



## MEDIA RELEASE

# Saskatoon resident wins \$200,000 instant prize

SASKATOON (DEC. 28, 2022) — Saskatoon's Ashley Melz says it's tradition for her to pick up an instant ticket whenever Melz and her partner grab supper from the Hague Service Centre at 100 North Access Rd. in Hague.

So, just as she always does, she had dinner and picked up a ticket on Nov. 25. Except, this time was different. This time, she won the top prize on her \$7 LUCKY LINES EXTRAVAGANZA ticket, taking home \$200,000!

Whenever Melz scratches a ticket, she double-checks them by scanning them on the Lotto Spot app. At first, she didn't think she had a winner this time – but she's happy now she checked it twice!

"I scanned it a few times, and I just thought, 'There's no way!'" the Saskatoon resident recalled as she claimed her prize. "So I asked my partner to scan it and check for me."

The pair scanned the ticket over 10 times before the reality of her windfall could sink in.

"I was just in shock; I still am!" she laughed. "I screamed a few times!"

Melz shared her good news with her parents and a handful of friends, "No one believes it! They're like 'no way,'" she explained. "And I just tell them, 'Yeah, tell me about it. '"

The happy winner has a couple of ideas in mind for her windfall. "I'm going to pay off some debt, we just moved into a new house, so I'd love to build a sunroom in the back," she said.

"It's so hard to comprehend at first," she added. "You think you're losing your mind, but you're not. So, you try to sit there and soak it in – but you can't! "

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Please note the winner respectfully declines to participate in media interviews.

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