



## Colin Carrie MP Oshawa

## News Release



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### Jim Flaherty & Colin Carrie Invite Oshawa Residents to Share in the Olympic Spirit

**Oshawa (Ontario), October 14, 2009** – The Honourable Jim Flaherty, Member of Parliament for Whitby/Oshawa and Finance Minister of Canada along with Dr. Colin Carrie, Member of Parliament for Oshawa and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, today announced the Government of Canada's support to communities hosting celebrations during the Olympic Torch's journey across our country.

"Next year's Winter Olympics is going to be a great event for Canada and a source of great national pride," said Minister Flaherty. "I'm very pleased our government is supporting communities across the country to participate in the excitement of the Olympics and I'm happy to see our community is one of them. It's going to be a great day when the Olympic torch visits us here."

"To have the Olympic Torch come through our great city is an honour," stated Dr. Carrie. "Oshawa residents are extremely patriotic and this event will allow us to come together and celebrate our pride as a community. The Olympic Spirit will resonate in all of us."

The Torch will visit Oshawa on December 16<sup>th</sup> for a community celebration. The event will be held at the General Motors Centre and all are invited to attend.

The Government of Canada is providing Oshawa with \$15,000 for the local celebration.

"The people of Oshawa are grateful for the support provided by the Government of Canada in bringing the Olympic Flame to our city," said Mayor John Gray. "Oshawa proudly supports the people of Vancouver-Whistler and their efforts to make the upcoming Winter Olympics the best yet."

Funding to Oshawa will be used to highlight local talent and artists as well as to provide interactive activities to engage youth and other individuals.

Across the country each local celebration will be different, offering unique opportunities for all Canadians to welcome the Olympic Flame. The events and activities organized by each celebration community will highlight Canadian pride in our athletes, culture and country.

"The Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay will be the longest domestic relay in Olympic history," said the Honourable Gary Lunn, Minister of State (Sport). "The Olympic Flame will be carried by 12,000 torchbearers through more than 1,000 communities across our country with pride. I invite all Canadians to participate and embrace the Olympic spirit."

For more information on our Government support for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay or the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, visit [www.Canada2010.gc.ca](http://www.Canada2010.gc.ca).

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