



## Dr. Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

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### MP Colin Carrie attends VE Day ceremony at Camp X

#### For Immediate Release

**May 8, 2015, Oshawa** – Today, Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, attended a ceremony commemorating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day at Camp X.

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 1945, Germany formally surrendered to the Allied powers and brought an end to the fighting in Europe in the Second World War. Victory in Europe Day is celebrated to honour those who fought and died to liberate Europe from Nazi Germany. Over 60 million people died during the 6 year war between 1939 and 1945, 3% of the entire world population.

Camp X was a top secret spy training ground set up by Sir William Stevenson, who is believed to be the real life inspiration for Ian Fleming's famous fictional character, James Bond. The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 637, in Oshawa, is named after Sir William Stevenson.

The deciphering and communications ability of the Hydra Communications facility at Camp X was so advanced that Alan Turing, who helped break the German Enigma codes and was recently portrayed by Benedict Cumberbatch in the highly acclaimed movie, "The Imitation Game", came to study it.

By mid-1944, the Hydra station was sending 30,000 and receiving 9,000 dispatch groupings daily - the bulk of Allied communications in the Western Hemisphere. The incredible work done at Camp X made German tapping of transatlantic lines effectively useless and was crucial for the Allies in their victory in Europe.

#### Quotes

*"It is important that we remember the sacrifices and contributions of Canadians who helped liberate Europe from Nazi tyranny. It is also inspiring that we are here at Camp X. Camp X is a symbol that Canada has always 'punched above its weight' and plays an important role in preserving world peace. A new generation of Canadians is beginning to understand this truth.*

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