



## ***Wheel-E***

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“Being a Paralympian is not about overcoming obstacles. It’s about seeking obstacles, chasing them, tackling them, and getting tackled by them. It’s that process that keeps us alive and strong.”

**Danielle Peers** (World Champion Paralympic Wheelchair Basketball Athlete)

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**Edmonton Odyssey Peer Event**

Topic: Glorious Gadgets!  
Date: April 4<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 7-9pm  
Location: Glenrose Unit 3B, Patient Dining Room

Schedule is subject to change. For more information call Ross Norton at (780) 424-6312 or 1-888-654-5444 or email: [ross.norton@cpa-ab.org](mailto:ross.norton@cpa-ab.org)

CPA welcomes your participation and suggestions.

**On Site Placement Services Association**

Summer job placement program for returning POST SECONDARY students with DISABILITIES

For more information contact OSP at 780-488-8122  
Or via email at [donnaa@osp.ab.ca](mailto:donnaa@osp.ab.ca)

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Contact OSP today we look forward to meeting you

## **Taking the Wheel: Transition Planning From Adolescence to Adulthood for Individuals with Disabilities**

**Thursday and Friday**

**May 3 & 4, 2007**

Fantasyland Hotel Conference Centre

17700 - 87 Avenue

Edmonton, AB T5T 4V4

### Conference Highlights

The process of transition to adulthood is both important and challenging for adolescents/young adults and their families. This becomes even more significant when a disability is present. Join us for an exciting and information- packed conference as keynote speakers **Norman Kunc** and **Emma Van der Klift** show us how young adults can prepare to take the wheel and how caregivers can prepare to take the back seat.

A highlight of the conference will be the **Resource Fair** featuring a number of agencies, both provincial and local, that are involved in helping young adults and caregivers during transition.

### Who should Attend

This conference is designed for youths and their caregivers who are beginning, or are in the midst of transitioning. Service providers and health professionals involved in the transitioning process are also encouraged to attend.

Please contact Joy Lim for more information.

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## **Advisory Board on Services for Persons with Disability (ABSPD)**

Edmontonians with special needs have an advocate in the Advisory Board on Services for Persons with Disabilities (ABSPD).

The ABSPD:

- Facilitates changes in City policy and practice
- Provides advice to Council and City departments on disability issues
- Refers Edmontonians to organizations that will address their specific needs
- Promotes accessible transit and audible traffic signals
- Provides consultation on new construction and retrofitting
- Increases public awareness, gathers and disseminates information

[More info](#)

### **Red Carpet Affair – Huge success!**

With 500 people looking on and a well deserved standing ovation, **Rick Hansen** received the Christopher Reeve Award from the Canadian Paraplegic Association (Alberta) for his outstanding contribution to the global village of persons with spinal cord injury or other physical disabilities. This was one of six awards presented at this year's Red Carpet Affair. The annual CPA Alberta gala was held on March 8 at the Shaw Conference Centre in Edmonton.

This was the fourth and most successful gala event that CPA Alberta has held in Edmonton. Its purpose is to recognize organizations and individuals who have contributed to CPA Alberta and to the cause of spinal cord injury. It also raises profile and money for the province wide Association. Over \$60,000 was raised at the 2007 event.

Awards were also presented to: **Margaret Vanderwell**, (Ambassador Award for support in fund development); **Gary McPherson** (Honorable Lois Hole Community Development Award for significant contribution to the lives of people with disabilities); **Alberta Children's Hospital** in Calgary, (Percy Wickman Accessibility Award for a new or newly renovated facility that exceeds accessibility building code requirements); **The Dominion of Canada General Insurance Company**, (Corporate Leadership Award) and **Ewan Nelson**, (Lifetime Achievement Award. This award was given posthumously as Mr. Nelson passed away in January 2006.

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### **Calgary Odyssey Peer Event**

April 26<sup>th</sup> - Insurance for people with disabilities.

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### **Looking for employment?**

Often the City of Lethbridge has job postings on their website check out there website to see what the current [City of Lethbridge Jobs](#) are.

