

CUPE TRANSITION HOUSES

AND

GROUP HOMES

MASTER COLLECTIVE
AGREEMENT

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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR, represented herein by the Treasury Board, AND the Group Homes and Transition Houses (as listed in Schedule E)

AND

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, and its
Locals 1860-01; 1860-03; 1560-02; 3167; 3762 and 3765

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Explanation of Codes

* Denotes Clauses where language or numbering has changed from previous collective agreement

ARTICLE 1
DEFINITIONS

1.01

- (a) "Administrator" or "Supervisor" means the administrator of the Transition House, or the Coordinator or the Group Home, except where another working title may be substituted by the Employer.
- (b) "Bargaining Unit" means the bargaining unit recognized in accordance with Article 3.
- (c) "Classification" means one of the positions identified in Schedule "B".
- (d) "Day" means a working day unless otherwise stipulated in this Agreement.
- (e) "Employee or Employees" where used, is a collective term except as otherwise provided herein, including all persons employed in the categories of employment contained in the bargaining unit, as outlined in Schedule "B".
- (f) "Employer" means Employers listed in Schedule E.
- (g) "Month of Service" means a calendar month in which an employee is in receipt of full salary or wages in respect of the prescribed number of working hours in each working day in the month.
- (h) "Part-time Employee" means a person who is regularly scheduled to work less than the full number of hours in each working day or less than the full number of working days in each week.
- (i) "Permanent Employee" means a person who has completed their probationary period and is employed without reference to any specific date of termination.
- (j) "Probationary Employee" means a person who has worked less than the prescribed probationary period.
- (k) "Relief worker" means a call-in employee who may be employed on a scheduled or non-scheduled shift.
- (l) "Service" means any period of employment either before or after the date of signing of this agreement in respect of which an employee is in receipt of salary or wages from the Employer, including periods of special leave without pay not exceeding twenty (20) days in the aggregate in any year, unless specified otherwise in this agreement.
- (m) "Spouse" means a person to whom an employee is legally married, or a person with whom an employee has cohabited for a continuous period of least one (1) year and with whom the employee intends to cohabit and who has been identified to the Employer, in writing, as the employee's spouse regardless of gender.

- (n) "Standby" means any period of time during which on the instruction of the Administrator or designated representative, an employee is required to be available for recall for work.
- (o) "Temporary employee" means a person who is employed for a specific period, or for the purpose of performing certain specified work over a specific period of time, and who may be laid-off at the end of such period, or upon the completion of such work.
- (p) "Vacancy" means an opening in a permanent or temporary position which (i) is in excess of thirteen (13) weeks in duration, (ii) the Employer requires to be filled, and (iii) there is no employee eligible for recall.

ARTICLE 2
PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

- 2.01 (a) It is the purpose of both parties to this Agreement:
- i) To improve relations between the Employer and the Union and provide settled and just conditions of employment.
 - ii) To recognize the mutual value of joint discussions and negotiations in all matters pertaining to working conditions, employment, service, etc.
 - iii) To encourage efficiency in operations.
 - iv) To promote the morale, well-being and security of all employees in the bargaining unit of the Union.
- 2.02 For the purpose of this agreement, the masculine shall be deemed to include the feminine and the feminine shall be deemed to include the masculine.

ARTICLE 3
MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

3.01 Management Rights

The Union recognizes that it is the right of the Employer to exercise the regular and customary function of the Employer and to direct the working forces, subject to the terms of this agreement. The question of whether any of these rights is limited by this agreement shall be decided through the grievance and arbitration procedure.

3.02 Non-Discriminatory

The Employer shall exercise its management rights in a non-discriminatory manner.

ARTICLE 4
RECOGNITION AND NEGOTIATION

4.01 Bargaining Unit

- (a) The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for each group home or transition house covering all classes of employees listed in Schedule "B".
- (b) This collective agreement is fully applicable to all permanent, part-time, probationary, and temporary employees and relief workers, unless otherwise specified.
- (c) When new classifications are developed, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (i) The Employer will immediately notify the Union, in writing, as to whether such classifications should be included in or excluded from the bargaining unit and provide reasons for its exclusions.
 - (ii) The Union, after consultation on the Employer's position, will respond in writing outlining the reasons for its rejection of the exclusions within fourteen (14) working days of receipt of the above notification.
 - (iii) Should the parties be unable to agree upon the exclusion of any specific classification, the matter will be immediately referred to the Labour Relations Board for adjudication.

4.02 Work of the Bargaining Unit

Persons who are not in the bargaining unit shall not work on any jobs which are included in the bargaining unit except for instructional, experimental, research and performance review purposes, in the case of an emergency or when regular employees are not available and provided that the performing of the aforementioned operations in itself does not reduce the normal hours of work or pay of any employees. Notwithstanding the above, in Transition Houses both parties recognize the role of the Administrator and the occasional necessity of this position to become involved in the routine work of the Transition House and both parties agree to continue this practice such that it facilitates the provision of quality service to clients without a reduction in the number of bargaining unit employees and their hours of work.

Further, both parties also recognize the contributions of volunteers in assisting with Transition House programs and the parties agree to continue this practice such that it promotes and enhances activities within the home without a reduction in the number of bargaining unit employees and their hours of work.

4.03 No Other Agreements

No employee shall be required or permitted to make a written or verbal agreement with the Employer or its representative which may conflict with the terms of this collective agreement.

4.04 Right of Fair Representation

The Union shall have the right at any time to have the assistance of representatives of the Canadian Union of Public Employees or any other advisors when dealing with matters relating to Employer-employee relations, grievances or negotiations with the Employer.

