

## **UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2019**

### **Meet the New CFNC President!**



#### **Patricia (Patty) Hughes**

Patty Hughes has a long history with the Community Futures program; beginning with her service as a Director on the board of Community Futures Prince Albert in 2007. Patty's commitment to the CF program has continued to grow, as she currently serves as President of the Community Futures Network of Canada, as Vice Chairperson of Community Futures Pan West, and as Chairperson of Community Futures Saskatchewan.

Outside of the Community Futures world, Patty works for Transwest Air in Prince Albert, overseeing Business Development and Marketing. She also continues to farm with her family in Tisdale. Patty and her husband Brad reside in Prince Albert. They have two grown sons; Logan, who is pursuing his education in Business Management, and Brett, who is apprenticing as an Agriculture Technician.

Patty continues to be very active in her community with many fundraising initiatives that support local organizations. Patty's other service includes a current term on the board of SaskWater, Saskatchewan's commercial Crown water utility; and a previous term on the Prince Albert Board of Police Commissioners.

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### **Community Futures Program - Horizontal Evaluation**

The report on the Horizontal Evaluation of the Community Futures Program has been posted on Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's web site.

You can review the report here: [https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/ae-ve.nsf/eng/h\\_00351.html](https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/ae-ve.nsf/eng/h_00351.html)

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### **New Federal Ministers responsible for Economic Development**

On Wednesday, November 20th, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the members of Cabinet following a swearing-in ceremony. The following Ministers have responsibilities for economic development:



**The Honourable Mélanie Joly**

Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages

The Honourable Mélanie Joly was first elected to represent Ahuntsic-Cartierville in the House of Commons in 2015.

In her ministerial roles, Minister Joly has worked to promote Canadian culture, and to grow and increase the visibility of Canada's tourism sector. She has also worked to safeguard Canada's two official languages while promoting the use of French in Canada and around the world, including in the digital sphere.

Prior to entering federal politics, Minister Joly founded the *Vrai changement pour Montréal* party and ran for mayor of Montréal in 2013 under its banner.

Minister Joly holds an Honours Bachelor of Law from the Université de Montréal and a Magister Juris in European and Comparative Law from the University of Oxford. She is the author of *Changing the Rules of the Game*, in which she shares her vision for public policy and civic engagement. She was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum.



**The Honourable Maryam Monsef**

Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development

The Honourable Maryam Monsef was first elected in 2015 as the Member of Parliament for Peterborough—Kawartha.

Minister Monsef is a dedicated community organizer, a former Peterborough mayoral candidate, and a co-recipient of the YMCA's Peace Medallion.

A passionate volunteer, Minister Monsef has sat on the boards and committees of several high-profile organizations. She was the Vice-President of the YWCA of Peterborough and Haliburton Board of Directors, and a former director of the Ontario Public Interest Research Group as well as the New Canadians Centre, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting immigrants, refugees, and other newcomers in the Peterborough and Northumberland regions.

Minister Monsef was also the co-founder of the Red Pashmina Campaign, a grassroots initiative she started while at Trent University, which has successfully raised over \$150,000 to date to help support women in Afghanistan.

Minister Monsef has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Trent University, and speaks English, Farsi, and Dari.

Minister Joly will work with six Parliamentary Secretaries and oversee responsibility for the Regional Economic Development Agencies. Mandate letters have not been posted and Parliamentary Secretaries are yet to be named. You can review the full Cabinet listing here: <https://pm.gc.ca/en/cabinet>

The CFNC Representation Committee has begun developing an advocacy strategy with a priority to build awareness of the CF program and increase support for CF operational funds.

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