



McKnight's night

Longtime Town of Halton Hills Public Works employee Ron McKnight was congratulated by Public Works senior supervisor Keith Smiley (left) and supervisor Dick Spears as McKnight was feted at a retirement party and roast at Acton Legion recently. More than \$12,000 was raised at the tribute for McKnight who is a former Georgetown Hockey Heritage award winner and was Acton's Citizen of the Year in 1981.

Photo by Ted Brown

Where Child Abuse Hurts Most



Sometimes the worst scars of child abuse can't be seen. Whether physical or emotional, abuse attacks a child's self-esteem and emotional development, leaving long-term emotional trauma and pain. You can help prevent child abuse by being a nurturing parent or caregiver. By letting children know they are special, competent and loved, you can help them develop positive self-images and happier futures.

If you feel overwhelmed, angry or frustrated as a parent, help is out there for you. Look in your area for support groups and services, or talk to a trusted friend, family member, pastor or doctor about what you can do to protect and support your child. If we all do our part to prevent child abuse, we'll get to the heart of the matter.

FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

CHANGES TO EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Do your earnings vary from week to week?

Do you work part time or have temporary work?

Changes to Employment Insurance (EI) may benefit you.

The Government of Canada is increasing the Small Weeks threshold to \$225. When you qualify for EI and we calculate your benefit rate, we will, where possible, ignore weeks where your earnings fall below this level.

This change could increase your EI benefit.

Why is the Government of Canada making this change?

These improvements will encourage Canadians to accept workweeks of lesser pay without lowering their Employment Insurance benefit rate on a future claim.

The new threshold of \$225 for a regular week of work (up from \$150) reflects increases in Canadian wages.

This change makes EI more responsive to the needs of Canadian workers.

Some things remain the same:

- All insurable hours will still be used for eligibility purposes, even if they are not used to calculate your benefit rate.
- You must continue to report all earnings in the weeks you earn them.
- Earnings allowed while on claim are \$50 per week or 25 percent of your weekly benefit rate, whichever is higher.
- Employers must continue to remit EI premiums on every dollar paid and complete Records of Employment.

For information on Small Weeks:

- 1 800 O-Canada (1 800 622-6232)
- TTY: 1 800 465-7735
- www.hrhc-drhc.gc.ca/ei

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