The Union representative shall have access to the Employer's premises to deal with matters arising out of this collective agreement. However, such representative/advisor shall first inform the Administrator/Supervisor who will take into consideration the operation of the House/Group Home. Such meetings with the Union representative/advisor shall not interfere with the operation and programs of the House/Group Home. Consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

ARTICLE 5 **HUMAN RIGHTS**

5.01 Employer Shall Not Discriminate

The Employer agrees that there shall be no discrimination exercised or practiced with respect to any employee in the matter of hiring, assigning wage rate, training, up-grading, promotion, transfer, layoff, recall, discipline, classification, discharge, or any other action by reason of enumerated grounds under the *Human Rights Act*, 2010, SNL2010 Chapter H-13.1 such as age, race, creed, colour, ancestry, national origin, religion, political affiliation or activity, sexual orientation, gender, marital or parental status, family relationship, place of residence, physical or mental disability, nor by reason of their membership or activity in the Union.

5.02 Personal Rights

The rules, regulations and requirements of employment shall be limited to matters pertaining to the work requirements of each employee. Employees will not be asked or required to do personal services for a supervisor which are not connected with the operation of the Employer.

5.03 Sexual and Personal Harassment

Both the Employer and the Union consider sexual/personal harassment to be reprehensible and are committed to maintaining an environment where sexual/personal harassment does not exist.

The Union and the Employer recognize the right of employees to work in an environment which is free from harassment by the Employer, an agent of the Employer, or by other employees. The parties shall undertake to investigate alleged occurrences with all possible dispatch. If harassment has taken place, the Employer shall take appropriate action against the harasser and shall ensure that the harassment ceases. The victim shall be protected from repercussions which might result from their complaint.

In cases of harassment that have not been settled to the satisfaction of the complainant, the matter may be referred to the Human Rights Commission for settlement or by other means which are mutually acceptable to the parties.

(a) Definition of Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is comprised of sexual comments, gestures or physical contact that the individual knows or ought reasonably to know to be unwelcome, objectionable or offensive. The behaviour may be on a one (1) time basis. It is unsolicited, one-sided and/or coercive. Both males and females may be the victims of sexual harassment.

Sexual harassment may involve favours or promises of favours or advantages in return for submission to sexual advances or, alternatively, the threat of reprisal for refusing.

Sexual harassment can be expressed in a number of ways which may include:

- unnecessary touching or patting
- suggestive written or spoken remarks or jokes, or sexually aggressive remarks
- leering (suggestive staring) at a person's body
- demand(s) for sexual favours
- compromising invitations
- physical assaults.

(b) Personal harassment is any behaviour that endangers an employee's job, undermines performance or threatens the economic livelihood of the employee or which the harasser knows or ought reasonably to know, to be unwelcome or offensive, and which is based on race, religion, religious creed, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability, political opinion, colour, or ethnic, national or social origin.

ARTICLE 6

UNION MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENT

6.01 Union Membership Requirement

All employees who are members of the Union at the time of signing of this Agreement shall remain members during the term of this Agreement, provided they continue to occupy a bargaining unit position.

All employees hired after the signing of this Agreement, other than students on field placement and contractual employees engaged to undertake work which would not be performed by the members of the bargaining unit, shall immediately become and remain members of the Union, provided they continue to occupy bargaining unit positions.

ARTICLE 7
CHECK OFF OF UNION DUES

7.01 Check-off Payments

The Employer shall deduct from employees coming within the bargaining unit the monthly dues and initiation fees of the Union and forward these deductions to the National Secretary-Treasurer of CUPE not later than the 15th day of each month.

The cheque shall be accompanied by a list of the names of employees whose wages the deductions have been made, a list of staff additions and deletions since the last report and the gross basic salary of all bargaining unit members for the period.

7.02 Dues Receipts

At the same time that Income Tax (T-4) slips are made available, the Employer shall type on the amount of union dues paid by each Union member in the previous year.

7.03 Employees Listing

Upon request by the Union, the Employer will provide a list of names of its employees who are members of the bargaining unit including their mailing address, telephone number, email address, and classification, in an electronic format once per calendar year.

ARTICLE 8
EMPLOYER AND UNION SHALL ACQUAINT POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES

8.01 Potential Employees

The Employer agrees to acquaint potential employees with the fact that a union agreement is in effect, and with the conditions of employment set out in the articles dealing with Union Security and Dues Check-off.

8.02 Interviewing Opportunity

On commencing employment, the employee's immediate supervisor shall introduce the new employee to their Union Steward or Representative. An Officer of the Union shall be given an opportunity to interview each new employee within regular working hours, without loss of pay, for a maximum of thirty (30) minutes during the first month of employment for the purpose of acquainting the new employee with the benefits and duties of union membership and their responsibilities and obligations to the Employer and the Union.

ARTICLE 9
CORRESPONDENCE

9.01 Correspondence

All correspondence between the parties, arising out of this agreement or incidental thereto, shall pass to and from the Board of Directors or Administrator/Executive Director/Supervisor where applicable or their designate and the Recording Secretary of the Union or their designate.

ARTICLE 10
LABOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

*10.01 Labour Management Meetings

- * (a) It is agreed that, on a monthly basis or as requested by either party, labour management meetings will be held between the employees and the Employer, or designated representative, to discuss issues of mutual interest, including such issues as safety practices and/or anticipated changes that may affect employees' salary, workload or working conditions which are not properly the subject matter of a grievance or negotiations. Minutes of each meeting shall be prepared and signed by representatives from both the Employer and the Union.
- * (b) Employees shall not suffer any loss of pay for time spent with this Committee. Employees may request to receive time off in lieu of overtime subject to Article 20.06.

ARTICLE 11
LABOUR MANAGEMENT BARGAINING RELATIONS

11.01 Union Bargaining Committee

A Union Bargaining Committee elected or appointed to negotiate with the Employer shall consist of not more than one representative of each facility, to a maximum of six (6). The Union will advise the Employer at least two (2) weeks in advance of the commencement of negotiations of the Union members on the Committee.

11.02 No Loss of Pay

The members of the Union Bargaining Committee shall not incur a reduction in their regular pay as a result of time spent in negotiations with the Employer including leave with pay for one day of pre-negotiation preparation if required and requested by the Union.

ARTICLE 12
RESOLUTIONS AND REPORTS OF THE EMPLOYER

12.01 Copies of Resolutions

Copies of all by-laws, rules and regulations adopted by the Employer/Board which directly affect the members of this Union are to be forwarded to the Union.

