



Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

CARRIE TO ANNOUNCE FUNDING FOR OSHAWA CIVIC ARENA

For immediate release.

Ottawa, ON June 11, 2009 – Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, Mayor of Oshawa, John Gray, and Joe Dickson, MPP of Ajax-Pickering will be announcing that the Oshawa Civic Arena will be receiving funding from both the federal and provincial governments.

The Oshawa Civic Arena will receive \$6,483,333 from both the federal and provincial governments for expansion and renewal of the facility. The City of Oshawa will contribute the balance of the total eligible project cost of up to \$19,450,000.

“This is great news for the City of Oshawa,” stated MP Colin Carrie. “The Civic Arena was the City’s number one priority on the lists of potential projects that was submitted to the federal and provincial governments. It is a very significant investment and it will create the most jobs.”

“I am excited about this new funding and the jobs that it will create,” stated Mayor Gray. “With this partnership, the Oshawa Civic Auditorium enters into a new era of purpose and renewal. This venerated institution that was initially built by the community, will be able to service the community well into the future.”

“This funding is a great example of the commitment that the provincial government has made to the cities of Ontario,” stated MPP Joe Dickson. “The Mayor of Oshawa and Council have worked hard on this project. These are tough times for Ontario, and the provincial government is doing its part to create jobs and stimulate the economy in Durham Region.”

The federal portion of the funding is being provided under the new \$4 billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund to support provincial, territorial and municipal construction-ready infrastructure projects. Through Canada’s Economic Action Plan, the federal government has established a new \$4 billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund that provides funding to provincial, territorial and municipal construction-ready infrastructure rehabilitation projects.

“The Civic Arena has been an important part of Oshawa’s history,” stated Carrie. “As a child, I remember playing tennis, weight training and spending time with friends and family at the Civic, and I am excited that my children will be able to enjoy it as I have.”

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