

# New 'Sharing' Parents To Get Enhanced EI Benefit



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BRAMPTON: The new initiative introduced by the federal Government through Budget 2018, to support gender equality at home and in the workplace was announced to residents of Brampton at an event here.

Patricia Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development, and Labour, joined by Ms. Kamal Khera, Ms. Sonia Sidhu, Mr. Raj Grewal, Ms. Ruby Sahota, and Mr. Rameshwar Sangha, Members of Parliament for Brampton made the announcement.

The Government has introduced a new Employment Insurance (EI) Parental Sharing Benefit to promote equal parenting roles in families. The new benefit will provide an additional five weeks of Employment Insurance

Parental Benefits to parents that share parental leave. The program will provide an additional eight weeks of benefits to parents that choose the extended parental benefits option.

This benefit will be administered in a 'use-it-or-lose-it' system; parents that do not share leave time between the two parents will not be eligible for additional weeks of EI Parental Benefits.

The incentive is expected to be available starting June 2019. The federal government is investing \$1.2 billion over five years in this program. After the first five years, this program will require an annual investment of \$344.7 million per year.

Ms. Kamal Khera, Member of Parliament (Brampton West) and

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue, said: "This benefit will give parents that share parental leave a total of 40 weeks to spend with their newborn; a critical time for both a mother and father to bond with their child. Shared leave time will keep more women in the work place, while giving fathers the opportunity to further participate in the care of their children."

Ms. Kamal Khera is the Member of Parliament for Brampton West and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Revenue. She is a registered nurse, community volunteer and a political activist. Ms. Khera serves on the National Finance Committee as a non-voting member.



Raj Grewal, Patty Hajdu, Linda Jeffrey, Sonia Sidhu, Kamal Khera, Ramesh Sangha, and Ruby Sahota



Patty Hajdu, Kamal Khera

## 17th Orchid Show To Have 20 Exhibitors With Great Variety Of Species

TORONTO: The Toronto Artistic Orchid Association (TAOA) will present its 17th Orchid Show on April 14 and 15 (Sat & Sun) at the Multi-purpose Hall of Center for Immigrant and Community Services.

Apart from appreciating a wide variety of species of orchids, the public can also take this opportunity to purchase the orchid species at various Sales booths.

This year there will be around 20 exhibitors, orchid vendors and amateur orchid cultivators coming from different parts of Ontario. Major orchid associations will also put up displays in the event.

A great variety of orchid species, some are extremely rare, would be displayed. The Show will also exhibit Chinese Cymbidium. In fact, the Orchid Show is the one where the biggest collection of Chinese Cymbidium will be exhibited in

Canada and many of the exhibits are rare private collections.

In order to showcase the quality of the exhibits, 25 prizes will be awarded to the best orchids according to their species and categories. Representatives from the American Orchid Society would be the adjudicators. There will be 3 sessions of orchid presentations conducted by the experienced TAOA members. The topics are

geared to the beginner growers of orchid. The presentations are scheduled on Saturday April 14, at 12:45 pm and 3 pm and on Sunday April 15 at 12:45 pm. During the Show, Orchid Lucky Draw will take place every hour. With support from Ikebana International, there will be 4 floral arrangement displays by its members with main theme on Orchids. Visit [www.taoa.info](http://www.taoa.info) for information on discount tickets etc.



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