

## Tilson says Tories won't miss Adams

By Bill Rea

Mississauga - Brampton South MP Eve Adams is no longer a member of the Conservative caucus in Ottawa, and it's not likely she'll be terribly missed, according to David Tilson.

Dufferin - Caledon's MP was reacting to Adams' announcement Monday that she was crossing the floor of the House of Commons to sit as a Liberal.

Adams, who was first elected to Parliament in 2011 after more than 10 years as a Mississauga City councillor and Peel Regional councillor, was quoted as saying she now considers the Conservatives under Prime Minister Stephen Harper "divisive" and "mean spirited."

Adams had come under some controversy because of her attempts to win the Conservative nomination in the new riding of Oakville North - Burlington in the next federal election, expected sometime this year. It had also been reported that her fiancée, Dimitri Soudas, a former close Harper aid and former executive director of the Conservative Party of Canada involved himself in the nomination contest and was forced out of his job as a result.

It was also reported in the national media this week that Adams had been told late last month that she would not be allowed to carry the party's banner in any riding in the country.

"Eve's an interesting situation," Tilson commented Monday, after the news broke, agreeing she got into a mess over the nomination controversy.

"I don't think the Conservatives, including me, are going to miss her," he added. "She's a nice lady, but she's caused the Conservatives some embarrassment."

"I wish the Liberals well with her," he said.