



North York Coin Club

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MONTHLY MEETINGS 4TH Tuesday 7:30 P.M. AT
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THE BULLETIN FOR APRIL 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome members and guests of the North York Coin Club. The upcoming April meeting should be very informative, with a few presentations, an auction, numismatic information and fellowship. Please plan on attending and, by the way, why don't you bring a guest with you. The experience will be mutually beneficial.

At the last meeting it was voted by the membership to hold summer meetings. The motion was passed; thus, for this year, we will continue to have meetings here at Edithvale in July and August. We hope the turnout will be good enough to continue this practice in upcoming years if the room is available.

In addition to our feature speaker, Marvin Kay will do a short presentation on anniversary items. If any members have any items on this topic please bring them along to the meeting. We would be glad to have you spend a few minutes enlightening on your item. Don't be shy. We are all friends. Let's try and have more participation from the membership.

I would like all members to check out the website from time to time. The club's website is northyorkcoinclub.ca. It is an up to date spot to find out current and past information about the club. The website currently has the bulletins in the archives section going all the way back to 1996. As well the website has all the current meeting information. Many thanks go to our Webmaster and bulletin editor for their efforts.

A few quick highlights for collectors in the upcoming weeks include the Brampton Coin Show coming up on April 23rd and shows in Windsor on May 1st, May 13th-15th in London for the Ontario Numismatic Association 49th annual convention. I hope everyone will be able to attend this event in particular. Paul Petch will bring us up to speed on the preparations being made by the ONA for this convention.

The final item I would like to bring up is the upcoming auction evening. Please scour your drawers, cupboards and even your couch for items that you can consign in the auction. Please bring the actual item in to the next meeting or e-mail a .jpg digital file to compile an auction catalogue. Your participation in events like this has been less than stellar in the past so please surprise me. Let's put together an extensive and diverse array of material and make the auction meeting a memorable evening.

I know I may sound like a broken record but we need some donations for the draws as well as to seed the "Mint Box" that I hope we can re-establish, for the benefit of our junior members. I also wish to thank all the members who have made donations in the past or have volunteered to help the club. The club would not have survived for 50 years by members sitting on their hands. We need everyone to pitch in to make the club a success. Thanks and until next month...

Bill O'Brien

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 26

We start gathering at 7:00 p.m. with meeting start scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The first presenter for the evening, after the regular club business portion of the meeting, will be Paul Johnson. Paul will be doing a presentation about exhibiting numismatic material for entry into competitions. Paul will give us the ins and outs on the proper way to layout, label and arrange your collection as well as tips on what to include, topics etc. A very informative presentation is guaranteed.

We appreciate all donations to our supply of draw prize material and please remember to bring your auction lots.

AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

The standing invitation to pre-list your auction items is being expanded for the May meeting, but you need to take action at the April meeting.

We are planning on a major listed auction for the May meeting. But, in order that this will work, you should bring material you want to sell to the April meeting. Alternately, send a description and picture of your planned auction item to the editor at p.petch@rogers.com at least two weeks before the May 2011 meeting. An auction catalogue will be compiled as a part of the May issue of *The Bulletin*.

This initiative grew out of a request from some members, so we do hope many members will participate by entering their lots at the April meeting and bidding at the May meeting!

MEETING NEWS OF THE MARCH 2011 MEETING

The 563rd meeting of the North York Coin Club was held on Tuesday, March 22nd, 2011 in the Gibson Room at the Edithvale Community Centre, 131 Finch Ave. West.

Our President, Bill O'Brien, was in the chair and hammered the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. There were 32 members and 1 guest in attendance; included in this count was one new attendee applying for membership in the club.

The on-time attendance draw was the first order of business. New member Jayden Chen's name was drawn. Luckily Jayden was present to collect his cash prize of \$12.00. The prize will reset to \$2.00 for the April meeting.

