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TTI is closing the year on a busy note. The mosqueone.com project, which is a website documenting Toronto's first mosque at Dundas Street, continues to draw interest, *alhamdulillah*. We have had an article printed in the *Islamic Horizons*, with one forthcoming in *Azizah Magazine*. I also gave a talk about mosqueone.com at the *West Toronto Junction Historical Society* in June and at the Royal Ontario Museum's "Muslim Heritage Weekend" in October. In addition, a policy brief, *Support Mosques to Assist in Muslim Integration in Canada*, which drew on the research conducted for the mosqueone.com oral history project was published.

We had our first summer interns who volunteered some of their precious summer to complete, initiate or continue some excellent work for TTI: Ayesha Haque who wrote a policy brief in response to Quebec's proposed bill banning *niqab*, "Bill 94: It's Not the Solution;" Azizah Hirsi who wrote the mosqueone article for the *Horizons*, and produced a poster display on the project; and Sanaa Ali-Mohamed who worked on the annotated bibliography. Khalida Ali, while not a summer intern, has volunteered her time by writing the article for the *Azizah Magazine*. With thanks and gratitude to these interns for we couldn't have achieved such goals without them.

The policy briefs are posted on our own website (www.tessellateinstitute.com), with the oral history project having its own website (www.mosqueone.com), linked to our own.

With the youth and political participation project report to be delivered early next year, as well as some spin-off projects from mosqueone.com, TTI looks forward to 2011 in continuing its work researching and documenting both historical and contemporary Muslim civic engagement in Canada.

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