

Olympians given heroes? welcome by Town

By Bill Rea

Three Caledon athletes represented Canada in the recent Winter Olympics in Sochi, and the Town took time out to recognize two of them Tuesday morning.

Snowboarder Jake Holden and Caleb Flaxey, a member of the Gold medal men's curling team, were on hand to received praise from Town council and staff.

Belfountain area native Brittany Webster also competed in cross-country skiing, but she was not at Tuesday's event.

Mayor Marolyn Morrison observed that Holden, a Belfountain resident, was Canada's junior national champion in Judo before switching to snowboarding. She also said she had read in a magazine that Holden was considered one of the 10 sexiest male Olympians at the Games.

Flaxey, who lives in Caledon East, was the alternate on the champion curling team, and was at Tuesday's ceremony with his Gold medal.

"We're just thrilled to have you here Caleb, and thrilled that you have that wonderful medal around your neck," Morrison told him.

"It's only the crème de la crème in the sport that make it to the Olympics," she told the both of them.

Both men confessed it was the first time either had been in Town Hall.

Holden said he had grown up in Belfountain and Caledon Ski Club. He added in 10 years of competition, his huge goal was to make it to the Olympics.

"The experience was unreal," he declared, adding it will drive him to try and compete in the 2018 games in Korea.

He was also appreciative of the support he received from his home town.

"I'll keep doing what I can for you guys," he said.

"The Olympics was incredible," Flaxey commented, observing he's still trying to come up with the words to describe it. "It was clearly the best experience of my life."

"The opening ceremony was awesome," he said, adding he had always pictured himself taking part in something like that.



Mayor Marolyn Morrison got to hold the Olympic Gold Medal belonging to Caleb Flaxey (left) at Tuesday's ceremony at Town Hall. Also on hand was Olympic snowboarder Jake Holden. Photo by Bill Rea