

IPC Athletes' Council Biography Sheet

Name: Chelsey Gotell

Position: Member

Nationality: Canadian

Date and Place of Birth: 20 February 1986

Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada

Elected to the IPC Athletes' Council: Rio 2016 Paralympic Games



Major contributions to sport for athletes with an impairment

- 2000, 2004 and 2008 Paralympian, 12 time Paralympic medallist (swimming)
- Helped campaign for more broadcast coverage of the TORONTO 2015 Parapan Am Games.
- Advisor for creating Canada's National Team athlete Career Transition Program "Game Plan"
- Created and lead Athlete Relations department for the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Organizing Committee to ensure athlete voice was incorporated into Games time planning across all departments.

Professional career

- Rehabilitative Manual Therapist (current)
- Motivational Speaker (2004 – current)
- Communications/PR, Athlete Relations and Sport, TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Organizing Committee (2010 – 2014)
- Masters Swim Coach (2008 – 2010)

Other appointments held

- Greater Golden Horseshoe Athlete of the Year (2008)
- Ontario Blind Sports Hall of Fame Inductee (2015)



Volunteer positions

- Chair, Athlete Council, Canadian Paralympic Committee (2017 -)
- Vice-Chair, Athlete Council, Canadian Paralympic Committee (2014 – 2017)
- Athlete Services, Canadian Paralympic Team Mission Staff (London 2012 Summer Paralympic Games, Sochi 2014 Winter Paralympic Games, TORONTO 2015 Parapan Am Games, Rio 2016 Summer Paralympic Games)
- Former Board of Directors member, ParaSport Ontario (2013/2015)

Education

- Student of Osteopathy – Canadian Academy of Osteopathy – Masters in Practice Diploma of Osteopathic Manipulative Sciences (M. OMSc)
- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology – McMaster University

Languages

- English

Hobbies

- Cycling, travelling, yoga, cooking/baking