

Lucienne Robillard
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration

Born in Montreal, Lucienne Robillard obtained a B.A. from the Collège Basile-Moreau (1965), and an M. A. in Social Work from the University of Montreal (1967). Ms. Robillard also earned a diploma in Administration (1983) and an M. A. in Business Administration (1986), both from the École des hautes études commerciales in Montreal.

Lucienne Robillard worked in the field of health and welfare from 1967 to 1986. She began her career as a social worker and clinical practitioner at Maisonneuve-Rosemont Hospital, and later worked as a senior administrator at the Centre de services sociaux Richelieu. She also worked as a youth leader in a kibbutz in Israel between 1969 and 1972. In December 1986, Ms. Robillard was appointed Public Curator of Quebec, a position which she held until August 1989.

Ms. Robillard has been a member of the Corporation professionnelle des travailleurs sociaux du Québec since 1967. She was a member of the editorial committee for the book *Le travail social et la santé au Québec* published by Behaviora in 1985, and of the departmental study committee on psychiatric services in the Montreal region during 1984-85. She served as President of the Association des praticiens de service social en milieu de santé du Québec from 1984 to 1986, as President of the Commission administrative des services de santé mentale of the Conseil régional de la Montérégie from 1983 to 1986, and as a consultant for the Mental Health dossier of the Rochon Commission in 1986.

Elected as Member of the Quebec National Assembly for the riding of Chambly in September 1989, Ms. Robillard was appointed Minister of Cultural Affairs in October 1989, a post she held until October 1990, when she was appointed Minister of Higher Education and Science. In November 1992, she was also appointed Minister of Education. In December 1993, with the merger of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Higher Education and Science, Ms. Robillard became Minister of Education and Science. From January 1994, she served as Minister of Health and Social Services.

Ms. Robillard was elected to the House of Commons for Saint-Henri-Westmount in February 1995. Soon after, she was appointed as Minister of Labour and Minister responsible for the federal campaign in the Quebec referendum.

Since January 1996, Ms. Robillard has served as Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada.