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Volunteers safe, tickets recovered after dino museum raffle theft

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WEMBLEY, ALBERTA – A lockbox was stolen during ticket sales for the Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum’s Maveraffle fundraiser lottery last night, Wednesday, September 27, at Grande Prairie Canadian Tire. The police were notified at the scene, and are working to determine the identity of the thief.

The museum has confirmed that the volunteers helping at the site were not harmed. The lockbox, tickets, and personal information of ticket buyers were all recovered thanks to a kind member of the community.

“Desperate people do desperate things. We’re just glad that everyone is safe,” said Susan Hunter, the museum’s executive director. “We’re extremely grateful to the honest person that turned in the lockbox and its contents.”

The draw for the raffle is scheduled to go ahead at the museum’s fundraiser event, A Night for the Museum, as originally planned. All ticket sales have been accounted for and are valid.

Measures were immediately taken to protect those who purchased tickets using their credit cards on site at the Cube terminals.

“The thief appears to have just been after the cash,” said Hunter. “A caring anonymous donor has already stepped forward to cover the monies that were taken from us, and we are grateful to this Good Samaritan for their act of kindness,” she added.

Anyone with information about the incident or who can help identify the thief are urged to contact Grande Prairie RCMP.

About the museum

The Philip J. Currie Dinosaur Museum – a 41,000 square foot world-class facility named for Canada’s preeminent palaeontologist and highlighting the rich fossil resources of Northern



PHILIP J. CURRIE
DINOSAUR MUSEUM

Alberta – opened its doors to the public on September 26, 2015 just outside of the City of Grande Prairie as Canada’s second devoted dinosaur museum.

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