1	Eligibility / deaths outside service area	Clarify membership wording for registered and paying members in the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton Area. If a member dies outside the GTHA, Barzakh would contribute toward funeral expenses while the family arranges the funeral.
3.5	Arrears and membership termination	Replace the more-than-one-year arrears wording with automatic cessation after two consecutive missed burial contributions. Reinstatement would require a new membership agreement and applicable registration fee.
3.6	Children turning 25	Require children who reach 25 to register and contribute individually. The proposal provides a 60-day grace period beginning January 1 of the calendar year in which they turn 25; those not registered by the end of the grace period would be removed from their parents' membership and become ineligible for services.
12.2	Collection and payment method	Update the article to describe PAD through Rotessa as the preferred payment method, with advance member notification and payment protections under the applicable PAD agreement.

Community Engagement & Organizational Matters

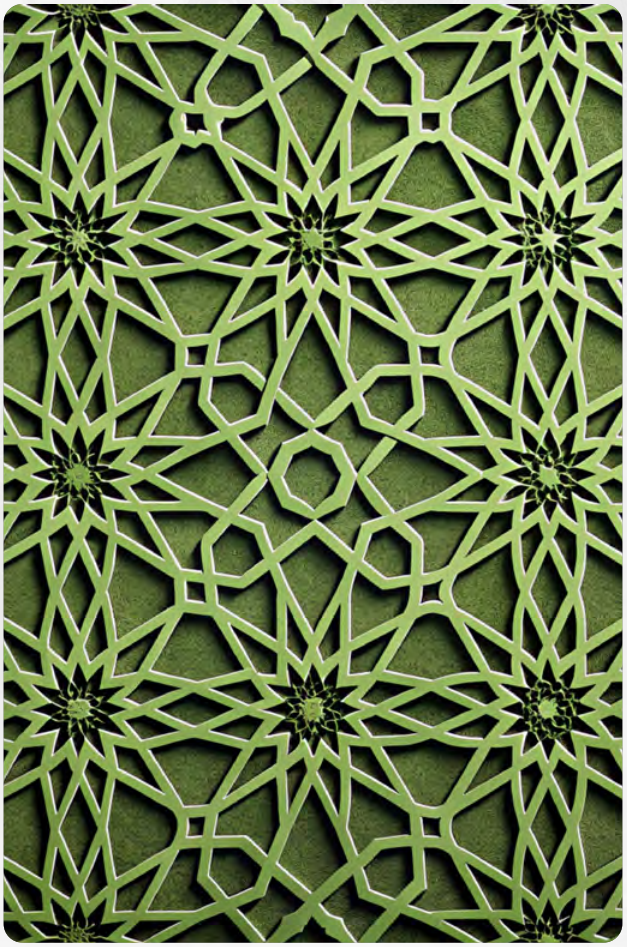
Open Positions and Member Engagement

Members interested in contributing to the organization are encouraged to seek further information from the Board or send an email of interest to info@barzakhcommunityservices.org