Bill O'Brien asked the members present if they had noticed any errors or omissions in the minutes of our February meeting as published in the March newsletter. Member Terry O'Brien rose to bring an error in the choice of wording used in describing the requirements to become a life member of the club in paragraph six to the attention of the secretary. Terry recommended using the word "continuous" rather than "contiguous." No further changes were identified. Terry made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected above which was seconded by member Norman G. Gordon. Motion carried.

The next order of business was to hear the Treasurer's report. In the absence of Treasurer Ben Boelens, Bill O'Brien prepared the

report.

Bill asked for the guests present to talk a little about their collecting interests. Grant L. told the members that he currently was not collecting; he had done so as a teenager but had stopped. A few of the members suggested that he should consider starting up with the hobby once again. Grant said he would think about it.

The next topic introduced was that of summer meetings (July and August). Last year we did not meet largely due to the construction activities that prevented us from using the Edithvale community centre. Bill asked for a show of hands for those who would be interested in attending the summer meetings. There was an overwhelming majority of those present who expressed an interest and so it was decided to hold meetings on July 26th and August 23rd, as long as Edithvale is open on those evenings. We look forward to seeing you there!

Bill mentioned that he had been approached by the Mississauga-Etobicoke club to see if the NYCC members would be interested in holding a coin show and sale sponsored by the two clubs. Member Philip Simms suggested that we should expand the theme of the show to include various ephemera and collectibles including pens and watch fobs. Nick Cowan mentioned that that would be acceptable to the Mississauga-Etobicoke club because their club's interests include all forms of collectibles. Bill and Henry asked for a show

SOME NOTEABLE LARGE CENTS FROM THE PRESENTATION



Province of Canada 1858 pattern



Nova Scotia 1861



Prince Edward Island 1871



Province of Canada 1859



Newfoundland 1865



First year of Ottawa-produced cent

of hands of those that might be interested; there were seven members that showed an interest in helping volunteer to organize and run the show and 17 members that might be interested in purchasing a table. Paul Petch took an action item to find out if Edithvale had a room of adequate size and the costs to the club associated with renting it for the day.

Next, Bill introduced the topic of restarting our "Mint Box" for our young members. The Mint Box allows junior members to choose a coin from the box at each meeting. Bill asked for members to bring donations of world coins for the box to our next meeting.

With the help of Paul Petch, Bill O'Brien had the pleasure of presenting Life Member plaques to four of our long-time members Dr. Marvin Kay (for 2011), Dick Dunn (for 2008), Terry O'Brien (for 2008) and Mirko Kotic (for 2008, but not in attendance). Due

to events that occurred at the start of 2008, the Life Member awards for that year were not presented. We wish to make our sincere apologies to Dick, Terry and Mirko for the late acknowledgement of their continuing commitment to the club.

Paul Petch asked for the floor to make club members aware of the copy of the Canadian Numismatic Bibliography he had brought for display and sale. The two-volume bibliography is the most comprehensive work of its kind and is an absolute must for anyone interested in pursuing research in Canadian numismatics. Paul is selling the set for the list price of \$225.00.

Henry Nienhuis asked for the floor to tell the members that a sister club, the Toronto Coin Club, is issuing a special commemorative medal to celebrate the club's 75th anniversary year! The medal is being issued in silver, brass and bronze. He mentioned that, for those members who might be interested in purchasing a medal, information on ordering the medal was available on the TCC website at <http://www.torontocoinclub.ca>.

