

Local man strikes it rich

A local carpenter is more than \$150,000 richer after picking up a winning lottery ticket.

Paul Perin, 44, claimed his \$152,038.30 Lotto 6/49 prize Thursday — the second prize from the draw the day before.

"I had the day off since we weren't busy at work — so this morning, I was sitting in my truck reading the newspaper and drinking coffee when I checked the winning numbers and matched five plus the bonus number," he said at the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation office in Toronto.

"I felt fantastic after discovering my win."

Mr. Perin, who works in construction, has two sons with his wife, Rosemary. With the windfall, he plans to pay off bills and bank the remainder "to have a little nest egg," he said.

The winning ticket was purchased at Esso on the Run on Regional Road 25.



Paul Perin shows his cheque for more than \$152,000 after winning second prize in the April 20 Lotto 6/49 draw.

Town gets \$1.4 million from slots

The Town of Milton hit the jackpot with Slots at Mohawk Wednesday, receiving its quarterly installment of almost \$1.4 million in slots revenue.

The money comes from the local gambling facility as payment to the Town for hosting slots in the municipality.

To date, Milton has received more than \$34 million in non-tax gaming revenue from Mohawk. Payments are made on a quarterly basis according to the government fiscal year, which runs from April to March, and are distributed by the

Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation.

The Slots at Mohawk opened August 10, 1999 and has since attracted more than 7.8 million visitors.

Across the province, 22 communities play host to slots at racetracks and charity casinos. So far, the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation has distributed more than \$329 million in gaming revenue to these communities.

The payments make up five per cent of the gambling establishment's gross slot machine revenues

for the first 450 machines and two per cent for machines over that number.

A portion of the annual gross revenue from slots at racetracks and charity casinos goes to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for problem gambling research, treatment, prevention and public awareness. This amount for the 2004/05 fiscal year was \$36 million. Also, \$100 million annually goes to charities throughout Ontario, distributed through the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

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