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Man in Motion 25th Anniversary Celebration
March 19 – April 6

It became more than he ever dreamed possible. In March 1985, Rick Hansen and his team set off from Vancouver's Oakridge Mall to do something nobody else had ever done: wheelchair around the world. Over the next 26 months, he wheeled through 34 countries on four continents. While many would be satisfied with just this achievement, Rick took his personal challenge to the world. He shared his personal belief that "anything is possible" with men and women with spinal injuries who needed a role model. His dream challenged how we saw people in a wheelchair.

The Nanaimo Museum will be celebrating the *Wheels in Motion* tour with an exhibit that opens on Friday, March 19. Developed with the support of the local *Man in Motion* organizer Robin-Lee Gibson, the exhibit will trace Rick's route around the globe. It will also look at the tour's legacy and how Rick's dream is still encouraging those with spinal injuries to achieve their goals.

The museum is open from 10 am to 5 pm Tuesday to Saturday and is located at 100 Museum Way in the Vancouver Island Conference Centre. For more information call 250-753-1821 or visit www.nanaimomuseum.ca.

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Photo caption: Twenty six months after leaving Vancouver, Rick breaks the tape celebrating his around the world journey to raise awareness for spinal cord injuries. Photo: Tim Pelling

