



## Dr. Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

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### **Dr. Colin Carrie Takes Part in Traditional Chinese Medicine Advisory Council Meeting** *Continues dialogue on current and emerging topics related to TCM*

#### **News Release**

For Immediate Release

**Vancouver, BC, March 22, 2014** – Today, Health Minister Rona Ambrose and Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to Environment Minister, met with the Advisory Council on Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) to discuss TCM products available in Canada

“As more Canadians choose Traditional Chinese Medicine, our need to know more about these products grows,” stated Minister Ambrose. “I appreciate that we are able to benefit from the knowledge and experience of our Advisory Council members.”

“This is my third meeting with the Advisory Council,” stated Dr. Carrie. “I am pleased to be building on previous discussions and continuing to learn more about TCM products, practice and philosophy – which ultimately helps us make sure Canadians have access to a wide range of safe and high-quality TCM products.”

Items on the meeting agenda included recent TCM initiatives, an overview of veterinary TCM products, and TCM products imported and marketed as foods (for example, beverages containing ginseng and/or other TCM herbs). The Advisory Council was established in January 2012 to provide the Minister of Health with advice on a range of new and emerging issues related to TCM use in Canada. It has also supported Health Canada in the development of a monograph of TCM ingredients that provides guidance to industry on product licence applications and labelling. More than 3,000 TCM products are currently authorized for sale in Canada.

“More and more Canadians are interested in TCM and use these products to help maintain and improve their health,” stated Dr. Carrie. “I’m grateful that we are able to benefit from the experience of our Advisory Council to help us grow our knowledge about TCM for use in Oshawa and around Canada.”

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