



Dr. Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

MP Colin Carrie Promotes Prescription Drug Drop-off Day on May 9th

News Release

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Oshawa, ON May 7, 2015 - Today, Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, is encouraging Oshawa residents to join him and representatives from the Durham Region Police Services to drop off their unused or expired prescription medication to local police and pharmacies to ensure safe disposal. **The Prescription Drug Drop-Off will take place on May 9th at the Shoppers Drug Mart at 300 Taunton Road East in Oshawa between 11:00 AM 12:00 PM**

Canada's Prescription Drug Drop-off Day was organized by The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) – along with its partners Public Safety Canada, Health Canada, the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA), and the Partnership for a Drug Free Canada. According to the International Narcotics Control Board, Canada is now the second highest per capita user of opioids in the world. Potentially more disturbing is that in some provinces, one in five young people in middle and high school report misuse of prescription drugs – and most of them say they got them from home.

Quotes

“This initiative provides an important opportunity to reduce the volume of prescription drugs that could get into the hands of people who would misuse them. It is also a great opportunity to inform the public of various harms associated with misusing prescription drugs.”

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

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