

Bespoke Plus

If Your Work Speaks For Itself, Don't Interrupt!



**WHEELCHAIR
ACCESSORIES**

Happy New Year



We were looking forward to getting this first issue of 2026 out in the second week of January, but those are the breaks. As noted in the last issue of 2025, we will assist in getting new products to the Canadian market such as Genny Zero, Kuschall, IND,

OMOBIC line, and a host of others. In addition, we are working on a number of initiatives to assist in marketing and promoting products we carry for the dealer network and those that may be sold to everyone off the new web site coming soon. We look forward to all the challenges and wish everyone a belated Happy Healthy New Year!

REE 2026



After two plus decades of attending the Rehab Equipment Expo (REE) in the greater Vancouver area, we are passing on it this year. We have enjoyed the event and may still

try to get out to it but not as an exhibitor. We have made a commitment to support end user orientated shows and have tolerated the discontinued invitation to end users based on covid times, but the policy to not invite end users has remained. Prescribers, manufacturers, dealers, and all others involved in the industry are important folks, but when we no longer invite the people that use the products, we may be losing our reason for being. We wish everyone a great show.

Loopwheels OEM

This month Loopwheels have confirmed a combination agreement with Motion Composites. This agreement is a technical compatibility agreement under the EU Medical Device Regulation (MDR) 2017/745 confirming that Loopwheels suspension wheels can be safely used on various manufacturers wheelchairs. This agreement with

Motion Composites, a Canadian Manufacturer follows similar agreements with Sunrise Medical, Kuschall, RGK, Wolturnus, and Aria Wheelchairs.

RBC Barrier Buster

Rick Hansen Foundation



The Rick Hansen Foundation recently announced the new RBC Barrier Buster Grants Program during the International Day of Persons with Disabilities and in conjunction with the upcoming 40th Anniversary of the Man in Motion World Tour!

As part of this national initiative, forty grants of up to \$40,000 will be awarded to support accessibility improvements in communities across Canada, including public buildings, parks, trails, and shared spaces.

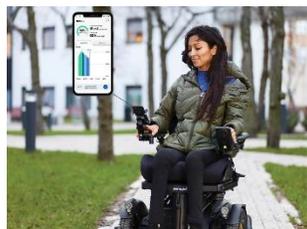
Ecole Chantal Benoit is aware of the program and how it may assist in the building of their new French immersion school. If you or your organization knows where barriers exist and how removing them would make a difference, we encourage you to apply before the March 15, 2026, application deadline. Learn more here [RBC Barrier Buster Grants Program | Rick Hansen Foundation](#).

CEP Program

David Schachow, Director, Delivery and Eligibility Review Branch with Ontario's Assistive Devices Program (ADP) has sent a consultation memo to all ADP Vendors. He is exploring vendors' interest to participate in the central equipment pool for high technology wheelchairs currently being administered by Motion Cares.

The Central Equipment Pool for High Technology Wheelchairs (CEP) provides Assistive Devices Program (ADP) clients throughout Ontario with high quality new and recycled power wheelchairs with power positioning. The CEP model was established in 1996 to ensure the responsible management of the ADP's financial resources, to keep costs for clients down, and to provide a consistently high level of service throughout Ontario for

those who require these devices. Since its inception, a single vendor has operated CEP. With Ontario’s growing and aging population, and the increased demand for high technology wheelchairs, the ministry is exploring transitioning the CEP to a multi-vendor model. An expanded CEP would provide clients with additional choice when selecting a vendor for purchasing and maintaining their high technology wheelchair, as well as support the increased volume of CEP clients throughout the province.



As part of this exploration, the ministry is seeking to determine the level of interest amongst vendors in registering with the CEP. Vendors that may be interested in registering with

the CEP to sell and service ADP-funded high technology wheelchairs needed to confirm their interest by email adpvendors@ontario.ca by February 6, 2026. Vendors who expressed interest by email were invited to engage with the ministry in February and March 2026, at which time the ministry will gather information on vendor interest and provide further details on potential future requirements for additional CEP vendors. These discussions will provide the ministry with valuable feedback and guidance as it evaluates the best next steps to better meet the needs of Ontarians, enhance timely access, and improve the overall service experience for ADP customers requiring high technology wheelchairs. The memo does not represent a commitment or a promise to implement the change described above.

Küschall

In another life (1984) we brought Küschall into Canada from the USA as Mike Dempsey had acquired the North American distribution of the product from the founder, Rainer Küschall. Marco Ferrara bought any rights we had to distribute the product in 1990 and sold his interests to E&J in 2000. Graham Field ended up acquiring E&J and Küschall was picked up by Invacare. They setup a manufacturing facility in Montreal and a few months later pulled the plug on it and Küschall has not been available in North America since.



Invacare France is now manufacturing Küschall and have moved the manufacturing from Switzerland to France and we have finally connected with them to reintroduce the product here in Canada in a one-off manner. Over the

years we have acquired a few Küschall 3000’s from folks that have used the chair for 30 years or more and have finally moved onto another brand. Another choice is now available, and we are pleased to bring it to you. The Vision of Küschall today is to provide users with outstanding products that will keep up with their active lives while empowering them to exceed expectations. Each Küschall chair is customizable and designed to meet the users’ individual needs; built by experts, designed with passion, and produced with cutting-edge technologies.

Küschall values design with the users’ needs in mind. Modern design, cutting-edge technologies, and ergonomics set Küschall apart still with Swiss precision and guarantee an exceptional experience for each user.



Küschall wheelchairs are renowned for driving performance, lightweight, and energy efficient. They are created with precision to provide users with a reliable, long-lasting product.

Küschall promises a commitment to create wheelchairs that enable the end user to drive their life’s ambition. They promise to deliver style, functionality, and reliability. A Küschall chair can transport you into a life where anything is possible and their promise includes the ability to “Unlimit Your World.”



Bits and Bytes

- 49 Thank You www.CFPDP.com for another Valentine Gala Feb 14, 2026, Royal York, TO, ON;
- 49 REE 2026 March 3, 2026, Richmond, BC;
- 49 Abilities March 27-29, 2026, Los Angeles, CA;
- 49 CSMC/MHMPA April 29-30, 2026, Moncton, NB;
- 49 Abilities May 1-3, 2026, New York, NY;
- 49 Abilities June 12-14, 2026, Chicago, IL;
- 49 Abilities July 31-August 2, 2026, Houston, TX;
- 49 IWBF World Champs Sep 9-19, 2026, Ottawa, ON;
- 49 Abilities September 11-13, 2026, Phoenix, AZ;
- 49 CSMC September 15-16, 2026, Toronto, ON;
- 49 Rehacare September 23-26, 2026, Dusseldorf, DE.

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