



**Mitzie Hunter** is a politician in [Ontario](#), Canada. She is a [Liberal](#) member of the [Legislative Assembly of Ontario](#) who was first elected in a by-election on August 1, 2013 and later re-elected in the elections of 2014 and 2018. MPP Mitzie Hunter is a strong and experienced leader who has been serving as Member of Provincial Parliament for the Toronto riding of Scarborough-Guildwood since 2013. She served as a member of cabinet in the government of [Kathleen Wynne](#).

### Background

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Hunter and her family immigrated to Canada from [Jamaica](#). She grew up in [Scarborough](#), graduated from the [University of Toronto](#) with a BA, and completed her MBA from the [Rotman School of Management](#).

She was CEO of the [Greater Toronto Civic Action Alliance](#), and was previously [CAO](#) of [Toronto Community Housing](#). She also served as Vice President at [Goodwill Industries](#) of Toronto.<sup>[3]</sup>

Politics: Member of Provincial Parliament

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In 2013 she ran as the [Liberal](#) candidate in a by-election and she defeated [Progressive Conservative](#) candidate Ken Kirupa by 1,246 votes. She faced Kirupa again in [2014](#) this time defeating him by 7,610 votes.

In June 2014, she was appointed as an [Associate Minister](#) for the [Ministry of Finance](#) responsible for the Ontario Retirement Pension Plan. On June 13, 2016, she was promoted to the senior position of [Minister of Education](#).

On January 17, 2018, it was announced that Ms. Hunter would leave her position as Minister of Education to replace outgoing Deb Matthews as the new Minister of [Advanced Education and Skills Development](#).

On August 14, 2019, Hunter announced her candidacy for the [2020 Ontario Liberal Party leadership race](#), but was unsuccessful in her bid for the position.