



CFPDP Announces 2022 Inductees to Canadian Disability Hall of Fame

TORONTO, ON – June 23, 2022 – The [Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons](#) (CFPDP) is pleased to announce the 2022 inductees for the [Canadian Disability Hall of Fame](#). **Josh Dueck**, a two-time Paralympian and influential leader of sport, **Lorin MacDonald**, a passionate human rights lawyer and disability advocate, and **Greg Westlake**, one of the world’s best Para ice hockey players, were chosen by an esteemed Selection Committee from a group of highly accomplished nominees. They join a prominent group of [120 past inductees](#) honoured over almost three decades. The official ceremony will take place on Oct. 20, 2022 during the 29th Annual Canadian Disability Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon presented by CIBC at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

Inductees to the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame are recognized for significantly enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities through their exceptional professional and personal achievements. They have also played a vital role as champions in their communities, across Canada and around the world.

2022 Inductees



Josh Dueck



Lorin MacDonald



Greg Westlake

Josh Dueck (Achiever): Josh Dueck is a two-time Paralympian and influential leader of sport. He began Para alpine skiing just one year after a 2004 accident on the slopes changed his life. Dueck won silver in the men’s sitting slalom race during his Paralympic debut at Vancouver 2010. At Sochi 2014, he won his second Paralympic silver, this time in the downhill. Days later, Dueck took gold in the super combined and was named flagbearer for the closing ceremonies. He also had repeated success on the World Cup circuit and multiple world championships podium finishes. Since his retirement, Dueck has continued advancing the Paralympic movement, including leading the 2022 Canadian Paralympic Team to Beijing

as Chef de Mission. He is an ambassador for several organizations and a mentor to others who have had life-altering injuries.

Lorin MacDonald (Builder): Lorin MacDonald is a passionate human rights lawyer and disability advocate, widely respected for her unwavering commitment to public awareness and positive change. MacDonald was the lead organizer of a forum encouraging Ontario's government to enact stronger disability legislation. The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) was introduced six weeks later and became law in June 2005. Also passionate about communications inclusion, she created HearVue, a social enterprise educating about the benefits of captioning at live and virtual events. Since that time, MacDonald has shown that captioning helps diverse audiences while introducing it at universities, Superior Courts and social justice tribunals. Thanks to her efforts, live theatre captioning is now standard at several Ontario venues. MacDonald has also been a volunteer for many organizations since her teens.

Greg Westlake (Athlete): Greg Westlake is an outstanding athlete and one of the world's best Para ice hockey players. Now retired, he represented Canada proudly over an impressive career spanning a decade and a half. Westlake won gold during his Paralympic debut in 2006, then added silver and bronze medals in subsequent Games. He was captain of Canada's Para ice hockey team (2010-2019) and a flagbearer for the opening ceremonies at Beijing 2022. Westlake is also a nine-time world championship team member with three world titles. Off the ice, he is a dedicated leader, role model and volunteer. Westlake gives back as a Board member of Canadian Sport Institute Ontario, representative of the Hockey Canada Foundation Assist Fund, spokesperson for Jumpstart's "Play Finds a Way" project and mentor to children with a similar disability.

"Each of our 2022 inductees has demonstrated outstanding commitment, incredible passion and an extraordinary overall impact on improving the lives of people with disabilities," said **Honourable David Crombie, Chair, Canadian Disability Hall of Fame**. "Once again this year, our Selection Committee faced a difficult challenge to name a single inductee in each category because of the impressive quality of the candidate pool. We congratulate each inductee and nominee for their personal and professional excellence."

The Canadian Disability Hall of Fame is the only place in Canada to permanently recognize people who live with disabilities and those who help enrich their lives. Founded by CFPDP, this public exhibit was officially opened on February 11, 1994 at Metro Hall in Toronto. It is open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Canadian Disability Hall of Fame at Metro Hall

“We are excited to be returning to an in-person celebration as we continue CFPDP’s annual tradition of inducting highly accomplished honorees into the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame,” said **Honourable Vim Kochhar, Founding Chair of CFPDP**. “Each person in this remarkable group is helping to make Canada the greatest country in the world for people with disabilities.”

Inductees from 2021 and 2020 will also be celebrated at the 29th Annual Canadian Disability Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon as the global pandemic prevented CFPDP from holding live induction ceremonies.

About the Canadian Disability Hall of Fame:

The Canadian Disability Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding achievement in volunteerism, the arts, sports, rehabilitation, science and medical research, advocacy and public policy. Founded by the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons in 1994, it is located at Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto and at the Japanese Cultural Centre at 6 Garamond Court, second floor, Toronto. It is the only place in Canada that permanently honours the achievements of people with disabilities and those who enrich their lives.

About the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons:

Founded in 1984, the goal of the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons (CFPDP) is to consistently seek to put the emphasis on a person's abilities — rather than disabilities — and to recognize and celebrate their achievements and contributions to society. Since then, CFPDP has founded dozens of important projects and events, raising over \$35 million to support them and other initiatives. Learn more at <https://www.cfpdp.com/>.

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