

Fort St. James grandma wins car in raffle

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The winner of a provincewide car raffle is from Fort St. James, and the winning ticket was purchased in Prince George.

Aileen Prince, mother of six and grandmother to seven, is the winner of a new Pontiac Torrent raffled off by the B.C. Alpine Ski Association.

"I was walking through the Pine Centre Mall in Prince George with my daughter," said Prince. "I saw that Torrent on display and I was just drawn to it. I turned to my daughter and said 'this is my car,

I'm going to win it and drive it myself'."

She bought two tickets on the spot from a Prince George Ski Club member.

Fred Lautenschlager, manager of sponsorships and promotions for GM of Canada, was the first to contact Aileen on Sunday afternoon right after the winning ticket was drawn in Whistler.

"You have no idea what this means to me," Prince recalled telling him. "I'm so excited, I'm going to fly to Vancouver this week to pick it up and drive it all the way back to Fort St. James."



Taylor Prince, 10, left, Carter Prince, 6, stand with the winner of the B.C. Alpine Ski Association's Pontiac Torrent raffle, Aileen Prince, and Prince George Alpine Ski Racers president Ian Wells.

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