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### **Rick Hansen Relay Returns to Pictou after 25 Years**

Pictou, NS - This year marks the anniversary of the ***Man in Motion World Tour*** which came through the ***Town of Pictou*** 25 years ago. Again, Pictou will be on the Relay route on **September 21st**. The Relay route through the Town will run past Scotiabank (one of the official Relay sponsors) including stops at the Lighthouse on the Waterfront and Pictou Academy. From Pictou, the Relay will travel to Caribou taking the Ferry to PEI. Pictou is the last stop on the Relay leaving Nova Scotia, a local organizing committee are in the midst of planning activities celebrating the powerful message of the Relay's journey.

#### **About the Rick Hansen 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Relay:**

Beginning on August 24, 2011 in Cape Spear, Newfoundland and Labrador, the Relay will retrace the Canadian segment of the original Man In Motion World Tour, traveling 12,000 kilometres, through 600 communities and concluding in Vancouver, British Columbia on May 22, 2012. The Relay will engage 7,000 participants from across Canada who have made their own difference in the lives of others.

As the Relay will connect the country from coast to coast, the symbol that links each participant to the next will be the Rick Hansen Relay Medal which has been designed, handcrafted and produced by the Royal Canadian Mint in sterling silver. Every Medal-Bearer will receive their own medal to permanently remember the way in which they personally added to the momentum of the 25th Anniversary Man in Motion World Tour. **Stacey Munro** of Pictou has been recognized as a local difference maker and will be honoured during the Relay as our local Medal Bearer. **Craig Aucoin** and **Ralph Ferguson**, two other community champions were nominated as alternative medal bearers. All citizens of the Town are encouraged to come out and cheer on the Relay participants. For more information visit [www.rickhansen.ca](http://www.rickhansen.ca).