With the business portion of the meeting completed, the next item on the agenda was the presentation and general discussion on "Canada's 1-Cent, A penny for your thoughts!" The presentation, prepared and delivered by Paul Petch and Henry Nienhuis, dealt with the events leading up to the initial release of the 1-cent by the Province of Canada in 1858 to the present-day release of the Canadian Senate committee report in December 2010, recommending that production of the 1-cent be discontinued as soon as practicable. The power point presentation included hi-resolution images of the Canadian 1-cent pieces from 1858 to 2011, including those issued by the British colonies prior to joining confederation. The presentation was well received by the audience who asked questions throughout. They

continued a lively, in-depth discussion following the talk, expressing opinions on whether Canada should stop issuing a 1-cent coin and sharing their personal opinions on what effect doing so might have on the daily commerce of Canada. This would be in light of the Senate's recommendation that, not only should the one-cent be no longer produced, but that it should also be "called-in" and no longer accepted as legal tender after one year.

At 8:55 pm, somewhat delayed by the interest expressed in the night's topic, Bill O'Brien called for the refreshment break. Once again, Bill deserves a vote of appreciation from the members for preparing the cookies and coffee.

The last portion of the meeting was devoted to lucky draws and auction. Lucky draw winners were Marvin Kay (2), Richard Duquette, Franco Farronato, Vince Chiappino (2), Terry O'Brien (3), David Quinlan, Henry Nienhuis, Jim Heifetz, Joe Cernyakovich, and Len Kuenzig. The club earned \$23.00 through the sale of the draw tickets! The lucky draws were intermixed throughout the evening's auction, called by our expert auctioneer, Bob Porter. Our auction manager, Mark Argentino, reported that receipts from the auction added \$7.28 to the club's coffers in commission.

The club executive would like to send out a special thank you to club members for supporting the club through the purchase of draw tickets and for draw prize donations. Please mention your donations to the club secretary so that your support can be recognized in the minutes and newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

As a reminder, our next club meeting is April 26th, 2011, in the Gibson Room, on the second floor at the top of the stairs in the new Edithvale Community Centre building.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the North York Coin Club,

It was such a nice surprise to be given the certificate recognizing my twenty-five years of membership in the North York Coin Club. Over the past quarter century of membership, I have made many new friends and viewed many fine numismatic programs.

It's truly an honour to be associated with such a fine organization.

Thank you very, very much.

*Marvin Kay M.D.
NYCC #400
(And now LM #30)*



End of the line for the large cent



...and start of the small cent



Intoduction of today's familiar design

A Member's Letter:

Dear North York Coin Club,

I have a problem and I am asking for your help to find a solution. Permit me to explain.

Back in 1981, I celebrated my 25th wedding anniversary. To mark the occasion, I gathered together a collection of coins and banknotes with the denomination 25. This was an easy task because just about every country around the world has a coin or banknote with a '25.' Included in this album was our venerable Canadian shinplaster as well as the 25-dollar note with King George and Queen Mary.

Five years later, in 1986, I assembled a collection with a '30.' This was not so easy but I managed to find tokens and woods with a number 30.

For my thirty-fifth anniversary, I assembled a collection of 35s. This included a note commemorating the 35th anniversary of the NYCC, plus a 35 kyat banknote from Burma. I also received a photo of a 35-dollar coin from the mythical Republic of Minerva.

In 1996 I began to have difficulties. But with perseverance, I acquired some notgeld with a 40. And a collector of ancients gave me an old Byzantine coin with the letter 'M,' which is equivalent to 40 in that ancient culture. A wooden money collector gave me five wooden nickels, because eight time five equals forty. (get it?).

Forty-five was not as difficult as I thought it would be. Imaginative collectors sent me postage stamps with a '45.' One fellow sent me one of those little 45rpm records. But I did acquire some '45' numismatic items,

including a 45th anniversary medal of the Canadian Numismatic Association, a 45-piastre silver coin from Cyprus and a Canadian Tire coupon for 45 cents.

Marking our 50th anniversary in 2006 was not much of a challenge at all because so many countries have a 50 coin or a 50 banknote.

Later this year my wife and I will be celebrating our 55th wedding anniversary. Herein lies my problem. I have scoured the Krause catalogues, among others, and I have been unable to find a coin or banknote with a 55. Does such a denomination exist?

