

Tilson welcomed Parliamentary intern to help in his office over the fall

Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson hosted a participant in the Parliamentary Internship Program during the fall. The Parliamentary Internship Program is a 45-year-old, non-partisan initiative of the Canadian Political Science Association that gives 10 early-career professionals each year the opportunity to work and study on Parliament Hill. As part of their internship, interns spend half the year with an MP on the government side and the other half with a member of the opposition. As part of the program, interns assist MPs with committee and constituency work while undertaking academic research, weekly seminars and comparative study tours to legislatures across Canada and abroad.

Tilson welcomed Constance Naud-Arcand, from Deschambault, Quebec, to his Ottawa office Oct. 1. Naud-Arcand graduated from the Université de Montréal with a bachelor of science in international studies in 2011 and was awarded a master of arts in political science by McGill University in 2014.

"It is the second time I have participated in this particular internship program," Tilson said. "These young men and women are amongst the best and brightest from across the country. It is a tremendous opportunity for them."

Since Naud-Arcand joined Tilson's office, she has gained first-hand exposure to the inner processes of the Canadian parliamentary system. Assisting Tilson and his staff with the preparation of constituency mailings, research and various other communication materials has allowed her to learn a lot about Dufferin-Caledon. In addition to these responsibilities, she has also had the chance to attend a number of events with Tilson and interact with other diplomats and parliamentarians.

"So far this internship opportunity has proved fascinating," Naud-Arcand said. "Mr. Tilson and his staff have not only made me feel welcome, but have taught me so much. I really appreciate them taking the time to share their insights and knowledge with me."



Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson with Parliamentary Internship Program participant Constance Naud-Arcand.