



Dr. Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

MP Colin Carrie participates in meeting of Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment

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June 24 2015, Oshawa –, Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, earlier this week, participated in a meeting of Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) in Winnipeg.

At the conclusion of the summit, both federal, provincial and territorial environment ministers agreed to strengthen collaboration and continue to take action in their jurisdictions to address climate change. Ministers also agreed to work together in advance of and following the 21st Conference of Parties (COP21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Paris in December 2015.

Ministers have established a new climate change committee under CCME to facilitate ongoing engagement on this issue. The committee will work on priorities identified by ministers in order to effectively reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Priorities include reviewing the outcomes of COP21 and maintaining a dialogue among the federal, provincial and territorial governments in preparation for the next Climate Change Conference, scheduled for November 2016 in Morocco.

The Harper Government is the first government in Canadian history to achieve a net-reduction in GHG emissions. In fact, in 2013, Canada's greenhouse gas emissions were 3.1% lower than 2005 levels, while the economy grew by 12.9% during the same period.

Since 2006, Canada has made steady progress on increasing clean-electricity generation, and we now have one of the cleanest electricity systems in the world. In fact, nearly 80% of Canada's electricity is generated from sources that emit no greenhouse gases, whereas the G7 average remains at just 38%.

Other issues that were discussed at the CCME included the Chemicals Management Plan, which was brought in by the Federal Conservative Government to reduce the risks that chemicals can pose to the health of Canadians and the environment. The use of plastic microbeads from consumer products was also discussed. The Federal Government has already initiated a scientific review to assess the effects of microbeads on the environment. The CCME acknowledged the efforts by industry to eliminate the use of plastic microbeads from consumer products and supported the Government of Canada's scientific review of microbeads in personal care products as part of the listing process under Schedule 1 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*.

Quotes:

“Our Government’s priority is to protect the environment and Canada’s economy, and we are committed to working with the provinces to ensure that Canadians from coast-to-coast-to-coast can enjoy the beautiful Canadian landscape and all that it has to offer.”

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

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