

BIOGRAPHY



The Honourable Chantal Petitclerc

Name: Chantal Petitclerc

Political Affiliation: Independent

Role:

Designation: Grandville



Committees:

- Committee Deputy Chair, Social Affairs, Science and Technology

Bio:

- When she was 13 years old, she lost the use of her legs in an accident. While Petitclerc was developing her skills as a wheelchair athlete, she pursued her studies
- Studied Social Services at the CEGEP de Sainte-Foy and then History at the University of Alberta in Edmonton
- Her gold medals in the Paralympic Games, Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games, the various awards and accolades she has received, and her appointment as Team Canada's Chef de Mission for the Rio Paralympic Games are all markers of her success
- She is an in-demand public speaker, recognized across Canada
- She has been the spokesperson for Défi sportif AlterGo for 17 years, and is an ambassador for the international organization Right to Play
- She is an advocate for the contributions people with disabilities have made to our society
- As someone who has functional limitations herself, she has a good understanding of the needs of various minority communities and would like to ensure their voices are heard
- The Senator is a Companion of the Order of Canada and a Knight of the Order of Quebec
- She received the Lou Marsh Trophy for Canadian Athlete of the Year and was inducted into the Canadian Paralympic Hall of Fame
- Senator Petitclerc sits on various committees and boards of directors, where she provides her dynamic and unique perspective