I am turning to you, my fellow collectors, for help. Is anyone aware of a coin, a token, a banknote, a wood, or any type of money with a 55?

Marvin Kay M.D.

COMING EVENTS FOR SPRING / SUMMER 2011

APRIL 23, Brampton, Brampton Coin Show, Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Rd. E. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission: \$3, under 14 free. *Buy, sell, trade and appraise at more than 40 tables of dealers, featuring coins, medals, tokens, paper money, trade dollars, militaria. Children's table. Free parking. Funds raised for Children's Charities.* For more information, contact B&W Coins & Tokens, Willard Burton, telephone 905-450-2870, email b_and_w@sympatico.ca.

MAY 1, Windsor, Spring Show, Caboto Club, 2175 Parent Ave. Admission \$1, juniors free, includes hourly door prize draw and grand prize. Plenty of free parking. For more information, contact M. Clarke, telephone 519-735-0727, email mclarke@wincom.com. Website: <http://www.windsorcoinclub.com>.

MAY 7, Peterborough, Peterborough Coin Club Show, Portage Place, 1154 Chemong Rd. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information contact Colin Caldwell, telephone 705-742-0114, or Don Hurl, telephone 705-652-0072.

JUNE 12, Brantford, Brantford Numismatic Society 50th Annual Coin Show, Woodman Community Centre, 491 Grey St. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Free admission and parking, 35 dealers at 66 tables, member assistance for dealer unloading and parking. Display of*

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 49TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
MAY 13 - 15, London, Four Points by Sheraton, 1150 Wellington Road South N6E 1M3. Fri., 2 p.m. set-up, bourse open to registrants at 4 p.m.; bourse open to public 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sat. and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sun.; 56 bourse tables, daily admission \$3; *Jeffrey Hoare Auctions is operating a numismatic auction Fri. May 13 at 6 p.m.* Sponsors: Ontario Numismatic Association and Ingersoll Coin Club celebrating its 50th anniversary. For more information contact Tom Rogers telephone 519-451-2316, e-mail trogers@sympatico.ca for bourse tables. Website: <http://www.ontario-numismatic.org>.



Canadian coins, paper money, tokens, trade dollars, CTC coupons. For more information contact Brantford Numismatic Society, PO Box 28071, North Park Plaza, Brantford, ON N3R 2S2, or Ed Anstett, telephone 519-759-3688, email edanstett@rogers.com.

JUNE 25 - 26, Toronto, Torex - Canada's National Coin Show, Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel, 5875 Airport Rd. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$6. Under 16 Free! *Official Auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company. The Hilton hotel is located directly across from Toronto's Pearson International Airport.* For more information, please call 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

JULY 13 - 17, Windsor, RCNA Convention, St. Clair Centre for the Arts, Canadian Club Room, 201 Riverside Dr. W. Thursday educational symposium and bourse set up. Fri. and Sat. bourse open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Sun. bourse open 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Admission \$5, juniors free, includes pass for re-entry Sunday. Official auctioneer The Canadian Numismatic Company. For more information, contact M. Clarke, treasurer, telephone 519-735-0727, email mclarke@wincom.com; or Brett Irick, chairman, telephone 313-207-3562, email xr7gt@progidy.net. Website: <http://www.canadian-numismatic.org>, www.windsorcoinclub.com.

Listings are courtesy of Canadian Coin News Coming Events

ROYAL CANADIAN MINT LAUNCHES ROYAL-THEMED COINS



What is the correct plural term for press releases? A *torrent*, a *flood* and *deluge* are all more appropriate to describing water... what about a *hype* of press releases? What ever you may wish to call them, there have been a few Royal-Themed press releases appear recently, with more soon to follow, and they all surely come as a delight to royal-watchers.

The Royal Canadian Mint is celebrating Canada's 144 year-old royal heritage with a trio of ultra-high relief, sterling silver coins featuring Princes William, Harry and Charles. The first two coins of this limited-edition sterling silver series, featuring Prince William and Prince Harry (Henry), became available to the public on March 15, 2011.