ARTICLE 13
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

13.01 Recognition of Union Stewards and Grievance Committee

The Employer acknowledges the rights and duties of the two (2) Union Stewards to assist any employee in preparing and presenting a grievance in accordance with the Grievance Procedure.

13.02 Permission to Leave Work

The Employer agrees that Stewards shall not be hindered, coerced, restrained or interfered with in any way in the performance of their duties, while investigating disputes and presenting adjustments as provided in this article. The Union recognizes that each Steward is employed full time by the Employer and that they will not leave their work during working hours except to perform their duties under this agreement. Therefore, no Steward shall leave their work without obtaining the permission of their Supervisor, which permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

13.03 Definition of Grievance

A grievance shall be defined as any difference arising out of the interpretation, application, administration, or alleged violation of the collective agreement.

13.04 Settling of Grievances

An earnest effort shall be made to settle grievances fairly and promptly in the following manner:

Step 1

The aggrieved employee shall, within ten (10) calendar days after becoming aware of the occurrence of the grievance, submit their grievance to the Shop Steward or in the absence of their Shop Steward, another Shop Steward may process the grievance.

At each step of the grievance procedure the grievor shall have the right to be present.

Step 2

If the Steward considers the grievance to be justified, the employee concerned and/or Shop Steward, may within ten (10) calendar days following receipt of the grievance, submit their grievance in writing to the employee's supervisor outlining the alleged violation and redress sought. An earnest effort shall be made by all parties to settle the grievance at Step 2. The supervisor's reply shall outline their objections, or disagreement with the grievance.

Step 3

Failing satisfactory settlement within ten (10) calendar days after the dispute was submitted under Step 2, the Shop Steward shall, within a further ten (10) calendar days, submit the grievance to the Board of Directors or Executive Director where applicable who shall render a decision within ten (10) calendar days after receipt of such grievance. The Board of Directors or Executive Director where applicable may also seek an additional meeting with the Union in an attempt to resolve the grievance at this stage.

Step 4

Failing settlement being reached in Step 3, either party may refer the dispute to arbitration within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the Board of Directors or Executive Director's decision in Step 3.

13.05 Policy Grievance

Where a dispute involving a question of general application or interpretation occurs, or where a group of employees or the Union has a grievance, Steps 1 and 2 of this Article may be by-passed.

13.06 Union May Institute Grievances

The Union and its Representatives shall have the right to originate a grievance on behalf of an employee, or group of employees and to seek adjustment with the Employer in the manner provided in the Grievance Procedure. Such a grievance shall commence at Step 3.

13.07 Deviation from Grievance Procedure

After a grievance has been initiated by the Union, the Employer's representative shall not enter into discussion or negotiation with respect to the grievance, either directly or indirectly with the aggrieved employee, without the consent of the Union.

13.08 Replies in Writing

Replies to grievances stating reasons shall be in writing at all stages.

13.09 Facilities for Grievances

The Employer shall supply the necessary facilities for grievance meetings at a time and place so as not to interfere with the operation of the Group Home or Transition House.

13.10 Mutually Agreed Changes

Any mutually agreed changes to this collective agreement shall form part of this collective agreement and are subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure.

ARTICLE 14
ARBITRATION

14.01 Composition of Board of Arbitration

When a grievance is referred to arbitration in accordance with Article 12, the referral shall be made by registered mail addressed to the other party of the Agreement, indicating the name of a proposed arbitrator. Within seven (7) calendar days thereafter, the other party shall answer by registered mail indicating either its agreement with the proposed arbitrator or the name of an alternate arbitrator.

14.02 Conflict of Interest

No person shall be appointed to act as arbitration board chairperson who:

- (a) has any pecuniary interest in the matters referred to the arbitration board, or
- (b) is acting or has within a period of six (6) months preceding the date of their appointment acted in the capacity of solicitor, legal advisor, counsel, or paid agent of either the Employer, the Union or any other affected parties.

14.03 Own Procedure

The Chairperson of the Arbitration Board shall determine their own procedure, but shall give full opportunity to all parties to present evidence and make representations.

14.04 Failure to Appoint

If the parties fail to agree upon an arbitrator within twenty-one (21) calendar days the appointment shall be made by the Minister of Immigration, Population Growth and Skills upon request of either party.

14.05 Technical Objection

A grievance or arbitration shall not be deemed invalid by reason of a defect in form, a technical irregularity, or an error of procedure if it results in a denial of natural justice.

14.06 Decision

The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final, binding and enforceable on all parties, and may not be changed. The Arbitrator shall not have the power to change this agreement or

to alter, modify or amend any of its provisions or make any decision contrary to the provisions of this Agreement. However, the Arbitrator shall have the power to amend a grievance, modify penalties or dispose of a grievance by any arrangement which they deem just and equitable.

14.07 Disagreement on Decision

Should the parties disagree as to the meaning of the Arbitrator's decision, either party may apply to the Arbitrator to clarify the decision.

14.08 Expenses

Each party shall pay one-half of the fees and expenses of the Arbitrator.

14.09 Amending of Time Limits

The time limits fixed in both the grievance and arbitration procedure may be extended by consent of the parties. The time limits in this agreement are not mandatory but merely directory.

14.10 Witnesses

At any stage of the Grievance or Arbitration Procedure, the parties shall have the assistance of the employee or employees involved and any necessary witnesses.

All reasonable arrangements shall be made to permit the conferring parties or arbitrator(s) to have access to the Employer's premises to view any working conditions which may be relevant to the settlement of the grievance.

14.11 Expedited Arbitration

Subject to agreement of both parties, a form of expedited arbitration 1 or 2 may be used following Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure. The particulars are as follows:

Expedited 1

- a) In any dispute of interpretation or application of the Collective Agreement, the parties agree to submit a written brief only detailing the arguments of the respective parties to a single arbitrator within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the referral to arbitration.
- b) The single arbitrator must be agreed to by both parties within seven (7) calendar days of the referral to arbitration and the appointed arbitrator must be willing to render a verbal decision within two (2) calendar days following receipt of the written brief from each party.
- c) Decisions will be non-precedential and without prejudice for any subsequent grievance of a similar nature.

