

Pierre Pettigrew

Minister for International Trade

Pierre Pettigrew was born in Quebec City on April 18, 1951. He received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the Trois-Rivières campus of the University of Quebec in 1972 and a master's degree in international relations from Oxford University in 1976.

Mr. Pettigrew served as director of the NATO Assembly's Political Committee in Brussels from 1976 to 1978. He was executive assistant to the Leader of the Quebec Liberal Party from 1978 to 1981 and was foreign policy adviser to the Prime Minister from 1981 to 1984.

Mr. Pettigrew was a vice-president of Samson Belair Deloitte and Touche International, Montreal, from 1985 to 1995, where he conducted economic studies on the impact of globalization on various industrial sectors. In 1994, he co-chaired the First National Forum on Canada's International Relations.

The member of Parliament for the Quebec riding of Papineau–Saint-Denis, Mr. Pettigrew won a seat in the House of Commons in 1996, 1997 and November 2000.

In 1996, Mr. Pettigrew was appointed to the federal Liberal cabinet as Minister for International Cooperation and Minister responsible for Francophonie. He then served as Minister of Human Resources Development.

Mr. Pettigrew was appointed Minister for International Trade in 1999.