

AADL

The Honourable Mary Anne Jablonski is Minister of Seniors and Community Supports in Alberta (a four time elected member of the Conservative Party). The AADL program is under her portfolio and the web site is:

www.seniors.gov.ab.ca

The Ministry consists of three divisions:

1. [Seniors Services](#)
2. [Disability Supports \(AISH and AADL\)](#)
3. [Community Support Programs and Strategic Planning](#)

The C5 order form used in Alberta has been sent to the dealers in that province and has the 01/01/08 date on it; email us for a copy!

Alberta Trip

The recent Alberta Trip gave us an opportunity to catch up with folks we had not seen in their stores for some time and we were able to update everyone in Edmonton, Calgary, and Red Deer on the product line. We will be following up with a visit to the seating clinics later in the year and touching base once again with some of the other major communities in the province.

We are pleased that the Ki Mobility Catalyst 5 has been approved and listed on the Alberta Aids to Daily Living (AADL) approved products list (APL) as a Category B product. We hope to see this chair do a great job for end users in Alberta and look forward to doing the best job possible in meeting their needs, the needs of the dealer network, the prescribing authorities, and the AADL Program. We take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for all those involved in the AADL process and single out Muriel Roggensack, Program Manager for hanging in there with our questions and concerns as we grow with the program and ensure we are doing our part for the end user.



In addition, Albertans can now enjoy the benefit of both the Evolution® and Evolution Wave® cushions (standard and PSV valves) from **VARILITE®**; pages 61 and 62 of the "V" APL have now been updated to include usage Outcomes for these products as follows:

Posture Stability (HIGH), Pressure Relief (HIGH), Pressure Reduction (HIGH)

We will continue to work with the program for inclusion of all the great products manufactured by Cascade Designs through their medical division – VARILITE® !

The AADL Program is one part of the Disability Supports Division of the Ministry noted on the left which is responsible for:

- The [Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped \(AISH\)](#) program, which provides financial assistance to more than 36,000 adult Albertans who have a permanent disability.
- Administering the [Alberta Aids to Daily Living](#) program, which provides equipment and supplies for nearly 80,000 Albertans with a long-term disability, chronic illness or terminal illness. The program also provides grants for low-to-moderate income Albertans who use wheelchairs to make temporary or permanent modifications that increase mobility into and within their home.

The Disability Supports Division provides other funding and services to Albertans including premium free health care insurance and support to the [Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities](#).

Spinergy New Colors

Ryan Webb with Spinergy has noted that they now have some new colors to provide more choice for users of their products. There will be a public announcement soon regarding the availability of green, pink and orange spokes on their LX & SLX wheels which includes the FlexRims™



Sponsorship

We have grown up in wheelchair sports and have respect and admiration for all those doing so much for sport and active living for people with a disability. Our latest pay back is to be a primary sponsor of the Americas Cup.

Thank you RGK, VARILITE®, KENDA, Spinergy, and Ki Mobility for helping to make this possible.



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Ki Mobility Catalyst Passes WC19



The following article was written by Laurie Watanabe of Mobility Management and published in the May issue of that magazine.

Ki Mobility's Catalyst line of manual wheelchairs with the manufacturer's new transit option has passed ANSI/RESNA WC19 crash testing for wheelchairs used as seating in motor vehicles.

Noting the need for the transit option, Doug Munsey, founder of Ki Mobility, said, "The safe transport of individuals who are not able to transfer out of their wheelchair is of increasing concern to our suppliers, families, clinicians, school districts and funding agencies across the country."

Munsey added that retrofit kits for existing Catalyst chairs are available. The transit option can also be installed at the factory (Front view on the left and rear view on the right). For more information visit www.kimobility.ca.



Recent Questions and Answers

KENDA Tires and Tubes Q: What materials are used for inflated tires and airfree inner tubes? A: Tires and tubes are made from our exclusively blended polymer Endurothane II™ with a fine micro-cellular structure - light as a feather - tougher than nails.

Spinergy FlexRims™ Q: What material is used between the wheel and the push rim on your FlexRims™ A: The bonded material on the FlexRims™ is **non-latex urethane**.

VARILITE® Cushions Q: Is the cushion and cover fabric waterproof? A: Incontinence covers are available on **VARILITE®** seat cushions, meaning fluid will not penetrate the cushion cover and will wick away from the user. In addition, the cushion itself is waterproof.

Ki Mobility Q: Is the Tsunami in production now? The Tsunami is an adjustable rigid chair now available in titanium or aluminum from Ki Mobility; it is a high performing, ultra-lightweight chair. Order forms are available by calling 866-827-4548 and will be on-line shortly at www.kimobility.ca.

RGK Q: Can we order the Hi-Lite and Maxima in inches? Yes. Whatever unit of measure you feel comfortable with is fine with us. Please note that there is a conversion calculator on the web site if required.

Bits and Bytes

- Canadian Women host Germany, Netherlands, Australia in Ottawa 07/23 – 08/02;
- Canadian Men at the America's Cup Richmond Oval August 23-30, 2009;
- All information on the NSO's new site at www.wheelchairbasketball.ca ;
- European Seating Symposium Dublin, Ireland September 14 – 17, 2009;
- OT Atlantique 2009 in Saint John Trade and Convention Center, NB October 21;
- Prairie Seating Workshop and Show Winnipeg, MB November 5 – 6, 2009.

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If you have something that you think we should be expounding on, please contact the editor, Reg McClellan.