Expedited 2

- a) In any dispute of interpretation or application of the Collective Agreement, the parties agree to submit a written brief and present oral arguments to a single arbitrator within thirty (30) calendar days of the referral to arbitration.
- b) The single arbitrator must be agreed to by both parties within seven (7) calendar days of the referral to arbitration and the appointed arbitrator must be willing to render a written decision within ten (10) calendar days following presentation of written briefs and oral arguments of each party.
- c) The single arbitrator may, for the purpose of their clarification, request the appearance of witnesses for questioning at the time of the hearing or during the decision period when an additional meeting may be convened by the arbitrator.

Both parties retain access to the complete arbitration process as described in Article 13 of the Collective Agreement where they do not wish to implement expedited arbitration 1 or 2.

Decisions of the arbitrator will be binding on both parties within the guidelines of the *Public Service Collective Bargaining Act* or the *Labour Relations Act*.

Cost will be shared on a 50/50 basis.

ARTICLE 15
DISCHARGE, SUSPENSION AND DISCIPLINE

15.01 Discharge Procedure

- (a) An employee who has completed their probationary period may be dismissed, but only for just cause.
- (b) The dismissal of a probationary employee for reasons of unsuitability or incompetence, as assessed by the Employer, shall not be subject to the grievance or arbitration procedure except where discrimination or bad faith is alleged.
- (c) When an employee is discharged, suspended or reprimanded, such employee shall be notified verbally of the reason at the time of such action and shall receive written confirmation of the reason within a further seven (7) calendar days.

15.02 Discipline Procedure

The employee shall be notified in writing by the Employer, with full disclosure of the reasons, grounds for action, and/or penalty, with a copy to the Union.

15.03 Burden of Proof

In cases of discharge and/or discipline, the burden of proof of just cause shall rest with the Employer.

15.04 Warning

Whenever the Employer deems it necessary to censure an employee in a manner indicating that dismissal or discipline may follow any further infraction or may follow if such employee fails to bring their work up to a required standard by a given date, the Employer shall within seven (7) calendar days thereafter, give written particulars of such censure to the employee.

15.05 Designation of Supervisor

Every employee shall be notified of the name of their immediate designated supervisor.

15.06 Adverse Report

(a) The Employer shall notify an employee in writing of any dissatisfaction concerning their work within fourteen (14) calendar days from the occurrence or discovery of the incident giving rise to discipline. This notification shall include particulars of the work performance which led to such dissatisfaction. If this procedure is not followed, such expression of dissatisfaction shall not become a part of their record for use against them at any time.

The report of an employee shall not be used against them after eighteen (18) months have elapsed, providing another warning or reprimand relating to the same or similar offence has not been given within that period. The employee's written reply to such notification of dissatisfaction shall become part of their record.

This Article shall apply in respect to any expression of dissatisfaction relating to their work or otherwise which may be detrimental to an employee's advancement or standing with the Employer.

(b) Employees who receive notification from the Employer regarding any dissatisfaction concerning their work has the right to reply in writing to such notification of dissatisfaction. Both the Employer's notification of dissatisfaction and the employee's reply to such notice of dissatisfaction shall become a part of the employee's personal record of employment and placed upon the employee's personal file.

15.07 Right to Have Steward Present

An employee shall have the right to have their steward present at any discussion with supervisory personnel which the employee believes might be the basis of disciplinary action. Where a supervisor intends to interview an employee for disciplinary purposes, the

supervisor shall so notify the employee in advance of the purpose of the interview in order that the employee may contact their steward to be present at the interview.

15.08 Personal Records

- (a) There shall be one (1) recognized personal file for each employee, or former employee, the location of which shall be designated by the Employer. It shall not be shared in any manner with any other employee or agency without the prior written consent of the employee concerned.
- (b) An employee shall have the right at any reasonable time to have access to and review their personal file and to make copies of any material contained in the file. The employee may be accompanied by their union representative if so desired.
- (c) A copy of any document placed on an employee's official personal file which might at any time be the basis of disciplinary action shall be supplied concurrently to the employee who shall acknowledge having received such document by signing that file copy. Additional copies of such documents shall be provided to the employee upon request.
- (d) Any disagreement as to the accuracy of information contained in the file may be subject to the Grievance Procedure and the eventual resolution thereof shall become part of the employee's file.

15.09 Use of Demotion as Discipline

Demotion shall not be used as a disciplinary measure unless ability to perform the requirements of the position is a consideration.

15.10 May Omit Grievance Steps

An employee considered by the Union to be wrongfully or unjustly discharged or suspended shall be entitled to a hearing under Article 13, Grievance Procedure. Steps 1 and 2 of the Grievance Procedure shall be omitted in such cases.

15.11 Justice and Dignity Provisions

If, upon investigation, the Employer feels that disciplinary action is necessary, such action shall be taken based on the Collective Agreement. In situations where the Employer is unable to investigate the matter to its satisfaction, but feels the employee should be removed from their place of employment, it shall be with pay.

15.12 Removal of Documents on Personal File

Any document on an employee's file relating to an adverse report, warning, suspension or reprimand shall be removed from employee's file after eighteen (18) months. Any other

document which may be detrimental to an employee's standing or advancement with the Employer may be retained on their file but shall not be used against them after eighteen (18) months.

ARTICLE 16 **SENIORITY**

***16.01 Seniority Defined**

(a) Subject to Clause 16.04, seniority is defined as the period of employment with the Employer in a bargaining unit position and shall include periods of employment prior to the certification or recognition of the Union. Seniority shall be used in determining preference or priority for promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, permanent reduction of the workforce, and recall as set out in the provisions of this Agreement. Seniority shall operate on a bargaining unit wide basis for each Employer, as defined in Definitions 1.01 (f).

* (b) (i) Seniority for all employees on staff with any Employer on January 1, 1999, shall be based on date of hire with temporary employees and relief workers considered junior to permanent employees.