### **National Broadcast Reading Service: Job Posting**

The National Broadcast Reading Service Inc. (NBRS), a Canadian not-for-profit company, was established in 1989 to reduce media barriers faced by 4.5 million vision- and print-restricted Canadians. Its mission is to partner with others to provide services and products that help vision- and print-restricted Canadians reduce or overcome barriers to electronic and print information. NBRS has 2 core operating divisions: VoicePrint and AudioVision. VoicePrint is the world's largest reading service in terms of homes accessed, and AudioVision is Canada's preeminent audio and video description production centre. The NBRS team includes a Board of Directors, small but dedicated paid staff and more than 700 volunteers across the country, plus a growing membership base now exceeding 1000.

Title: VOICEPRINT PROGRAM/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Location: Lethbridge, Alberta

Reports to: Managing Director, VoicePrint

**Role:**

Manages and directs audio programs and volunteer activities for the Lethbridge office

Maintains web site presence for each LBC the hub serves

Keeps updated records for each location

Over sees operational details for each LBC site

Expands awareness of VoicePrint services in each area

Contribute to organization fundraising activities

Please email [eliza.walters@cpa-ab.org](mailto:eliza.walters@cpa-ab.org) for a more detailed job description and for information on how to apply.

**The Classic Country Show**

The Royal Canadian Legion is a proud supporter of the CPA. On May 12, 2007 they will be hosting THE CLASSIC COUNTRY SHOW. The doors will open at 7:00pm and the show will begin at 8:00 pm.

Please purchase your tickets early as they are reserved seating only. The price is \$20.00 per person RESERVED SEATING ONLY and can be purchased at The Royal Canadian Legion, General Stewart Branch No. 4, 324 Mayor Magrath Dr S, Lethbridge Alberta

You can find out more by visiting their website [www.lethbridgelegion4.com](http://www.lethbridgelegion4.com)

Hope to see you there.

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**Accessibility in Red Deer**

At the end of February, Marlin Styner, Community Development Coordinator in Red Deer for CPA did a presentation to the city's Municipal Planning Committee with regard to accessibility at retail parks, that are home to big box retailers & walking malls. These areas are not known to be pedestrian friendly, and in fact can be quite dangerous for people in wheelchairs to get around because of the lack of curb cuts & barrier free paths of travel. The presentation highlighted a

number of difficult areas, including lack of an accessible pathway from the bus stop into the retail parks, poor placement or lack of curb cuts and cross-walks, obstacles on sidewalks, & poor accessible parking & signage.

The presentation was well received by the Municipal Planning Committee, and the city is looking into changing its land use bylaws to hold developers to account with regard to accessibility.

This presentation was specific to Red Deer, but the challenges of accessibility are faced by people with disabilities throughout this province. If you would like Marlin to come do a similar presentation in your area, contact the Red Deer office of the CPA at 403-341-5060.

### **The CPA Red Deer Golf Classic**

The CPA Red Deer Golf Classic is pleased to introduce our new Presenting Sponsor -- The Scottsville Group. The Scottsville Group of companies are: Kipp Scott Pontiac Buick GMC Ltd., Gord Scott Nissan, Scott KIA, Scott Qwiklube, Scott Qwikwash, & Alberta's Best Mortgage. This year's Golf Classic will take place on Friday, Aug. 17, at River Bend Golf Course in Red Deer, and will once again have our very popular par 3 format, with 18 vehicles on the course as hole-in-one prizes. There will also be thousands dollars in prizes to be given away along with the banquet and live & silent auctions. For information contact Marlin or Paulette in the Red Deer CPA office at 403-341-5060.

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## **Local resident of Grande Prairie wins the 2006 Council of Canadians with Disabilities Awards**

The Alberta Committee of Citizens with Disabilities has announced Travis McNally of Grande Prairie, AB, as the 2006 Council of Canadians with Disabilities Award for his “dedication and integrity in the continuing pursuit of full participation in society by people with disabilities in Alberta”.

The award is open to any individual who lives in Alberta who shows outstanding commitment to improving the lives of persons with disabilities by promoting ACCD's 3 Guiding Principles:  
Full Participation, Accessibility, and Equity.

Travis McNally was born in Grande Prairie and raised in Sexsmith, AB. Travis now lives in an accessible and affordable housing in Grande Prairie.