Each is limited to 10,000 specimens. The coins featuring contemporary portraits of Princes William, Harry and a future coin for Charles were all designed by Canadian artist Laurie McGaw, with the approval of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Already unique for having royal effigies on both their sides, these coins have a spectacular medallion quality imparted by their quadruple-struck, ultra-high relief.

On April 6, 2011 the Royal Canadian Mint hosted His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada to unveil two beautifully designed collector

coins honouring the wedding of HRH Prince William and Miss Catherine Middleton. Royal watchers and collectors can purchase a \$20 pure silver coin featuring sapphire-coloured crystal enhancement symbolizing the world-renowned 18-carat sapphire engagement ring which Prince William presented to his fiancée last October. A coloured 25-cent nickel plated steel coin vividly depicting a photograph of the happy couple is also now available.

The coin featuring Prince Charles will be released in September, 2011 and more "royal-themed" coins are in store as Canada awaits the visit of Prince William and his new bride in July 2011 and as Canadians countdown to the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in early 2012. Royal-watchers and collectors are invited to register at <http://www.mint.ca/royal> for updates on the many coins to be offered in the Mint's upcoming "royal" collection.

"Royal themes have always been very popular on Royal Canadian Mint coins and ultra-high relief portraits of the immediate successors to Queen Elizabeth II on the Mint's newest silver collector coins are an excellent way to support this tradition," said Ian E. Bennett, President and CEO of the Royal Canadian Mint. "As Canada counts down to the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's reign and the wedding of Prince William, the Mint is pleased to offer these keepsakes to Canadians, royal watchers and collectors everywhere."



AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY INTRODUCES MANTIS

In a press release of April 10, 2011 American Numismatic Society Director Ute Wartenberg Kagan unveiled the new interactive ANS collection search tool, MANTIS (<http://numismatics.org/search>). MANTIS (Mantis: A Numismatic Technologies Integration Service) provides access to all 600,000 records for objects in the ANS collection, through a series of new, easy-to-use search screens.

The new search tool is an open source implementation of several applications used in the Library, Archive, and Museum communities, including Apache Solr for faceted searching. The tool enables users to interact with the ANS collection through keyword searches or by browsing and sorting on numerous categorical and physical attributes common to numismatics. This search tool connects individual objects together by these searchable attributes, allowing users to seamlessly navigate from one object to its relations.

ANS Director Wartenberg explains, “The collections database is the work of a generation of expert cataloguers, and was

originally designed to allow curatorial staff to manage the massive holdings of the Society. MANTIS marks a huge leap forward in making this work available to the general public in a way that is easy to understand for specialist and non specialist alike. Together with DONUM, our bibliographic search tool, the release of MANTIS places the ANS at the forefront of numismatic research on the World Wide Web.”

The Database breaks down into 11 Departments, which can be searched as a whole or individually. Approximate totals for each department are as follows:

Greek	100,000
Roman	80,000
Byzantine	15,000
Islamic	60,000
East Asian	45,000
South Asian	50,000
Medieval	50,000
Modern	100,000
United States	25,000
Latin America	20,000
Medals and Decorations	50,000



Ute Wartenberg Kagan

Traditional searches by mint person, date and numismatic categories are catered for, and supplemented with a new map interface. This latter feature, still under development, will eventually allow the user to find coins, medals and banknotes issues around the world by clicking on points on a map.

“The release of the new research tool is an exciting development, not just for the access it provides to our remarkable collection,” notes ANS Deputy Director Andrew Meadows. “It also harnesses an ANS initiative to create stable identities for numismatic concepts on the World Wide Web through the nomisma.org project. This is most visible at the moment in the mapping functions that we offer, but will ultimately extend to the creation of other exciting new tools.”