* (ii) Seniority for all employees hired after January 1, 1999, shall be calculated in hours worked.

* (c) (i) A temporary employee or relief worker referred to in Clause 16.01 (b) (i) who obtains a permanent position shall remain on the seniority list based on their date of hire.

* (ii) Employees referred to in Clause 16.01 (b) (ii) who obtains a permanent position shall be assigned an earlier date of hire calculated on their hours of work.

(d) Employees referred to in Clause 16.01 (b) (ii) shall be considered junior to employees referred to in Clause 16.01 (b) (i).

16.02 Seniority List

(a) The Employer shall maintain a seniority list showing the current classification, seniority and date of hire of each employee. A seniority list shall be posted in January of each year.

(b) Call-in lists for employees whose seniority is calculated in hours worked shall be updated and posted bi-weekly showing accumulated service.

16.03 Probation for Newly Hired Employees

Newly hired employees shall be on probation for the first five hundred and eighty (580) hours of service exclusive of orientation period and, subject to Clause 15.01, shall be entitled to all rights and benefits of the contract. Should a probationary employee work less than fifteen (15) weekday day shifts during the probationary period, the probationary period may be extended by mutual agreement between the Employer and Union.

16.04 Loss of Seniority

An employee shall not lose seniority if they are absent from work because of sickness, disability, accident, layoff or leave approved by the Employer.

An employee shall only lose their seniority in the event:

- a) They are discharged for just cause and not reinstated.
- b) They resign in writing and do not withdraw within three (3) calendar days.
- c) They fail to return to work within fifteen (15) working days following a recall and after receiving notice by registered mail to do so, unless an acceptable reason is given by the employee. The refusal of an employee to accept recall for an acceptable reason will not result in termination of seniority and will not prejudice their right to recall in the future. Laid off employees engaged in alternate employment and who are recalled shall be permitted to give their current Employer reasonable notice of termination to accept the recall.
- d) They are a relief worker and refuses a call to work on three (3) consecutive occasions to a position on the same pay range, or a higher pay range if the employee is qualified, without providing an acceptable reason.
- e) They are laid off for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) months.
- f) They are absent from work for five (5) consecutive days without notifying the Employer, except where such notification was not reasonably possible.

16.05 Permanent Transfer Outside Bargaining Unit

No employee shall be transferred to a position outside the bargaining unit without their consent. If an employee is transferred to a position outside of the bargaining unit, they shall retain their seniority accumulated up to the date of leaving the unit, but will not accumulate any further seniority. Such employee shall have the right to return to a position in the bargaining unit during their trial period, which shall be a maximum of ninety (90) calendar days. If an employee returns to the bargaining unit, they shall be placed in a job consistent with their seniority. Such return shall not result in the layoff or bumping of an employee holding greater seniority.

16.06 Temporary Assignment Outside Bargaining Unit

Employees who are temporarily assigned outside the bargaining unit in accordance with Article 26.02, shall continue to accumulate seniority and have access to the grievance

procedure. Such employees shall also continue paying union dues for the term of the temporary assignment.

16.07 Seniority Credits

Employees on any form of paid leave, or approved unpaid leave in accordance with Article 25, shall be eligible to accumulate seniority, except where the seniority is based on accumulated service and the employee would have otherwise been laid off during the period of such leave.

ARTICLE 17 **PROMOTIONS AND STAFF CHANGES**

17.01 Job Posting

When a new position is created or when a vacancy occurs either inside or outside the bargaining unit and in respect of which the Employer has decided the position will be filled, the Employer shall post notice of the position on a Bulletin Board or in a posting book located in the House/Home for a minimum of ten (10) calendar days so that all members will know about the vacancy or new position.

*17.02 Information in Posting

Such notice shall contain the following information:

Nature of position, qualifications, required knowledge and education, skills, shift, hours of work, wage or salary rate or range. Such qualifications and requirements shall be those necessary to perform the job function and may not be established in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner. All job postings shall state the Employer is an equal opportunity Employer.

17.03 No Outside Advertising

No outside advertisements shall be placed and no outside applicant for a position within the bargaining unit shall be selected until the applications of present employees have been fully processed.

17.04 Role of Seniority in Promotions, Transfers and Staff Changes

Both parties recognize:

- a) the principle of promotion within the service of the Employer.
- b) that job opportunity should increase in proportion to length of service.

Therefore, in making promotions or transfers to bargaining unit positions, employees shall be considered on the basis of required qualifications and abilities. Where these factors are judged to be relatively equal between applicants, seniority shall apply. The Employer agrees

not to establish qualifications and abilities for positions in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner.

17.05 Trial Period

The successful applicant shall be notified within one week following the end of the posting period. They shall be given a trial period of two months. The Employer shall not curtail the trial period without just cause before it has run its full course. Conditional on satisfactory service, the employee shall be declared permanent after the period of three hundred and twenty-five (325) working hours, exclusive of any orientation period. In the event the successful applicant proves unsatisfactory in the position during the trial period, or if the employee is unable or unwilling to continue to perform the duties of the new job classification, they shall be returned to their former position, wage or salary rate, without loss of seniority. Any other employee promoted or transferred because of the re-arrangement of positions shall also be returned to their former position, wage or salary rate, without loss of seniority.

17.06 Notification to Employee and Union

Within seven (7) calendar days of the date of appointment to a vacant position, the name of the successful applicant shall be sent to each applicant and the Union.

17.07 Promotions Requiring Higher Qualifications

If a vacancy within a bargaining unit position remains unfilled following a job competition, consideration for promotion may be given to the senior applicant who does not possess the required qualifications but is preparing for such qualifications prior to filling of a vacancy, and indicates so in their application. Such employee will be given an opportunity to qualify within a reasonable length of time not exceeding three (3) months and to revert to their former position if the required qualifications are not met within such time.

*17.08 Incapacitated Worker Provision

An employee who has become incapacitated by injury or illness and who is medically certified as unfit to perform their regular duties or to return to resume their former job responsibilities may be employed in other work for which they are qualified, suitable and able to perform provided that:

- (i) a suitable position is available;
- (ii) the applicable rate for the new position will apply.