Travis states his dream was to become a professional jockey. His professional career started in 1978 in Regina. Travis McNally was a professional jockey. In 1983, Travis was injured in a horse racing accident. His neck was broken. Travis is a quadriplegic. His pet peeve since his accident has been to strive for more independence and challenge disability barriers. Over the years, this was his guiding light.

Travis is a member of the Grande Prairie Residential Society which was formed in 1986. Travis has been a Director for 18 years, 2 years as President and currently sits on the board as past president. As a Founder and a Director, Travis states his biggest challenge was to convince the government to provide independent community living vs hospital living with seniors. The government's why questions and his continuous answers did not deter him. Travis kept repeating there were no accessible and affordable housing for individuals with disabilities in wheelchairs in northern Alberta.

Travis achieved his goal through the Grande Prairie Residential Society's mandate which was to provide accessible, affordable housing for people with physical disabilities. Today in Grande Prairie, there are 5 duplexes, one 6 plexus and 16 accessible units at Margaret Edgson Manor for a total of 32 accessible units built and designed to accommodate individuals with disabilities.

Travis was instrumental in making changes in the community to increase the quality of life for persons with disabilities. Travis states “He has seen what having a permanent and affordable home can do for individuals to start a new life and to also get their lives back on track”.

His list of contributions to the community also includes:

- Member of the Community Advisory Board for 3 years
- PARTY Programs for 5 years
  - Grade 9 students in Beaver Lodge, High Prairie, Grande Prairie
- Director of Alberta Horse Race Association at Evergreen Park
- Chairperson of the Community Committee on Disability Issues

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## Odyssey Peer Programs & Events

### Edmonton – 2007 Odyssey Peer Events Calendar

#### 2007 TENTATIVE PEER EVENING SCHEDULE

Schedule is subject to change. For more information call Ross Norton at (780) 424-6312 or 1-888-654-5444 or email: [ross.norton@cpa-ab.org](mailto:ross.norton@cpa-ab.org)

**All events will be held from 7-9 pm, Glenrose Unit 3B, Patient Dining Room**

**PEER EVENING WILL NOW BE HELD ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

April 4<sup>th</sup> - Glorious Gadgets!

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Home Modifications

June 6<sup>th</sup> - Disabled Parking Update

July 4<sup>th</sup> - Summer Social **6-8:30 pm, Location TBA**

**NO MEETING IN AUGUST**

September 5<sup>th</sup> - Travel Tales

October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Caregiver Woes

November 7<sup>th</sup> - Battling the Bulge

December 5<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Social

**CPA welcomes your participation and suggestions.**

### Calgary - 2007 Odyssey Peer Events Calendar

Please note that Insurance, Orienteering and Sailing/Trail Riding have not yet been confirmed.

February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Disability Tax Credit.

March 29<sup>th</sup>

Dr. Denise Hill on Bladder Care.

April 26<sup>th</sup>

Insurance for people with disabilities.

May 24<sup>th</sup>

Craig Gillespie (Lawyer) Presentation to be determined.

June	Orienteering/BBQ
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Horse Races
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Chili Cook Off
July	Sailing & Trail Riding/BBQ
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	Family/Sports Day at Rotary Challenger Park.
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Car Rally
October 19 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Peer Conference & Trade Show.
November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Peer Christmas Dinner.

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## Items for Sale

### **Scooter For Sale**

All Proceeds Support the Ewen Nelson Memorial Graduate Student Scholarship

- Previously owned Shoprider Sovereign Scooter Model 888-3 (3x 10 inch Wheels)
- Scooter has been modified to decrease “dead slow” speed and increase fast speeds
- New carpet donated by Eco Medical Equipment
- \$800.00 obo (Approximate value \$1200)



If you are interested, please contact Suzanne French, Administrative Assistant

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A BIG THANK YOU TO JOEL COOPER FOR HIS GENEROUS DONATION!

### **Crank type Hospital Bed to give away**

Hello everybody, I have a crank type hospital bed to give away. It is being donated by Stan Hooper the gentleman who donated the porch lift to us last year. It is in his warehouse and he would like to move it as soon as possible. Please call me at your earliest convenience if you have a client that would be able to use this. Thanks Edgar.

