



BESPOKEPLUS



"If your work speaks for itself don't interrupt"

PrairieHeart Mobility

We are pleased to attend the post C19 Education Days and Trade Show at PrairieHeart Mobility introducing the new line of products from www.Rehasense.ca April 11th, 2022 in Regina and April 13th, 2022 in Saskatoon.

The folks at www.PHMobility.com understand we have curtailed training in person over the last couple years and are anxious to get back at it. They know the importance of investment in the healthcare professionals that help our industry especially these days with new products coming to market at a rate never seen before. They ensure that they will follow all social distancing guidelines and masking requirements.

The agenda will be as other years, with education balanced with tradeshow floor time. The following are some of the products that will be there from the new Rehasense offerings.

The Server Rollator Family touches on all sizes, aluminum, carbon fiber, all weight limits, wheel sizes, and the accessories required for an individual using rollator.



The ICON Family of wheelchairs include folding frame chairs that in Ontario would be referred to as Type 2,3,4, and 5 with sizing from paediatric through adult and weight limits through bariatric. This family name is not to be confused with the previous ICON name in this industry or the most popular back from Varilite. It is the marketed name in other parts of the world and the general feeling was to maintain it in this new market area of North America.

Like the previous family product line 49 Bespoke Inc., introduced in Canada, the parts and pieces are mostly interchangeable between the models and all accessories are not only available, but manufactured in house 99% of the time. Here are some of the images you will see at Prairie Heart.



Abilities Expo Toronto

Like the other trade shows, Abilities has had C-19 disruptions although they have maintained virtual opportunities.

For nearly 40 years, Abilities Expo has been the go-to source for the Community of people with disabilities, their families, seniors, veterans, and healthcare professionals. Every event opens your eyes to new technologies, new possibilities, new solutions, and new opportunities to change your life.

Abilities Expo is about bringing necessary products and services together under one roof for the community of people with disabilities, their families, caregivers, seniors, and healthcare professionals. It's about introducing opportunities that can enrich your life ... especially ones that you never knew were out there.

It will be back May 13 & 14, 2022 at the International Centre in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) **International Centre, Hall 5**, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga, ON L4V 1E8.

There will be formal education sessions scheduled although our part wheelchair maintenance and soft repairs, will be at our booth rather than in the presentation center and will be available to all during show hours 10-5.

Invacare News

Invacare US has shed some 30 plus employees followed by more than 10 in Canada. Their stock price has taken a further downward turn, but some suggest it is a stock to buy as it is to be profitable in three years. We expect to receive some news from Invacare on changes and direction soon, but nothing to date.

RGK Veypr

RGK has another sub4 offering this time made to measure in carbon fiber! We don't have any pricing information or anything of that nature from Sunrise Germany who purchased RGK, but off the website this is the imagery and what they say how about another made to measure product that will have the perfect fit for you! Only RGK offers the 'real' made to measure to create the perfect wheelchair for you. Choose optimum posture, comfort, and performance. The 'real' made to measure is unlike any other and allows you to adjust the characteristics of your wheelchair to suit your individual needs, ensuring you can enjoy an active lifestyle. The Veypr has 30 individual

measurements, a range of ergonomic options, lightweight, and compact design features.

Paralympics 2022

The PARALYMPIC GAMES in Beijing, China are behind us, and Canada did well with 25 medals all summed up by Josh Dueck, Chef de Mission, *"upon first look back, I was at a loss for words on what these BE22 Paralympics really meant... and after 21 days of rest and reflection, the rear-view mirror seemed more transparent. The Games were simply stated, friggin awesome! We came, we played, we returned home."*

Josh Dueck, chef de mission of the Beijing 2022 Canadian Paralympic Team, was elected to the International Paralympic Committee Athletes' Council.

In a previous issue of Paralympic news the International Paralympic Committee officially announced that it is implementing a PLY post-nominal program to recognize the achievements and contributions of Paralympians.

What this means is that PLY can be added alongside the name of a Paralympian, similar to OLY for Olympic athletes, or post-nominals you are familiar with seeing like PhD or MD.

This celebrates Paralympians and our accomplishments as high performance athletes. Athletes can apply to receive the PLY designation by filling out an online form: <https://db.ipc-services.org/sdms/hira/ply-programme> and can start using it upon approval by the IPC.

Bits and Bytes

-  Abilities April 29-May 01, 2022, New York, NY;
-  Abilities May 13-14, 2022, Toronto, ON;
-  Abilities June 24-26, 2022, Chicago, IL;
-  Abilities August 05-07, 2022, Houston, TX;
-  Abilities September 09-11, 2022, Phoenix, AZ;
-  Rehacare Dusseldorf, DE September 14-17, 2022;
-  CSMC October 20-21, 2022, Toronto, ON;
-  Abilities November 04-06, 2022 Miami, FL.

BESPOKE PLUS is the newsletter of 49 Bespoke Inc., which markets products from around the world designed to better meet the needs of people with a disability.

We have grown up in sport, have a social service background, and have adopted an advocacy role in our business practice. **Comments are welcome.**