Such an employee will not displace any other employee except the employee who was hired to replace them on a temporary basis.

Should an employee not be employed in some work which they can do in accordance with this Clause, provisions (i) to (ii), then the medical determination of incapability would

warrant a layoff until such time as medical certification of ability to return to employment is obtained.

*17.09 On the Job Training

- (a) According to Transition House/Group Home finances and other practical considerations, participation at local, regional, and national conferences will be encouraged for all staff, as will participation in part-time educational courses related directly to their work.
- (b) The Employer will endeavour to implement a staff training and development program to provide staff with additional skills in dealing with clients/residents and workplace conditions.

*(c) Training Courses

The Employer agrees to bulletin all courses or training opportunities which it feels are necessary and/or desirable to assist employees in upgrading their job related skills. The bulletin shall contain the name and date of the course and where further information can be obtained. The Employer agrees not to establish eligibility and/or approve training courses for staff in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner.

17.10 Salary Treatment on Promotion

The rate of pay of an employee promoted shall be established in the new pay range at the nearest step which exceeds the existing rate by at least five percent (5%), but shall not exceed the maximum of the new pay range.

17.11 Permanent Employees in Temporary Positions

A permanent employee who obtains a temporary position shall retain their permanent status for a maximum period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months unless otherwise mutually agreed between the Employer and Union.

ARTICLE 18
LAYOFFS AND RECALLS

18.01 Definition of Layoff

A layoff shall be defined as a reduction in hours of work or a temporary cessation of employment due to lack of work or the abolition of a post.

18.02 Role of Seniority in Layoffs

- (a) In the event of a layoff, employees in the classification affected shall be laid off in the reverse order of their bargaining unit wide seniority. An employee about to be laid

off may bump any employee with less seniority provided the employee exercising the right is qualified to perform the work of the employee with less seniority.

- (b) An employee who has been issued notice of layoff may displace an employee with less seniority with the Employer, provided that the right to bump is exercised prior to expiration of the notice of layoff.
- (c) Any employee who is bumped in accordance with this procedure will be deemed to have been given notice of layoff effective the date that the employee who bumped them was given notice of layoff.

*18.03 Recall Procedure

(a) Recall of Permanent Employees

- (i) Subject to Clause 18.03 (c), permanent employees shall be recalled in order of their seniority provided they are qualified to perform the work required.
- (ii) Permanent employees on layoff status shall be recalled for temporary and relief employment before temporary employees and relief workers provided they are qualified to perform the work required.

*(b) Call-in of Relief Workers

Temporary employees and relief workers shall be called-in for temporary and relief employment in order of their seniority provided these employees are qualified to perform the work required and have not already worked or been called-in for a shift within eight (8) hours of the current shift, unless otherwise mutually agreed between the employee and the supervisor. The Employer is not required to call-in an employee who has been laid off in excess of twenty-four (24) months.

(c) Call-in on a Rotational Basis

Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 18.03 (b), the recall of relief workers may be done on a rotational basis where there is unanimous agreement between the Employer and the relief workers on staff at the date of signing of this Agreement. A vote regarding a rotational plan shall be taken thereafter on a semi-annual basis.

18.04 No New Employees

New employees shall not be hired until those laid off have been given an opportunity of recall.

18.05 Advance Notice of Layoff

- (a) Except in the case of dismissal for just cause, two (2) weeks' notice, in writing, shall be given to permanent, probationary or temporary employees who are to be terminated or

laid off. If such notice is not given, the employee shall be paid for the number of days by which the notice was reduced.

- (b) Advance notice shall not be required for termination of temporary employees and relief workers who are hired for a specified time period except when the specified time period is reduced.
- (c) Permanent, probationary and temporary employees, other than those hired for a specific time period, are required to provide the Employer with two (2) weeks advance written notice of their intention to terminate employment.
- (d) Vacation leave shall not be used as any part of the period of the stipulated notices referred to in this Article unless mutually agreed between the employee and the Employer.
- (e) The period of notice may be reduced or eliminated by mutual agreement.

18.06 Grievance on Layoffs and Recalls

Grievances concerning layoffs and recalls shall be initiated at Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure.

18.07 Bumping Procedure

(a) Displacement of Most Junior Employee

A permanent employee who is laid off in accordance with this Article shall have the right to displace the most junior employee, with less seniority, on a shift of their choice in their own or another classification within the bargaining unit of the respective Employer provided the employee is qualified to perform the work of the employee being displaced.

(b) Time Limits

The employee, upon receipt of notice of layoff in writing, must exercise their bumping rights by indicating their intentions to the Employer in writing within one (1) week of receiving the notice of layoff.

(c) Deemed to Accept Layoff

Employees who do not indicate their intentions to exercise their bumping rights within the one (1) week period as stipulated in Clause 18.07 (b) shall be deemed by the Employer to have accepted the layoff as referenced in Clause 18.02.

- (d) An employee who is bumped in accordance with this procedure will be deemed to have been given notice of layoff effective the date that the employee who bumped them was given notice of layoff.

18.08 Continuation of Benefits

In the event of a layoff, employees so affected shall have the right to continue any employee benefit plan, except the Pension Plan, subject to enacted legislation and subject to the terms of the carrier, through direct payments by the employee at no cost to the Employer.

18.09 Option of Hours or Layoff

Any employee who may have their hours changed because of the layoff procedure as per the provisions of this Article shall have the option of taking the change in hours or going on layoff.

Any employee who has their hours of work reduced may exercise their right to displace a less senior employee in accordance with the provisions of this Article.

