

King resident wins new truck in Meals on Wheels draw

By Bill Rea

King resident Richard Turchinetz is a very luck man, and he has a brand new set of wheels to prove it, along with two new bicycles and some pretty nifty camping gear.

Turchinetz, who lives on the 17th Sideroad in the west end of the township, won the grand prize last Thursday in the Wheels for Meals Lottery, put on in support of Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW). The lucky ticket was drawn by Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson at the regular meeting of the Caledon Cruisers in the parking lot of the Canadian Tire store in Bolton.

"I can only make one person happy," Thompson remarked as he got ready to draw the ticket.

The grand prize was a 2017 Ford F-150 pickup truck, which came from Fines Ford Lincoln in Bolton.

CMOW Executive Director Christine Sevigny said there were 5,094 tickets sold. There was a good crowd out for the draw, with tickets being sold right up to the last minute.

Sevigny estimated at least 100 tickets were sold the night of the draw.

Bob Fines of Fines Ford was on hand, praising CMOW for the service they provide the community.

"These folks at Meals on Wheels provide an amazing service," he said, adding it's not just the food they provide, but also the human contact.

He said that's especially important in a large community like Caledon.

"It is a huge community," he told Thompson. "Caledon is a very difficult place to manage."

"For Caledon Meals on Wheels to provide this service is an amazing thing," he added.

"I won!" Turchinetz shouted out when Thompson announced the name of the winner.

Turchinetz said he has never won anything on this scale before.

"It still hasn't sunk in yet," he commented as he sat himself in the driver's seat of his new vehicle.

He bought his ticket at a Caledon Cruisers' event earlier this year, and it was Sevigny herself who actually sold him his ticket.

He said he already has a seven-year-old pick-up truck, which he plans to give to his son.

"I keep the new one," he said.



Bob Fines of Fines Ford Lincoln, Mayor Allan Thompson and Caledon Meals on Wheels Executive Director Christine Sevigny were on hand last Thursday to congratulate Richard Turchinetz on winning the Wheels for Meals Lottery.