MP Tilson co-hosts Europe Day event

 Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson co-hosted an event in Ottawa recently, along with the Embassy of the European Union to Canada and the Heads of Mission of member states, to celebrate Europe Day.

Tilson was joined by Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird and International Trade Minister Ed Fast, as well as his co-host, Matthias Brinkmann, ambassador of the European Union to Canada.

As president of the Canada-Europe Parliamentary Association, Tilson spoke to attendees, which included members of the diplomatic corps, as well as Parliamentary colleagues.

?The deep friendship that exists between Canada and Europe is rooted in our historical ties, our shared belief in the importance of human rights, democracy and market economies, and our shared commitment to international peace and European unity,? he said.

It was fitting that the celebration followed the 68th anniversary of VE Day May 8.

?For Canadians, achieving lasting peace and stability in Europe following two World Wars, in which 111,549 Canadians fought and lost their lives, is considered to be a great and vital accomplishment,? Tilson observed.