18.10 Pay in Lieu of Notice

Permanent employees whose positions are declared redundant, or permanent employees who are displaced as a result of bumping and who are unable to bump or unable to be placed in other employment shall be given notice of termination or pay in lieu of notice. The period of notice shall depend upon the employee's age and completed years of continuous service since the last date of employment, as per Schedule "G". Where an earlier effective date is required employees shall receive redundancy pay in lieu of notice. Where an employee is eligible to receive severance pay, the notice period and/or the amount of pay in lieu of notice shall be reduced accordingly. Employees who are re-employed with any Employer which is party to collective agreements listed in Schedule "E" shall be required to pay back part of any severance pay/pay in lieu of notice they received. The amount they have to pay back shall be based on the length of time they have been out of the employment from the Employer covered by the coalition negotiations. The amount repaid will be based on the net amount received by the employee or the amount paid to a financial institution on behalf of an employee.

ARTICLE 19 **HOURS OF WORK**

19.01 Libra House and Iris Kirby House Inc.

- (a) The normal hours of work shall be on the average of forty (40) hours on a weekly basis inclusive of meals, program and other meetings as well as the fifteen (15) minute briefing period prior to each shift. The Employer shall give employees three (3) months' notice of any change to the existing twelve (12) hour shift schedule.

- (b) During the meal period employees may be permitted to leave the premises depending on the requirements of the House.

19.02 Willow House

- (a) The normal hours of work shall be on the average of forty (40) hours on a weekly basis inclusive of meals. The Employer agrees to maintain the current shift schedule for the duration of the current collective agreement.
- (b) Notwithstanding Clause 19.02 (a), if either party to this agreement finds it necessary to change the current work schedule and is unable to obtain the approval of the other party, the party seeking the change has the right to submit the issue to arbitration as per Article 14.
- (c) During the meal period employees may be permitted to leave the premises depending on the requirements of the House.

19.03 Working Schedule - Group Homes

(a) Regular Daily Hours

(i) Labrador Group Home

The normal hours of work shall be, on average, eighty (80) hours on a bi-weekly basis for full-time employees, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the union and the Employer.

(ii) John Howard Society

The normal hours of work shall be, on average, seventy-five (75) hours on a bi-weekly basis for full-time employees, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the union and the Employer.

(b) Working Schedule

- (i) The working schedule for each employee showing the shifts and days off work shall be posted in an appropriate place at least two (2) weeks in advance.
- (ii) When an employee's day(s) off are changed without having been given at least forty-eight (48) hours prior notice of having to work on their day(s) off, they shall be paid double (2x) their regular hourly rate for each hour worked on the scheduled day(s) off.
- (iii) Employees shall not be scheduled for more than six (6) consecutive days of work unless mutually agreed otherwise between the supervisor and the employee.

- (iv) Employees shall be scheduled with a minimum of twelve (12) hours between shifts unless otherwise agreed to by mutual consent, in writing, between the employee and the supervisor. Employees required to work with less than twelve (12) hours rest shall be compensated at time and one-half (1½) for all hours worked.
 - (v) Part-time employees shall not be scheduled by the Employer for less than three (3) hours in any shift.
- (c) Rest Periods
- (i) Each employee shall be entitled to a rest period of fifteen (15) consecutive minutes in the first half and in the second half of a full working day, at a time to be scheduled by the Supervisor.
 - (ii) In circumstances where the granting of a rest period is not feasible due to operational requirements and/or resident or staff safety, the employee and the Supervisor may mutually agree on an alternative arrangement to provide the employee with an acceptable rest period.
- (d) Days Off
- (i) Subject to the scheduling requirements of each Group Home, days off shall be allocated at the rate of the minimum of two (2) consecutive days off except where mutually agreed between the employee and the Co-ordinator.
 - (ii) Days off shall be planned in such a way as to distribute weekends off so that employees shall receive every third weekend off and the Employer shall endeavour to grant every second weekend off.
 - (iii) Shift Rotation
Where there is a shift rotation, all shifts shall rotate in an equitable manner. Subject to operational and scheduling requirements, the Employer will endeavour to accommodate employee requests to work evenings or nights on a permanent basis.
- (e) Change of Shift
- When an employee's regularly scheduled shift is changed to another shift in that day, they shall be given prior notice as follows:
- (i) twenty-four (24) hours' notice before the originally scheduled shift, if the rescheduled shift occurs after the originally scheduled shift;

- (ii) twenty-four (24) hours' notice before the rescheduled shift if the rescheduled shift occurs before the originally scheduled shift.
- (iii) Should the required notice not be given in accordance with this Article, the employee shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1½) their regular hourly rate for the shift worked.
- (iv) In cases where the employee's regularly scheduled shift is changed, it is the responsibility of the Employer to notify the employee affected by the change before they report to work.

(f) Exchange of Shift

Employees may be permitted to exchange their shifts with an employee in the same classification provided that the employee's Supervisor is notified and approves the change in shift.

(g) Rest Between Shifts

Employees shall be scheduled with a minimum of twelve (12) hours between shifts unless otherwise agreed to by mutual consent, in writing, between the employee and the supervisor. Employees required to work with less than twelve (12) hours rest shall be compensated at time and one-half (1½) for all hours worked.

(h) Split Shifts

There shall be no split shifts, unless mutually agreed between the employee and the Supervisor.

ARTICLE 20
OVERTIME

*20.01 Overtime

All time worked by an employee in excess of the scheduled daily shifts or scheduled bi-weekly shifts shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 ½) unless mutually agreed upon otherwise between the Employer and employee, as stipulated in Clause 20.06.

20.02 No Layoff to Compensate for Overtime

An employee shall not be laid off during regular hours to equalize any overtime worked.

20.03 Calculation of Overtime Rates

An employee who is absent on paid time off shall be considered as if they had worked the regular hours during such absence.

20.04 Sharing of Overtime

Overtime work shall be distributed as equitably as possible amongst available employees in the classification affected by the overtime worked.

20.05 Call Back Guarantee

- (a) An employee who is called back to work after they have left their place of work shall be paid a minimum of three (3) hours at the overtime rate, provided the work is not contiguous to scheduled working hours.
- (b) An employee who is called back to work and completes the work assigned in less than the three (3) hour minimum, but is subsequently recalled within the three (3) hour minimum, only receives the benefit of the three (3) hour minimum once. However, should the total time on one or more calls exceed the three (3) hour minimum, the employee will be compensated for the actual time worked at the normal overtime rate.
- (c) In Transition Houses, a relief worker who is called to work shall receive a minimum of three (3) hours pay at regular rates for the particular classification for which they have been called. All time worked by a relief worker in excess of equivalent full-time hours on a daily or weekly basis shall be considered overtime.

