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The Hon. Maryam Monsef, P.C., M.P.

Maryam Monsef, MP for Peterborough-Kawartha (2015), is Canada's Minister for the Status of Women.

She is a dedicated community organizer, a previous mayoral candidate, and a co-recipient of the YMCA's Peace Medallion. Widely recognized as one of Peterborough's most influential people, Maryam represented Canada in 2013 at a meeting of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

A passionate volunteer, she has served on the boards and committees of several high-profile organizations. Maryam, once vice-president of the YWCA of Peterborough and Haliburton's Board of Directors, is also a former director of both the Ontario Public Interest Research Group and New Canadians Centre—a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers to the Peterborough and Northumberland regions.

She co-founded the Red Pashmina Campaign, a grassroots initiative at Trent University, which has to date raised over \$150,000 to help support women in Afghanistan. Maryam, who has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Trent University, speaks English and Farsi.

