

Message in a bottle a sign

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To buy or not to buy? That was the question.

A Calgary couple was out at Qualicum Landing recently for the second time. A vacation home is a major decision for young people with two children.

After some hours of discussion, the husband asked his wife for a decision.

"I need a sign," she said. "I wish there was a sign."

She then took her girls to play on the beach to give it more thought.

Moments later, her youngest daughter picked something up from the water's edge. "Look, mommy, it's a message in a bottle."

It was a signed note by a retired science teacher from Carrot River, Sask., who was on a 14-day Alaska cruise out of Vancouver. He was on the cruise ship Sapphire Princess, north of Vancouver Island, when he tossed it into the drink June 12.

"If you find my bottle please contact me," wrote Dwain Drew. "I promise to get back to you."

It was taken by the buyer as the right sign, as they now own a Qualicum Landing property, said marketing director Anna DiFiore.

"I have been in sales for over 18 years," said Qualicum Landing sales director Ann Hickey, "and I have never had a sign laid so obviously at a buyer's feet."

The buyers intend to contact Drew when they return to Calgary.



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Kaylee Nasser with the message in a bottle she found while her parents were contemplating buying a property at Qualicum Landing.