



**Dr. Colin Carrie MP**  
Oshawa

News Release



---

## **Columbus Community Centre receives accessibility upgrades**

For Immediate Release

**OSHAWA, ON July 14, 2014** – The City of Oshawa received a \$50,000 federal grant to make accessibility improvements at the Columbus Community Centre.

The capital project, funded through the federal government’s Enabling Accessibility Fund, included construction of a new washroom with accessible features. The new washroom ensures that facility visitors of all abilities can access a washroom within the community centre.

City staff, in consultation with the Oshawa Accessibility Advisory Committee, identified a priority need for an accessible washroom at Columbus Community Centre. The facility is used for hall rentals, meetings and a not-for-profit child care centre.

“I am extremely pleased that that the Columbus Community Centre received funding through the Enabling Accessibility Fund,” said Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment. “Thanks to this funding more Oshawa residents will have the ability to enjoy the facilities and activities that the Columbus Community Centre offers.”

“The Canadian Government’s “Enabling Accessibility Fund” has provided support towards improving the physical accessibility and safety for anyone accessing the Columbus Community Centre,” said Mayor John Henry. “The City of Oshawa is committed to creating a barrier-free community and I am proud of the progress we continue to make together,”

“This is another example of Oshawa’s continued efforts to make our community more accessible and we thank MP Colin Carrie for his assistance and the Government of Canada for their financial support,” said Councillor Bob Chapman, Chair of the Community Services Committee.

Columbus Community Centre is located in the beautiful hamlet of Columbus at 3265 Simcoe Street North, beside the historical Columbus United Church. The community centre includes a 1,100-square-foot meeting room, as well as an outdoor playground, tennis courts and playing fields. In addition to the new accessible washroom, other accessible features include accessible parking and an accessible entrance ramp.

For more information about Columbus Community Centre, including facility bookings, visit [www.oshawa.ca/facilities](http://www.oshawa.ca/facilities).

For updates on the City of Oshawa, visit [www.oshawa.ca](http://www.oshawa.ca) or follow “OshawaCity” on: [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

- 30 -

**Media Contacts:**

Dr. Colin Carrie  
Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to Environment Minister  
(905) 440-4868; [colin.carrie.c1a@parl.gc.ca](mailto:colin.carrie.c1a@parl.gc.ca)

Mayor John Henry  
City of Oshawa  
905-436-5611; [jhenry@oshawa.ca](mailto:jhenry@oshawa.ca)

Councillor Bob Chapman  
Chair, Community Services Committee  
905-436-5619; [bchapman@oshawa.ca](mailto:bchapman@oshawa.ca)

Jag Sharma  
Commissioner, Community Services  
905-436-3311 ext. 2259; [jsharma@oshawa.ca](mailto:jsharma@oshawa.ca)

---

**Constituency office**  
57 Simcoe St S Unit 2B  
Oshawa, ON L1H 4G4  
Tel 905.440.4868  
Fax 905.440.4872  
Email [carrie.c@parl.gc.ca](mailto:carrie.c@parl.gc.ca)

**Ottawa office**  
410 Justice Building  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6  
Tel 613.996.4756  
Fax 613.992.1357  
Web: [colincarriemp.ca](http://colincarriemp.ca)