



## Dr. Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

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### **Welcoming the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games Torch Relay**

The Toronto 2015 Pan Am Torch Relay arrives in Oshawa

#### **For Immediate Release**

**June 5, 2015, Oshawa** –, Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment, is pleased to welcome the Toronto 2015 Pan American Games Torch Relay today in Oshawa.

#### **Quick Facts**

- The Federal Government provided \$15,000 in funding for the Relay celebrations in Oshawa
- The Pan Am Torch Relay started with a flame-lighting ceremony in Teotihuacán, Mexico, on May 28.
- The flame began its Canadian tour on May 30 in Toronto and will make its final stop on July 10 at the Opening Ceremony of the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games after travelling through more than 130 communities in Ontario, as well as five stops outside the province (Halifax, Montréal, Richmond, Calgary and Winnipeg).
- The relay involves over 3,000 torchbearers. The majority of them were chosen through a public contest; the others were selected by sponsors and Games stakeholders, including the communities the torch relay passes through.
- The relay is an opportunity for all Canadians to celebrate sport and our athletes during the Year of Sport in Canada. Our Government believes in the power of sport to improve the life of Canadians and to build strong, healthy communities. We hope to increase participation in sports by doubling the Children's Fitness Tax Credit and investing in programs like Canadian Tire Jumpstart. This will ensure that Canada maintains its reputation as a leading sport nation.

## **Quotes**

*"I am thrilled that Oshawa is welcoming the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games Torch Relay. Today's celebration allows us to shine a light on Oshawa's artistic and cultural achievements 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 Torch Relay is a wonderful opportunity to create connections and to showcase our diverse culture, our accomplishments, our vast geography and our proud history."*

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

*"As Canadians, we are proud of our country's success as a leading sport nation, especially during the Year of Sport in Canada. As the flame approaches its final destination, I am pleased to share in the enthusiasm and pride that the Torch Relay inspires among all Canadians."*

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

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