The design of MANTIS is the work of ANS Web Developer Ethan Gruber, working in close collaboration with ANS Research Scientist Sebastian Heath. Gruber is a Web and Database Developer for the American Numismatic Society and a part-time student taking graduate courses in the Classical Art and Archaeology Department at the University of Virginia. He comments, “I adapt technology to my academic interests, including the curation of digital representations of artifacts, and have written a few papers on the cataloguing and dissemination of Roman and Greek coins online. Besides working on the new collection interface for

American Numismatic Society Collection Database

The ANS collections database contains information on more than 600,000 objects in the Society’s collections. These include, coins, paper money, tokens, ‘primitive’ money, medals and decorations, from all parts of the world, and all periods in which such objects have been produced. [Show search instructions.](#)

Click an image below to search a department.

			
Greek	Roman	Byzantine	Islamic
			
East Asian	South Asian	Medieval	Modern
			
United States	Latin American	Medals And Decorations	

ANS UNVEILS MANTIS CONTINUED...



the ANS, I am engaged with several 3D visualization projects. I have worked on models of the House of the Faun in Pompeii, House of the Drinking Contest and House of the Boat of Psyche near Antioch, and IATH's Rome Reborn, as well as 3D modeller for the Pompeii Forum Project.

Sebastian Heath explains: "The new ANS database is now positioned to become a tool for expressing all the links inherent in each individual coin. We can already see this in the powerful mapping function. Even at this early stage of development users can browse the Greek and Roman departments by geography, with an expanding set of

North American mints also coming available. It's already possible to make maps of similar coins, such as those showing Greek and Roman deities, and this functionality will become available for more coins as Ethan Gruber continues his work. The database also supports a variety of export formats that will encourage exploration of the links between numismatics and other disciplines. Underlying much of our work is a technical approach called 'Linked Open Data.' As the humanities increasingly embrace digital tools, researchers of all stripes can be confident that the ANS is bringing exceptional resources into their domains." About The ANS

The American Numismatic Society is an organization dedicated to the study of coins, currency, medals, tokens, and related objects from all cultures, past and present. The Society's headquarters in New York City has the foremost research collection and library specialized in numismatics in the United States. These resources are used to support research and education in numismatics, for the benefit of academic specialists, serious collectors, professional numismatists, and the interested public.

The American Numismatic Society, organized in 1858 and incorporated in 1865 in New York State, operates as a research museum under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is recognized as a publicly supported organization under section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) as confirmed on November 1, 1970. For more information, visit <http://www.numismatics.org>.



Ethan Gruber



Sebastian Heath

THE NUMISMATIST OF 1911 COMMENTS ON THE POPULAR PRESS AND NUMISMATICS

The ignorance displayed by the average metropolitan press concerning numismatic matters amuses us. Blunders in relation to values and definitions continually appear, and in some instances even historical facts are perverted. As soon as one mendacious statement is corrected it is promptly succeeded by another, and during the last three or four months we have observed several of these instructive (?) items. One newspaper seriously asserts that a Jewish coin minted approximately eight centuries before the

Christian era and known as the "Syracuse Medal" was found in a mound-builder's cave in Ohio. Another journal gravely informs us that a coal miner in Missouri is the fortunate possessor of an English five guinea gold piece dated 1691, which is valued at over three thousand dollars, as only two coins of this denomination and date are known to be in existence! But the climax is reached in a dispatch from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, which informs the public that two more 1804 dollars were discovered in settling up some old estate

in that town, and of course the old story is revived of the vessel that sailed for a Mediterranean port (or was it Senegambia?) with almost this entire coinage on board and its subsequent loss at sea.

Gentlemen of the Fourth Estate, is it not about time for you to disinter the tale of the cent of some date which is so very valuable because some gold was accidentally mixed with the copper when in melted condition and the error not discovered until the coins had passed into circulation?

