

Lord Johnny Acton impressed with Acton

Acton offered Lord Johnny Acton a lot of firsts as the British baron and his wife, Lady "Percy" Acton visited the town named after his forbear – his calendar included judging the Miss

Acton pageant, canoeing across Fairy Lake, using the "royal wave" in the Fair parade, helping cut the ribbon at the Terry Fox Run, and kicking off the Absolutely Acton Speakers'

Series at the Town Hall Centre on Sunday night.

Introducing Lord Johnny to the full house of Heritage Acton supporters at the dinner, member Tracey Tyler said after finding Lord Acton on FaceBook, they plotted a fundraising visit, playing on the coincidence of the name, and describing Heritage Acton's fundraising needs.

Tyler said it was evident Lord and Lady Acton had a spirit of adventure, because they said they'd love to come to Acton, Ontario. "We also knew they were smart, because he added 'provided you're for real,'" Tyler said.

Lord Johnny, a self-professed pig lover, is a prolific writer with 13 books on an eclectic range of topics including food, hot air ballooning, money, and his newest on the 2012 London Olympics. He told a Globe and Mail reporter last week that he is a "...a kind of professional fraud," who writes about things he knows nothing about, as a go-between experts and the public.

Lord Johnny told the crowd that while his father was famous in British House of Lords for making the shortest speeches, he would



ACROSS THE POND: Lord Johnny and Lady Lucinda "Percy" Acton could paddle back to England with these paddles, made by former Acton resident Doug Fread, which were presented to them at the Absolutely Acton Speakers' Series fundraiser on Sunday at the Town Hall Centre. – Ted Tyler photo

be a little longer, and said that his first impression of Acton is a very impressive community with a sense of "wanting to be in it, all together."

With tales of barking mad ancestors, ties to monarchs going back to the 14th century, Lord Johnny introduced members of his "strange...interesting

family," who include the author of the *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, and of the famous quote,

"Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

Lord Johnny explained how he inherited his title as a Hereditary Sir when his father died last year. He also said that the family

crest is a severed leg in armour with five drops of blood.

Heritage Acton officials hope that the Absolutely Acton Speakers' Series – Lord Acton was the kick-off speaker – will make money to help pay for an addition to the Town Hall Centre, including an elevator.



MAYOR & LORD: Acton Mayor Rick Bonnette (left) presented Lord Johnny Acton with a key to the Town at a dinner/speakers' series event on Sunday night at the Town Hall Centre. Lord Acton was the kick-off speaker for the Heritage Acton fundraiser. – Ted Tyler photo



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