Email Edgar at: [edgar.jackson@cpa-ab.org](mailto:edgar.jackson@cpa-ab.org) (780) 424-6312



### **VXI Parrott Headset**

The CPA (Alberta) Edmonton office has a VXI Parrott headset to give away (exact model unknown). This unit allows the user to complete hands-free voice activation functions on a pc as well connect to a telephone. If you are interested, please contact Ross Norton, Solutions Coordinator at (780) 424-6312 ext 2227.

### **Items needed**

Client looking to purchase/find:

- A pool cue with a roller ball
- Auto caster fishing rod
- Hand grips for weights

If you have any of these items or know where to get a hold of them, please contact Georgina Ball: [georgina.ball@cpa-ab.org](mailto:georgina.ball@cpa-ab.org) (780) 424-6312

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Sports



### **Hockey Alberta**

Are you a big hockey fan? Why not hit the ice and join the action. Check out the [Hockey Alberta website](#) for more details.



### **UK Four Cross Downhill Mountain Biking**

The primary reason for launching this club is to give anyone the opportunity to enjoy the thrills of 4-wheel off-road downhill mountain bike racing, promoting it as an integrated sport nationwide.

By raising awareness, we are looking to drum up a great deal of interest in this new activity, thereby creating a vibrant and inclusive MTB racing scene here in the UK. We are very enthusiastic about this project, and have already been in touch with various organizations, who have all reacted very positively to these new bespoke 4 wheel downhill bikes, the integrated racing scene and the club's ambitions.

We want to start a fully inclusive 'downhill racing community' here in the UK, to help us to spread the knowledge and different experiences of the various people involved. As our membership grows we hope to create enough interest to open a dialogue with the relevant organizations with a view to developing more accessible four cross friendly sites across the country.

Visit [www.roughriderz.co.uk/](http://www.roughriderz.co.uk/)

### **Calgary Repeats as Alberta Champions!**

The Calgary Wheelchair Curling League is proud that one of their competitive teams has again won the Alberta Wheelchair Curling Championship for the 2nd year in a row. The Team skipped by Bruno Yizek, third Jack Smart, Second Anne Hibberd, Lead Bridget Wilson, Alternate Bob Johns and Coach Ernie

Comerford won the championship round this weekend at the Garrison Curling Club.

Calgary had played in a round-robin competition with playoffs against two rival teams from Edmonton. After the round robin portion of the playoffs, the Yizek team was undefeated and the remaining teams were tied with a single win apiece. Team Calgary #2 had won the Team Skills Competition of draws to the button and were therefore awarded second place.

In the semi-finals both Calgary Teams soundly defeated their Edmonton rivals by scores of 9 to 1 and this resulted in both Calgary Teams playing for the Championship on Sunday afternoon.

In the final, the Yizek foursome won the exciting final match which was a great crowd pleaser. They will now prepare to represent the Alberta at the Canadian Championships in Ottawa on April 7 – 11th. Last year the team finished in third place and is looking to improve upon last year's placing.

For additional information please contact the Calgary Coordinator, Ernie Comerford at 403-236-3239 or via email at [enjcomerford@shaw.ca](mailto:enjcomerford@shaw.ca).

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## Creative Solutions

### **Standard Taxi - We Reinvented the Taxi!**

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[www.standardtaxi.com](http://www.standardtaxi.com)



We still want to hear about your personal creative ideas to make life easier. Please send your ideas to: [CPAAlbertaNewsletter@cpa-ab.org](mailto:CPAAlbertaNewsletter@cpa-ab.org)

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## For Your Information

### **Disabled woman seeks witnesses to hit and run**

A Langley woman who was struck by a truck while crossing the street in her electric wheelchair is trying to find witnesses to the hit-and-run incident.

[Read more](#)

### **Rick Hansen Inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame**

We are thrilled to share with you that Canada's Walk of Fame announced today that Rick will be inducted into the Walk of Fame on Saturday, June 9th, 2007. Canada's Walk of Fame was established as a place to acknowledge the achievements and successes of amazing Canadians who have excelled in sports, entertainment or the arts, and who have contributed significantly to the foundation of our country.

As we continue with our 20th anniversary celebration of the homecoming of the Man In Motion World Tour, we can all reflect upon the impact Rick has had on our country. His ability to inspire and motivate Canadians to reach for their dreams and believe in a fully accessible and inclusive society, and a cure for spinal cord injury, has changed the way our country embraces people with disabilities. Your ongoing support and contribution has helped to make this dream a reality, and for that, we sincerely thank you.

