



Elevation & VARILITE®



We had the pleasure of showing Engineer and Inventor Jamie Borisoff's **Elevation** Chair at recent shows. These units, built by PDGMobility.com use bonded ultra light aluminum materials in

series 7005, 2024, and 7075. They have back rest angle adjustment to 30°, patented **Elevation** Stability System, fold down backs, centre of gravity axle adjustment, high performance wheels, and weight wise under 10 kg or 22 lbs! But the most compelling feature of the **Elevation** Chair is that it has 10" of real time, adjust on the go, seat height adjustment! Combine this with a **VARILITE® Evolution** and you have all the dynamic seating adjustment in the world.



Now that engineering is working on perfecting the Batec docking bar mechanism, it should only be a matter of time for Elevation users to be able to Batec around with their day chairs!

BATEC Compatibility

Batec Mobility is constantly working on the compatibility for new wheelchairs on the market. In the new **Batec Support** section online, you can consult and download the latest updated list. Recently, the APEX from MotionComposites.com was added to the list along with S2, U2, S3, and U3 models from



Panthera.se ; you will also find the special installation guide for products on **Batec Support** and in the **Batec-Docs**.

Batec have also introduced some new colors on their site and will be taking their annual holiday manufacturing shut down starting August 7, 2017. Their offices and social networks will be **closed from 7 to 27 August**.



2017 Hall of Fame

On Wednesday, October 18, 2017, the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons (CFDP) will host its 24th Annual Canadian Disability Hall of Fame luncheon. This event permanently recognizes outstanding Canadians who make extraordinary contributions to enriching the quality of life for people with physical disabilities.

This year's inductees are celebrated Paralympian Todd Nicholson, former CEO of CNIB Jim Sanders, Pioneer sport organizer Shirley Shelby and Paralympian and sports broadcaster Rob Snoek.

Paul Clark, President TD Direct Investing and EVP of TD Bank Group will be the guest speaker.

Open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the Hall of Fame was officially opened on February 11, 1993 at Metro Hall in downtown Toronto. In three decades, the CFDP has raised more than \$30 million for Canadians with disabilities and the issues and vital services they require. Among its many important initiatives, CFDP funds have been earmarked for creating accessible housing, emergency intervention and education for Canada's deaf-blind community, publishing and national public awareness projects like the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame and the WhyNot Marathon, and long-term and substantial support for our nation's Paralympic movement. Congratulations Vim and Dorothy (Honourable Retired Senator Vim Kochhar and Dorothy Price, Executive Director for another ton of work to bring us another edition of the Hall of Fame!

Rolling Rampage 2017

The Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons (CFDP) also brings us the Rolling Rampage, this year on October 05, 2017 in Ottawa on Parliament Hill. CFDP has dedicated itself to promoting the vast, unheralded wealth of talent and ability in Canada's disability community. Acknowledging that people with disabilities are every bit as gifted and accomplished as their able-bodied peers, CFDP brings us the Rolling Rampage to connect these athletes with an enthusiastic audience on The Hill. Since 2013, Scotiabank Group, ICICI Bank, and The Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Canada have provided funding and leadership to make this event possible for world class competitors. Corporate support is essential to the continued growth and success of elite sport

for people with disabilities. This year, the Honourable Vim Kochhar has the assistance of the Honourable Chantal Petitclerc to shoulder some of the load. 49 Bespoke will carry on our support of the event and hope to introduce a new player on the wheelchair side in the coming weeks.

Jeffrey Condo's

Jeffrey Kerr is a real estate agent in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and it is a long time since he has heard of a builder pre-selling accessible homes!



