

Twelve days of Northern Christmas

First-time author creates Arctic version of classic Christmas story

Northern News Services
A writer and an illustrator connect via Facebook – months later, a new children's book is born. That's what happened with new author Amber Henry and illustrator Heather Duinker on the road to publishing A Ptarmigan in a Birch Tree, a Northern parody on the 12 Days of Christmas.

"Amber put an ad on Facebook looking for an illustrator," Duinker said. "I went to art school and I paint quite a bit. I've always wanted to do illustrations for a book. I saw the ad and thought, 'This is the perfect gateway for me to get into illustrating.'"

The official book launch took place at the library on Saturday.

The idea for the story came to Henry after her children kept receiving the 12 Days of Christmas as Christmas presents, she said. As far as she knows, there is no Northern-themed version so she decid-

ed to write one. Instead of a partridge, the book features a ptarmigan. Gifts include snowmobiles instead of swans. The book also features two friendly bison that appear on almost every page, as well as the houseboats in Yellowknife Bay.

"I don't think it is necessarily just for kids," Henry said. "Anyone who has had any experience in the North will appreciate the story. I think it is a really nice keepsake to appreciate their stay here."

Henry credits the community for helping to get the book published.

"The support that the community has already brought, even at the early stages, is just incredible. It's touching. This is a great place to be an artist."

Community encouragement of the book has also inspired Duinker to illustrate more books.

"Seeing that the book is done and seeing it all over Yellowknife is really motivating," she said.



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Illustrator Heather Duinker, left, and author Amber Henry with her son, Reid Henry, celebrate the launch of their first book, *A Ptarmigan in a Birch Tree*, at the Yellowknife Public library on Saturday.



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

GRACE LAKE SOUTH RESIDENTIAL LOTS FOR SALE

The City of Yellowknife will be holding a ballot draw to sell residential development lots in the Grace Lake South Subdivision.



- Zoning permits Single Detached Dwellings and other uses
- Lots are unserviced, and require trucked water and septic services
- Lot areas range from 22,604 to 34,983 square feet (2,100 to 3,250 square metres)
- Close access to Grace Lake, Kam Lake, and other natural areas

Lot	Block	Size (sq.ft.)	Size (sq.m.)	Appraised Price
8	569	34,983	3,250	\$164,500
9	569	31,323	2,910	\$157,000
10	569	24,219	2,250	\$152,000
11	569	24,219	2,250	\$152,000
12	569	24,219	2,250	\$152,000
13	569	24,326	2,260	\$152,000
14	569	26,156	2,430	\$152,000
15	569	34,767	3,230	\$164,500
16	569	28,417	2,640	\$157,000
17	569	30,354	2,820	\$157,000
18	569	28,417	2,640	\$147,000
19	569	30,247	2,810	\$147,000
20	569	28,632	2,660	\$147,000
21	569	26,372	2,450	\$147,000
22	569	26,694	2,480	Not Available for Sale this time
23	569	33,045	3,070	\$129,500
24	569	27,879	2,590	\$129,500
25	569	27,986	2,600	\$129,500
26	569	22,604	2,100	\$142,000
27	569	22,604	2,100	\$142,000
28	569	22,604	2,100	\$142,000
29	569	21,635	2,010	\$127,000
30	569	26,587	2,470	\$127,000
31	569	26,264	2,440	\$127,000
32	569	22,604	2,100	\$122,000
33	569	25,941	2,410	\$127,000
34	569	25,941	2,410	\$127,000
35	569	25,941	2,410	\$127,000
36	569	25,726	2,390	\$127,000

The ballot draw for 27 lots in the Grace Lake South Subdivision will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall.

Applications for the ballot draw, accompanied by a refundable deposit of \$1,000, must be submitted to the Planning and Lands Division before Tuesday November 29, 2016, at 4:00 p.m.

To obtain a ballot draw application, and for more information on lot prices, zoning requirements, grading plans, and detailed application instructions, visit www.yellowknife.ca/landforsale or the Customer Service Desk at City Hall, 4807 - 52 Street.

Potential buyers are encouraged to take a self-guided tour of the subdivision area, or contact City staff to arrange a tour.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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