Previous inductees into the Walk of Fame include: Bryan Adams, Wayne Gretzky, Jann Arden, Margaret Atwood, Pierre Berton, Scotty Bowman, Jim Carrey, John Candy, Alex Colville, Celine Dion, David Foster, Michael J. Fox, Gordie Howe, Karen Kain, Alanis Morissette, and many others.

[For more information](#)

### **Nearly \$30 million approved for new affordable housing projects**

*Calgary...* Albertans in Calgary, Edmonton, Fort McMurray and Drumheller will have access to 278 new affordable housing units, thanks to almost \$30 million in funding under phase two of the Canada-Alberta Affordable Housing Program.

[Read more](#)

### **CPA staff member appointed to Affordable Housing Task**

Larry Pempeit, Director of Community Development for CPA Alberta was recently appointed to the Premiers Provincial Task Force on Affordable Housing. This task force was charged with the challenge of coming up with solutions to meet Alberta's crisis in the area of housing.

In Alberta, many centers are seeing the homeless numbers growing, very few rentals are available and housing prices that have exceeded what was once affordable for lower income families and individuals. Recognizing the need for urgent attention Premier Stelmack struck this task force and gave them 45 days to come up with some solutions.

Larry Pempeit's role on the committee is to ensure that persons who have disabilities are recognized as having needs in all areas of housing. The report is due out in early April.

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## Disability E-Scan

### **Alberta**

Strathcona County will receive \$6 million in combined federal/provincial investments to increase transit accessibility for seniors and persons with physical disabilities by replacing 20 high-floor buses with new low-floor buses. [For more information...](#)

Users of the Edmonton Public Library can now download audio books from home with no possibility of late fees, making information and literature more accessible to seniors, and persons with print disabilities in the Province. Just over 500 books can be downloaded and played on computers, MP3 players or CDs. Patrons have the books for three weeks until the security code runs out and the book no longer plays. The Edmonton Public Library's initiative is part of a growing trend changing the way libraries deliver information across North America. [For more info from EPL...](#)

### **Other Provinces & Territories**

The Province of BC has launched an enhanced WorkAble Solutions [website](#) that will directly connect British Columbians with disabilities that are looking for work to employers that have jobs available, employment and professional development or training opportunities. The goal of the website and initiative is to help employers turn potential challenges into workable solutions and increase the recruitment and retention of persons with disabilities.

British Columbia is including B.C. school districts in an expanded campaign to increase awareness about fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD). Education Minister Shirley Bond and Minister of State for Child Care Linda Reid announced the development of an education and awareness campaign that will be utilized within BC schools. The campaign will include FASD prevention signage and

information pamphlets that have been developed to target the young adult audience. The [News Release](#) for this campaign comes on the heels of an [announcement](#) regarding a \$250, 000 grant affording British Columbians who live and work with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder with the opportunity to attend training and recreation camps in order to create a common language and understanding of FASD.

The City of Cornwall Ontario is recognized for its commitment to improving accessibility for people with disabilities living in the community. The Ontario Mainstreet Accessibility Awards are awarded to businesses and communities that are leaders in the area of improving access and removing barriers for persons with disabilities. [For more information...](#)

A successful program providing low-cost bike helmets to Manitoba children so they can 'protect their noggin' while biking will be continued, announced Healthy Living Minister Kerri Irvin-Ross. "Last year, more than 18,000 helmets were purchased by Manitoba families through this successful initiative," said Irvin-Ross. "By continuing to make helmets available through schools and child-care facilities at an affordable price, even more families will have access to this vital safety equipment for their children." The province has also run a successful Protect Your Noggin education and awareness campaign to encourage Manitobans to wear bike helmets. [For more information...](#)

### **National**

The Caledon Institute of Social Policy has released a commentary on the recent "Ashley case" in which the parents of a young girl with a severe disability had arranged for surgical intervention to stunt her growth in order to ease their ability to care for her as she grows and develops. The report, "Supports – or Surgery?" by Sherri Torjman calls for more and better supports for individuals with disabilities and their families. [To view the full report...](#)

