

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 Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières in 1972 and a master's degree in international relations from Balliol College, Oxford, in 1976.

A business consultant, Mr. Pettigrew was vice-president of Samson Bélair/Deloitte & Touche International, Montreal, from 1985 to 1995, where he conducted economic studies on the impact of globalization on various industrial sectors.

In 1994, Mr. Pettigrew co-chaired the First National Forum on Canada's International Relations. He was foreign policy adviser to the Prime Minister from 1981 to 1984 and executive assistant to the Leader of the Quebec Liberal Party from 1978 to 1981. Mr. Pettigrew served as director of the Political Committee, NATO Assembly, in Brussels from 1976 to 1978.

The member of Parliament for the Quebec riding of Papineau-Saint-Denis, Mr. Pettigrew has served as Minister for International Cooperation and Minister responsible for Francophonie and as Minister of Human Resources Development.

Mr. Pettigrew was named Minister for International Trade on Aug. 3, 1999.