



Ottawa, April 1st, 2021

Subject: Europe Day - Special lighting of the Fitzsimmons Creek Bridge

Dear Mayor Crompton,
Dear Councillors,

Every year on 9 May, Europeans and friends of Europe around the world celebrate Europe Day, the historic day in 1950 when French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman called for the unification of Europe in the wake of the devastation of World War II.

For years, Europe has been truly privileged to count Canada among our closest friends and partners. We share a common history and worldview, and many Canadians still have ties with Europe through friends, close or distant family. This year also marks a milestone in the historic relations between Canada and the European Union as we celebrate the 45th anniversary of our diplomatic presence in Canada.

With the background of our close ties and shared history, we would like to give European communities and Friends of Europe in Canada an opportunity to be part of worldwide celebrations by treating them to special lightings of Canadian landmarks and flag-raising ceremonies across the country.

In the current circumstances where we are prevented from gathering to celebrate together, we believe these lightings will be a great way to celebrate our close transatlantic ties while respecting physical distancing measures.

The Delegation of the European Union to Canada would therefore like to enquire about the possibility to light the Fitzsimmons Bridge in Whistler in EU colours (Blue (RGB: 0/51/153) and Yellow (RGB: 255/204/0)) on May 9th or at some point around this date. Your support and friendship would be immensely appreciated and we would be delighted to count once again the City of Whistler amongst our partners to celebrate Europe Day in Canada.

Sincerely,

Melita GABRIC

His Worship Jack Crompton,
Mayor of the Resort Municipality of Whistler,
& the Council of the Resort Municipality of Whistler