



Dr. Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

Contributing to Community Celebrations for the 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games

For Immediate Release

May 22, 2015, Oshawa – Mayor John Henry and Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, on behalf of the Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, and the Honourable Bal Gosal, Minister of State (Sport), today announced that the Corporation of the City of Oshawa is receiving funding of \$50,000 and the Robert McLaughlin Gallery (RMG) is receiving \$35,000 through the Community Celebrations Fund to plan and carry out celebrations related to the Toronto 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games.

This support from the Government of Canada will help Oshawa offer an exceptional celebration to strengthen our national pride and raise awareness of vibrant cultural communities in the region. Over the course of the Games, community celebrations across the country will offer cultural experiences and performances to thousands of Canadians and visitors alike.

Quick Facts

- The [Toronto 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games Community Celebrations Fund](#) is a two-year initiative that will support cultural activities throughout Canada in connection with the Toronto 2015 Games.
- This funding comes from the up to \$500 million that the Government of Canada has committed to the 2015 Games.
- Oshawa is a bronze designated municipality for the TO2015 Pan American Games and will host the weightlifting and boxing competitions
- Through the “Oshawa Pan Am Event Outreach Event”, the City proposes to engage residents outside of the Pan Am Zone (downtown) with a Pan Am branded bus, complete with a mobile stage that will travel to local schools and community events to raise awareness of the Games between May 30 to July 10, 2015. The Sports Hall of Fame and the Oshawa Museum will co-produce a sports-themed display depicting past and present Canadian Pan Am athletes, including profiles of local Durham Region athletes. Latin American music and dance will also be performed by local artists. The proposed activities will take place throughout the summer of 2015 and will engage an estimated 5,000 residents of Oshawa.
- Through the “Boxing: The Sweet Science” program, RMG proposes to develop and host a series of exhibits and events to celebrate the Games. The exhibits will explore the history and heritage of boxing in Canada as well as showcase the personal immigration stories of local students from the Americas. Support for this project will provide opportunities for an estimated 13,500 people to be engaged in the Games celebrations.

- The Toronto 2015 Games will be one of the largest multisport events ever hosted in Canada.
- The Governor General proclaimed 2015 as the Year of Sport in Canada. Its overarching theme is “Canada: A Leading Sport -Nation.”

Quotes

“I’m thrilled to announce this important contribution that will showcase our community’s passion for both culture and sport. Our celebration will shine a light on our community as we cheer on our country’s athletes.”

- Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment

“The City of Oshawa appreciates the support provided by the Federal Government. This funding will greatly assist to promote the upcoming Pan Am Games. It is extremely exciting to be a host municipality for the largest multi-sport event ever held in Canada; and we look forward to watching the boxing and weightlifting events at the Oshawa Sports Centre (General Motors Centre).”

- John Henry, Mayor of Oshawa

“The Toronto 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games will bring together people from across the Americas. These community celebrations will fuel the spirit of the Games in our nation. I encourage all Canadians to share the experience and take part in the celebrations in their communities.”

—The Honourable Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages

“We want to spread the Pan Am and Parapan Am excitement through support for community celebrations that will help create connections and highlight our diverse culture, our accomplishments and our unique heritage.”

—The Honourable Bal Gosal, Minister of State (Sport)

Associated links

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[Children’s Fitness Tax Credit](#)

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