

HERALD CONTEST



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Sarah Folvik, left, won the Herald's Home, Free contest and chose a Sable Resorts Condo in Radium, B.C. When Sable Resorts president Sam Boguslavsky heard about the single mother of six's plight, he offered more help.

Developer sweetens condo prize

Mother of six 'blown away' by generosity

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A resort developer will make moving in much easier for a Herald contest winner who chose a home in the company's Radium, B.C., project as her prize.

Sable Resorts president Sam Boguslavsky is offering to pay the first year's property taxes and condominium fees.

He also handed Sarah Folvik a cheque Wednesday for \$20,000 to help her adjust to her new life as a homeowner.

"There is a lot of cash outlay when buying a place. We didn't want to put her in a cash-strained place," he explained.

"We wanted to make that experience (of moving into her new home) really enjoyable for her."

Folvik, a Calgary Transit driver, said she was caught off guard by the offer.

"I was blown away. There was so much already," she said Wednesday. "I just about fell through the floor."

Folvik's winning key unlocked the door last week in the Herald's Home, Free contest.

The single mother of six had her choice of homes in several locations.

Three of the projects were in B.C. — Radium, Westbank and Mara Lake. The others were in Calgary and Phoenix.

Folvik chose the Sable Ridge property because Radium is a close getaway and a place she can relax with her children.

Boguslavsky said they are honoured Folvik would choose their development, and they could be in a position to help her.

"She touched our hearts, really embraced who we are as a company," he said.

He expects it will be a good place for Folvik to escape the bustle of the city and spend time with her family.

"She's been working hard forever," he said.

"She needed this opportunity, a change in her life."

Folvik's new condo has three bedrooms, a den and two bathrooms, but it's the kitchen the busy mother is especially looking forward to breaking in by preparing meals for her kids.

"I can't wait to be around the nook and have them there as I'm cooking," she said looking at the floor plan.

She already knows what her first purchase will be with the cash: a new battery for her car, which keeps needing boosts.

More than 250,000 people entered the Herald contest for the chance to win a new home valued at more than \$500,000.

Folvik's new condo is still under construction and will be completed by the fall.