ROYAL CANADIAN MINT CRAFTS THE RICK HANSEN MEDAL

RCM IS OFFICIAL SUPPLIER OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY MAN IN MOTION WORLD TOUR

The Royal Canadian Mint has been selected to craft the sterling silver Rick Hansen Medal. The medal is a part of the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Man In Motion World Tour. The medal was unveiled on April 5 2011 by Rick Hansen at a ceremony hosted by Rick Hansen Secondary School in Mississauga, Ontario. This unique example of medallion art and engineering will travel to China, the United States and Canada as it is carried by medal bearers walking, running or wheeling through the anniversary relay commemorating Rick Hansen's historic achievement and inspiring others to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

"The art of medal making has been a distinguished tradition of the Royal Canadian Mint for over 80 years and its employees have once again applied their craftsmanship and engineering talents to creating the Rick Hansen Medal in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Man In Motion World Tour," said James B. Love, Chair of the Royal Canadian Mint Board of Directors. "Rick Hansen has inspired millions in the 25 years since his historic journey and we are honoured to commemorate his legacy by crafting the Rick Hansen Medal, as well as supplying the participant medals to be awarded to up to 7,000 relay Medal-Bearers."

"As the Relay will connect the country from coast to coast, the Rick Hansen Medal will be the symbol which links each participant to the next. We are extremely grateful to the Royal Canadian Mint for their beautiful design and world-class craftsmanship," said Rick Hansen, President and CEO of the Rick Hansen Foundation. "I believe every difference maker across the nation will be proud to walk, run, or wheel in the 25th Anniversary Relay with the Rick Hansen Medal around their neck."

The Rick Hansen Medal

The Royal Canadian Mint applied its medal manufacturing and engineering skills to the crafting of the Rick Hansen Medal. This historic medal hails from the Royal Canadian Mint's Ottawa, Ontario facility, which has also crafted medals for Canadian Forces, the RCMP and the Vancouver 2010 Winter Games.

Senior Engraver Susan Taylor and a team of Mint engineers accepted the challenge of

turning Rick Hansen's latest vision into reality. The result is a medal steeped in the imagery of a great Canadian achievement brought to life through skill and innovation.

Composed of sterling silver (92.5% silver and 7.5% copper), it measures 85 mm in diameter and weighs 400 grams. The Participant

Medals, to be awarded to up to 7,000 Medal-Bearers who will walk, run or wheel through the anniversary relay, will be composed of base metal and will feature a reduced diameter reproduction of the Rick Hansen Medal design.

Beginning on August 24, 2011 in Cape Spear, Newfoundland and Labrador, the Rick Hansen 25th Anniversary 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. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.RickHansenRelay.com>.

The design of the obverse of the medal consists of a series uniquely textured ribbons intersecting each other, implying motion, excitement and celebration. The bilingual motto of the 25th Anniversary: "MANY IN MOTION—UNIS EN MOUVEMENT" is engraved on one ribbon curving in a circular pattern.

This feature is surrounded by three other interlaced ribbons textured with raised dots of varying diameters, symbolizing the long trails of the Man in Motion World Tour and the waves of energy and inspiration Rick Hansen left in his wake. The patterns of raised dots represent the many who have been inspired by Rick and his story and the many more who will be motivated to make a difference over the course of the 25th Anniversary Relay.

Hinting at the opening of possibilities when obstacles are overcome, parts of these bands extend beyond the circumference of the medal. On the bottom left quarter are boldly engraved the words: "25 Years—Rick Hansen" in bilingual format.

Engraved along the plain edge of the medal are the compelling words "Anything is Possible—Tout est possible."

The reverse of the medal features mirror images of the motion ribbons found on its obverse. The forward angle of these ribbons evokes the journey ahead, as Rick Hansen and the many in motion continue to pursue their goals. The reverse design is completed by the official logo of the 25th Anniversary Man in Motion World Tour, which shows the enduring and inspiring silhouette of Rick Hansen on the original Man in Motion World Tour.