On his web site www.accessiblehomefinder.com he has all the information on Pre-Construction, Wheelchair Accessible Condos in Toronto and Mississauga! He relays that Daniels Corporation is a well-known and respected condo builder who approached him to

discuss the demand for accessible condos and the key features that buyers want. He confirmed that there is demand and he shared his suggestions on the key features and suite options that a wheelchair accessible condo should include. An advocate through and through, his efforts has resulted in the builder, Daniels, developing an accessibility program that they will be incorporating into two of their upcoming projects. Both locations will be offering 1 bedroom + den, 2 bedroom, and 3 bedroom suites with the following features / options: Roll in showers, Roll out balcony, Optional kitchen roll under counters, Wider door openings throughout, Power operated entry door to the suite, Ground level suites, etc. They have asked him to pre-sell these condo suites and he is registering buyers now on his site above. The first project is in Mississauga and is called The Wesley. It is part of Daniels City Centre, a 23-acre master-planned, mixed-use community at the corner of Confederation Parkway and City Centre Drive. Square One Shopping Centre is just down the street. The floor plans and pricing for Mississauga / Wesley will be revealed at the pre-sale presentation on August 30 2017. The second project is in Toronto and called DuEast. It is in the heart of the award-winning Regent Park revitalization at Sumach and Dundas Streets. The floor plans and pricing for Toronto / DuEast will be announced at the pre-sale presentation at the end of September. You can register now for an invitation to the VIP launch presentation! Good job Jeffrey!

BATEC Rapid Brakes

The difference in dealing with an ISO certified factory and one that is not, may be as simple as the following memorandum from Batec's Product Manager:

Recently, we have detected an issue when mounting the brakes in the BATEC RAPID and we draw your attention to units

with the following serial numbers:

24448-EPV-0616; 24449-EPV-0616; 24450-EPV-0616; 24451-EPV-0616; 24452-EPV-0616; 24453-EPV-0616; 24455-EPV-0616; 24456-EPV-0616; 24457-EPV-0616; 24458-EPV-0616; 24459-EPV-0616; 24460-EPV-0616; 24461-EPV-0616; 24462-EPV-0616; 24644-EPV-0716; 24645-EPV-0716; 24646-EPV-0716; 24647-EPV-0716; 24648-EPV-0716; 24649-EPV-0716; 24650-EPV-0716; 24651-EPV-0716; 24652-EPV-0716; 24653-EPV-0716; 24654-EPV-0716; 24655-EPV-0716; 24656-EPV-0716; 24657-EPV-0716; 24658-EPV-0716; 24659-EPV-0716.

This issue does not impact the brake effectiveness, but it makes the brake pads wear out more quickly than they should. So, there is no safety issue involved. However, owners are urged to arrange the changing of the brake pads during their next Batec maintenance. For those serial numbers noted above, Batec will provide brake pads under warranty and they are part of a container enroute to us now. The support document will be posted on our web site.

OSOT - Sheila Buck

You are cordially invited to attend the next workshop in this "Linked in to Learn" series with Sheila Buck, B.Sc., OT Reg (ON) "Understanding, Evaluating & Justifying Your Prescription of Seating & Mobility Systems" September 20th, 2017 at the St. Catharines Golf & Country Club at 70 Westchester Ave., St. Catharines, ON L2P 3P4. www.stgcc.com. All the information is available under upcoming events at www.osot.on.ca or you can register as a participant or exhibitor by calling Cassandra Venere of OSOT at 416-322-3011 or send her an email at cvenere@osot.on.ca.

Bits and Bytes

- 49 Abilities Expo Houston, TX August 4-6;
- 49 Abilities Expo Boston, MA September 8-10;
- 49 Prairie Heart Show September 11, Regina, SK;
- 49 MEDICChair Show September 13, Saskatoon, SK;
- 49 Linked in to Learn, St. Catharines, ON September 20th;
- 49 Seating and Mobility SAOT Edmonton, September 22;
- 49 Rehacare (Event 4 All) October 4-7, Dusseldorf, DE;
- 49 34th Annual ISS March 6-9, 2018 Vancouver, BC.

BESPOKE PLUS is the newsletter of a privately owned Canadian company called 49 Bespoke Inc., which markets products from around the world that are 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.