Social Purchasing Portal Canada: website offers to link socially conscious businesses and suppliers who are interested in making the community a priority. SPPs exist in at least eight cities and regions in Canada, including Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg and Toronto. On Thursday, Ottawa joined the list. Under the SPP system, buyers can use the portal to find suppliers of goods and services — such as catering, courier, and printing and maintenance companies— at competitive rates. To be listed, the suppliers must agree to help bring business to and hire persons with disabilities, new immigrants, youth and other job seekers who may otherwise be overlooked. [To read CBC's article on Web Portals...](#)

### **International**

In the March 5 issue of US magazine Newsweek, "Failing Our Wounded," National Security Correspondent Dan Ephron and assistant Editor Sarah

Childress find that the US Department of Veterans Affairs-is unprepared for the scope of caring for veterans of the War on Terror. A Newsweek investigation-which focused not on one facility but on the services of the Department of Veterans Affairs, reveal around 50,000 service members to date have been disabled in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. And a new study projects that at least 700,000 more veterans from the global war on terror will flood the system in the coming years. [To read more...](#)

WHO: Photo and Video Contest: Images of Health and Disability 2006-2007  
WHO invites photographers and video producers to participate in its annual Photo and Video Contest: Images of Health and Disability 2006-2007. This year the contest focuses on "Health and Environment". The photos will contribute to the WHO's efforts to highlight the impact our environment has on health. [For contest details and entry form...](#)

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## Research

### **Spinal Cord Injured (SCI) Subjects needed for Study on Improving Hand Function with Electrical Stimulation (E-stim) and Exercise**

Dr. Arthur Prochazka in the Centre of Neuroscience, University of Alberta, is presently conducting a research study entitled Outcome Evaluation of Exercise and Electrical Therapy for Quadriplegic Hand Function:

1. To test whether daily exercises combined with E-stim 5 days a week improves hand functions in people with quadriplegia.
2. To measure changes that occur in hand function resulting from E-stim and exercise of the hand muscles.
3. To compare a number of tests used to detect these improvements.
4. To determine if there are changes in the brain and spinal cord after E-stim and exercise

#### Participants will be:

1. Provided with an E-stimulator glove fitted for the hand.
2. Tested on ability to grasp and manipulate objects on an exercise work station.
3. Provided with an exercise work station, a computer, webcam and internet connection and asked to do the E-stim and exercises daily at home under the tele-supervision of a research physical therapist.
4. Tested every 2 weeks to see if daily exercises with E-stim produce changes in how the spinal cord conducts messages from the brain after SCI.

We are recruiting subjects with **C5, C6 or C7 complete or incomplete quadriplegia** who are at least 6 months post injury. All cost related to attendance in the study will be reimbursed. For more information please contact:

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### **Can you control a computer faster with a new hands-free mouse?**

Spinal Cord Injured (SCI) Subjects needed for study on Tooth-Click Remote Control of Enablement device.

Dr. Arthur Prochazka in the Centre of Neuroscience, University of Alberta, is presently conducting a research study on a new hands-free device that has all the functions of a computer mouse. It works by sensing head movements and small toothclicks

We are looking for people with spinal cord injury to their necks who have little or no hand movement to assist us in this study.

You will be asked to come for 1- 2 sessions lasting 30-40 minutes each.

A head band with a reflective marker will be placed on your head and a small sensor will be hooked over the top of your ear.

You will be taught how to control a cursor by moving your head and clicking your teeth. You will then be asked to perform a number of tasks involving moving the cursor on the computer screen.

We are recruiting subjects with C5, C6 or C7 complete or incomplete quadriplegia who are at least 6 months post injury. All cost related to attendance in the study will be reimbursed. For more information please contact:

Su Ling Chong or Tyler Simpson (780) 492-1616

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## **Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion**

The Rick Hansen Foundation is looking for individuals who would be interested in participating in the Wheels In Motion Solutions Teams across the province. If you are interested, please contact Ross Norton, Solutions Coordinator at the CPA (Alberta) office by calling (780) 424-6312 or email Ross at [ross.norton@cpa-ab.org](mailto:ross.norton@cpa-ab.org)

Stay posted for the Wheels in Motions event being held in or near your community. Contact your local CPA office for more details.

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