

Bolton resident wins a million in Lotto Max

Anthony Evangelista of Bolton has been buying lottery tickets for about 11 years, and things really paid off for him late last month. The Dec. 22 Lotto Max draw revealed he had won \$1 million in the Maxmillions section.

He said he had been playing the lottery since he moved to Bolton, and made a point of getting involved in this draw.

"I noticed that there was a big jackpot and the prize amount kept climbing, so I figured I better buy some tickets," he commented at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto when he went down to collect his winnings.

After the draw, he went to the store to check his tickets, and found he had won \$2 on the first two that he checked. The third ticket froze the machine, and the words "Big Winner" appeared on the customer display screen.

"I was given the validation slip from the retailer, who was in as much shock as I was," he said. "She mentioned to me that this was the first time anyone won this big in the store."

"The next thing I knew, I was shaking hands with the store manager who congratulated me along with a few other patrons who overheard the news," he added.

When he got home, Evangelista shared the good news with his wife of 43 years.

"I said 'I got held up at the store because I won the lottery!' My wife immediately started to cry tears of joy," he recalled.

A retired principal, Evangelista plans on sharing some of his prize money with his two sons.

"Also, a trip to Australia is in the works for the entire family," he said. "I am feeling very grateful to be able to share this prize with my family because it means more than just spending it on myself."

The winning ticket was bought at Zehrs on Queen Street in Bolton.

