

Caledon resident wins big at Fallsview Casino Resort

A Caledon resident is \$1.8 million richer after hitting a Michael Jackson-themed, wide-area progressive jackpot at Fallsview Casino Resort Tuesday.

Kathryn Stokes was playing the casino's Michael Jackson The King of Pop part of the Mighty Millionaire provincial slot progressive for approximately one hour before earning herself a jackpot of \$1,862,447.25.

"It's amazing," she declared the following morning, commenting that it really started to sink in when her husband showed her a newspaper photo of her holding the big cheque. "Yesterday was just a huge high."

"This is only my second visit to Fallsview Casino," she commented. "I chose this machine because I love Michael Jackson's music and I was lucky to win a few hundred dollars the first time I played. This time I put in only \$60!"

Her first trip to the casino was in June. She said she heard the sound of his music, and sat down at the machine as soon as it became free. "I started to win some small amounts," she recalled.

She was back Tuesday, resolved to try her luck again.

"I was absolutely astounded that I walked away with this," she declared.

With the exception of a new car, Stokes said there are no immediate plans for the windfall.

"We're still trying to figure out what to get," she said.

Stokes is a computer operator with Peel Regional Police in Brampton. She said she hasn't decided yet on what impact this might have on her career plans.

"I need time to think about what I'm doing," she commented.

Mighty Millionaire progressive slot machines are available across select OLG slots and casinos, which are linked to a single progressive jackpot that begins at \$1 million and climbs until a customer at any one of the participating properties hits the winning payline. The counters are immediately reset to \$1 million at all the properties whenever the top prize is awarded.

Fallsview Casino Resort was the first casino in Ontario to launch the Mighty Millionaire Progressive.

"This is as exciting as it gets at a big resort casino like Fallsview Casino," said Niagara Casinos President Art Frank. "The thrill of playing a slot machine is that you just never know how the next spin will settle out. Today was clearly Ms. Stokes' lucky day."



Caledon's Kathryn Stokes collected her winnings Tuesday at Fallsview Casino Resort.