Closing Remarks and Acknowledgements

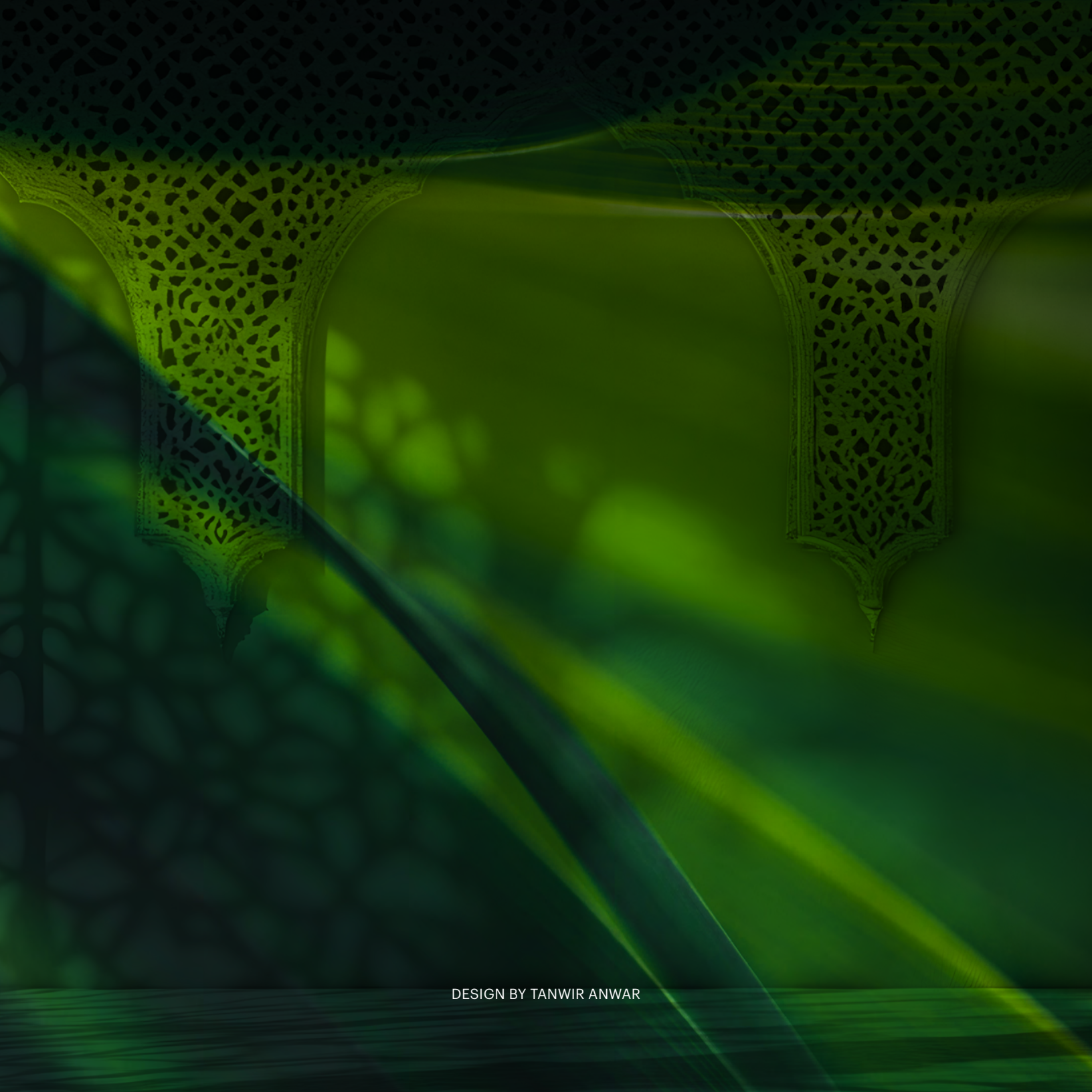
Barzakh Community Services acknowledges the dedication of its Board Members, volunteers, members and supporters. The work of maintaining burial services and assisting families during difficult times depends on collective commitment, timely member contributions, effective administration and continued community cooperation.

The Annual Meeting concluded with a question-and-answer session and closing duaa. May Allah bless the organization's efforts, grant mercy to those who have passed away, and provide strength and comfort to their families. Ameen.



Recommendations by the Members and Responses

Recommendation	Action/Response
What is the Barzakh website	At the meeting, the website was reported as under development. The current website is barzakhcommunityservices.org.
Involve the youths more by coming up with programs targeting of benefiting them	Yes, a couple of things are in planning in empowering our Youth
Dig 8 feet graves instead of 6 feet ones to save space/ graves	Members should request during the funeral of their deceased upon contacting Barzakh
Second Rotessa withdrawal should happen on the 20th of the month instead of the 15th in order to coincide with the child tax deposits.	Yes, we will push the date to 20th. 2 dates apply, 1st and 20th
We should come up with our community's professional's database so that when we need to avail of certain services, we reach out to these people first before we go elsewhere. E.g. if you need a plumber, this is the person you can contact, etc. This way, we promote our own people first.	Yes, agreed. Soon we will initiate collecting profession info to build the required Directory. It will be communicated to all members to present their profession and/or business details if they wish to be included.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