

Brief Intro
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A dedicated Rotarian for the past 19 years, Marva Bailey-Wisdom is a Senior Fellow at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy; a Fellow of the Environics Institute for Survey Research, co-director of the international ArtsEverywhere Festival and the outreach director of the Black Experience Project, helping to transform the Black experience in Canada. Her past leadership has included, Community Plan Lead External Advisor for the City of Guelph, prime ministerial appointment co-chairing two national election platform committees, founding President of Guelph Black Heritage Society, United Way Campaign Chair and YMCA Board Chair.

A 40-year resident of Guelph, Marva's work is driven by a passion to encourage active citizen engagement and develop inclusive policies where we all can thrive.

Marva holds a Master of Arts in Leadership from the Lang School of Business & Economics, University of Guelph where she received their inaugural Alumni with Impact award, and on June 10, 2025, was conferred Honourary Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*. She is a contributing author to the award-winning book, *Collecting Courage: Joy, Pain, Freedom and Love*. She is the recipient of numerous leadership awards including the Order of Ontario, the King's Inaugural Coronation Medal, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal and the 2004 YWCA Woman of Distinction Award.

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