



Dr. Colin Carrie, MP
Oshawa

Dr. Colin Carrie Named Official Opposition Health Critic

For Immediate Release

Ottawa, April 7, 2016 – The Hon. Rona Ambrose, Leader of the Official Opposition and Interim Leader for the Conservative Party of Canada, announced today that Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa, has been named the Official Opposition Critic for Health.

Elected to Parliament in 2004, Dr. Carrie has served Canadians as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministers of Industry, Health and Environment, respectively. Prior to being elected, Dr. Carrie owned and operated a leading health and wellness centre in his riding. He has the distinction of being the longest serving Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health in Canadian history and brings with him a wealth of experience in the health portfolio. Dr. Carrie will take over the responsibilities of Health Critic from MP Kellie Leitch who has recently stepped back to focus on her bid for leadership of the Conservative Party. He will be joined by MP Rachel Harder as his Deputy Critic.

“I was honored to receive the call from Ms. Ambrose asking if I would serve Canadians as the Official Opposition Critic for Health and I wish MP Leitch all the best in her endeavors,” stated Dr. Carrie. “This role in Shadow Cabinet is vital to the health of our democracy and I take that role very seriously. I look forward to working with my opposition colleagues to ensure that Health Minister Philpott and her Liberal government are held to account for the decisions they are making on behalf of Canadians.”

The health portfolio is an important and often emotional file that deals with many issues near and dear to the hearts of Canadians. In just the few short months since they have been sworn in, this government is gambling with the health of Canadians and their communities. Taxpayers were promised additional funding for healthcare and clarification on how the Liberals’ legalization of marijuana would be rolled out. The Minister and her government have offered no indication of when these pledges may be fulfilled. Instead, Canadians have seen indications that the liberals intend to increase the number of so-called “safe” injection sites, without respecting the vigorous community consultation process required by the Respect for Communities Act.

“The residents in my community of Oshawa and Canadians across the country need to see federal leadership on the health file. They need to have a government that allows money to flow to the provinces while ensuring that proper safeguards are in place to protect the taxpayer,” said Dr. Carrie. “Just a few months ago, the Liberals promised \$ 3 billion for home care, they promised a transparent and accountable government. Where are those promises now? There is no new money in the budget and the Health Minister is signing off on injection sites without proper consultations with the community. Canadians deserve answers to these important questions.”

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