

## ONTARIO'S PARALYMPIANS SHINE IN SOCHI



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TORONTO (March 18, 2014) – Canadian Sport Institute Ontario (CSIO) would like to congratulate the 22 athletes, 2 coaches and countless support staff from Ontario, as well as the entire Canadian Paralympic Team, for an outstanding performance at the 2014 Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. The Canadian Paralympic Team inspired a nation, powering their way to a Top 3 finish among competing nations in the gold medal count while delivering captivating performances.

Seventeen of Ontario's athletes reached the podium, contributing to 6 (2 Gold, 4 Bronze) of the 16 (7 Gold, 2 Silver, 7 Bronze) medals won by Team Canada. Mac Marcoux, (Sault Ste. Marie, ON), the youngest Canadian Paralympian at the Games at just 16 years old, was the most decorated Ontario athlete at the Games, bringing home a Gold Medal and 2 Bronze Medals from Para-Alpine events. Notably, Marcoux was without his brother and regular guide, Billy Joe, who was suffering from a back injury and unable to compete. Team Canada guide, Robin Fémy, stepped-in and led Marcoux to his podium victories.

"Congratulations to our Ontario athletes and the entire Canadian Paralympic Team on their remarkable performances and podium finishes at the Paralympic Winter Games," said Debbie Low, CEO of Canadian Sport Institute Ontario. "Your determination and dedication allowed Canada to achieve its goal of finishing Top 3 among nations in the gold medal count, and inspired athletes of all ages and ability across Ontario and the country."

### Ontario's Paralympic Medallists:

- Para-Alpine Skier Mac Marcoux (Sault Ste. Marie, ON) won a Gold Medal in Men's Giant Slalom and 2 Bronze Medals in the Men's' Super G and the Men's' Downhill categories.
- Chris Williamson (Toronto, ON) won the Bronze Medal in Para-Alpine Slalom.
- Twelve members of the Bronze Medal winning Sledge Hockey Team were from Ontario including: Brad Bowden (Orton, ON), Ben Delaney (Ottawa, ON), Adam Dixon (Midland, ON), Marc Dorion (Bourget, ON), Anthony Gale (Brampton, ON), Karl Ludwig (Brampton, ON), Tyler McGregor (Forest, ON), Graeme Murray (Gravenhurst, ON), Kevin Rempel (Vineland, ON), Corbin Watson (Kingsville, ON), Greg Westlake (Oakville, ON), and Derek Whitson (Chatham, ON).
- The Gold Medal winning Wheelchair Curling Team included Ontario's Jim Armstrong (Cambridge, ON) and Mark Ideson (London, ON).

### About Canadian Sport Institute Ontario

The Canadian Sport Institute Ontario (CSIO) is committed to the pursuit of excellence by providing world-class programs, services, and leadership to high performance athletes and coaches to enhance their ability to achieve international podium performances.

CSIO offers athletes a range of sport science and sport medicine services including nutrition, physiology, biomechanics, strength & conditioning, mental performance and sport therapy; as well as life services and assistance with transitioning in to and out of sport. The CSIO also delivers programming and services to National and Provincial Sport Organizations and coaches to work towards building a stronger sport system in Ontario. For more information, visit [www.csiontario.ca](http://www.csiontario.ca).

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