

#### The Canadian Paraplegic Association NS Newsletter

July / August 2025

#### Canadian Paraplegic Association Nova Scotia Events

# **CPANS Peer Support Group** July 7 & 21 | 6 PM | Zoom

August 4 & 18 | 6 PM | Zoom

Whether you've been actively involved with CPANS or haven't been engaged for a while, you're always welcome to join! Please reach out to Chris Rice for details.

Contact: crice@sci-ns.ca

#### Family/Caregiver Support Group July 14 | 6 PM | Zoom August 11 | 6 PM | Zoom

This group provides a welcoming space for caregivers to connect, share experiences openly, and gain practical insights. Topics will cover a range of needs.

Contact: crice@sci-ns.ca

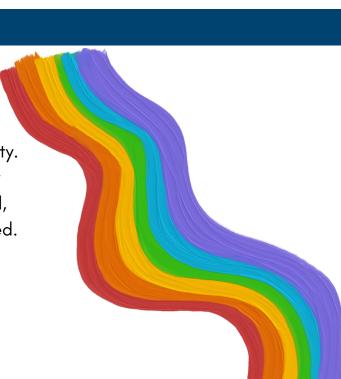


### **Community and Other Events**

#### Pride Across Nova Scotia

Pride events are happening all summer across the province—celebrating inclusion, identity, and community. Many offer accessible spaces and disability-friendly programming. From Halifax to the Valley and beyond, there's a place for everyone to feel seen and supported. Check local listings for events near you!

> Halifax Pride Festival — July 14-24 Pride Cape Breton — August 5-11 South Shore Pride — August 14-20



# Ride the Wave with Life Rolls On

Life Rolls On is an award-winning event dedicated to adaptive surfing. By removing the barriers to the beach, LRO allows individuals with mobility disabilities to catch some waves with the help of supportive volunteers.

> Where: Martinique Beach, East Petpeswick Register: **HERE**

> > Learn more: **HERE**

When: Saturday, August 16, 2025

## Whether you're a creator ready to share your work or a

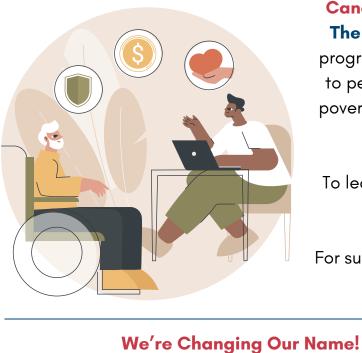
**Art of Disability Festival** 

community member excited to explore local talent, the Art of Disability Festival offers a vibrant space to connect and be inspired. With visual art, crafts, and more, it's a celebration of creativity and diverse artistic voices. This event is free and open to all!

Location: Pier 21 (2nd Floor) 1055 Marginal Rd, Halifax **Time:** 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM **Learn More: HERE** 

Date: Saturday, August 9, 2025





# The Canada Disability Benefit (CDB) is a new federal

Canada Disability Benefit - First Payments July 2025

program that will provide direct monthly financial support to people with disabilities aged 18-64, aiming to reduce poverty and improve financial security. First payments are expected in July 2025.

To learn more about eligibility and how to apply, visit the

For support or questions, contact **Deanna** at dpalmerescins.ca

Government of Canada website: HERE

The Canadian Paraplegic Association of Nova Scotia is becoming Spinal Cord Injury Nova Scotia. This new name better reflects the people we serve and the diversity of lived experiences within our community. While the full transition will take some time, you'll start to see changes soon. Stay tuned!