*20.06 Time Off in Lieu of Overtime

Where requested by the employee, the Employer may grant time off in lieu of overtime, at overtime rates, to a maximum of eighty (80) hours. The employee's decision to receive time off must be conveyed to the supervisor within seventy-two (72) hours of the conclusion of overtime.

ARTICLE 21
SHIFT WORK

21.01 (a) Shift Work Premium - Libra House, Iris Kirby House Inc. and Willow House

- (i) Effective date of signing, a shift differential of two dollars and thirty (\$2.30) cents per hour shall be paid for each hour the employee works between the hours of 1600 on one day and 0800 of the following day.
- (ii) Effective date of signing, a Saturday and Sunday differential of two dollars and fifty-five (\$2.55) cents per hour shall be paid for each hour the employee works between 0001 Saturday and 2400 hours Sunday.

If an employee qualifies for both differentials under (i) and (ii) above, they shall receive both.

(b) Shift Differential - Group Homes and Naomi Centre

(i) Effective date of signing, a shift differential of two dollars and thirty (\$2.30) cents per hour shall be paid for each hour the employee works between the hours of 1600 on one day and 0800 of the following day.

(ii) Saturday and Sunday Differential

A Saturday and Sunday differential of two dollars and fifty-five (\$2.55) cents per hour effective date of signing shall be paid for each hour worked by an employee between the hours of 0001 Saturday and 2400 hours Sunday. If an employee qualifies for both differentials, they shall receive both.

21.02 Changes to Daylight Saving Time

The employee working the additional hours will be compensated at overtime rates.

ARTICLE 22
PAID HOLIDAYS

*22.01 *(a) Paid Holidays - Libra House

The Employer recognizes the following as paid holidays:

New Year's Day	Canada Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
Armistice Day	Boxing Day
Labour Day	Regatta Day

Should any new statutory holiday be proclaimed by the Provincial authorities, it shall be added to the above list and granted to employees within the scope of this Agreement.

*(b) Paid Holidays - Group Homes, Iris Kirby House Inc. & Willow House

The following shall be designated paid holidays and employees shall receive eight (8) hours paid leave for each of the following:

New Year's Day	Labour Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
Canada Day	Boxing Day

One (1) other day to be taken at the convenience of the employees with the Employer's approval, which will not be unreasonably withheld.

Should any new statutory holiday be proclaimed by the Provincial authorities, it shall be added to the above list and granted to employees within the scope of this Agreement.

22.02 Pay for Regular Scheduled Work on a Paid Holiday

- (a) Employees who are required to work on a designated holiday, shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1½) for each hour worked on the holiday and will be granted another day off in lieu of the holiday at a time to be mutually agreed between the Employer and the employee. Such requests for time off shall not unreasonably be denied by the Employer.
- (b) Relief Workers shall be paid at the rate of double time and one-half for each hour worked on a paid holiday (as specified in Clause 22.01) but will not get another day off in lieu of pay. The holiday(s) so worked shall be deducted from holidays considered for pro-ration purposes at year end.

22.03 Christmas/New Year Scheduling

The Employer will endeavour to have employees scheduled on Christmas Day not be scheduled to work on New Year's Day and to receive New Year's Eve as a scheduled day off. Similarly, the Employer will endeavour to have employees scheduled to work on New Year's Day not be scheduled to work on Christmas Day and to receive Christmas Eve as a day off unless mutually agreed between the employee and their supervisor. Unless mutually agreed between the employee and their supervisor, the Employer will endeavour not to schedule an employee to work two (2) consecutive Christmas or New Year's Days.

22.04 Banking of Holidays - Group Homes

In Group Homes, days earned shall be taken by mutual agreement as per Clause 22.02 but, if not taken within ninety (90) working days of the holiday carried, then such time will be paid out.

22.05 Holiday Compensation for Temporary and Part-time Employees and Relief Workers

For holidays not worked, temporary and part-time employees and relief workers shall be entitled to holiday pay on a pro-rata basis based on the number of hours worked. This compensation will be paid on the first pay cheque in January of each year. The pro-ration formula to be used is as follows:

$$\frac{\text{\# of hours worked in year}}{2080} \times \text{\# of paid holidays not worked} \times 8 \text{ hours} \times \text{regular hourly salary rate} = \text{Holiday Pay}$$

Note: The pro-ration formula for the John Howard Society Home for Youth would use 1950 hours in place of 2080 hours.

ARTICLE 23
VACATIONS

23.01 Length of Vacation

- (a) A permanent employee shall receive an annual vacation with pay in accordance with the employee's years of employment as follows:
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| less than one year | 13.3 hours for each month |
| one to ten years | 160 hours per year |
| ten to twenty-five years | 200 hours per year |
| in excess of twenty-five years | 240 hours per year |
- (b) Relief workers shall not be entitled to take earned annual vacation but shall receive their accumulated vacation pay after giving the Employer an advance notice of one (1) week.

23.02 Banking Vacation Hours

- (a) An employee may carry forward to a subsequent year annual leave equivalent to their current year's entitlement.
- (b) Employees, other than Relief Workers, working less than full-time hours shall be entitled to use accumulated annual leave on a full-time basis if they so wish, however while using annual leave on a full-time basis they shall not be eligible for call-ins or overtime.
- (c) Employees who are prohibited from taking annual leave because of Workers' Compensation benefits or extended sick leave shall be allowed to carry forward additional days.

23.03 Compensation for Holidays Falling Within Vacation Schedule

If a paid holiday provided for in Clause 22.01 occurs during an employee's annual leave, the employee will be charged with the holiday and there will be no deduction from annual leave credit for that particular day.

23.04 Vacation Pay on Termination

Any earned but unused annual leave entitlement will be paid to the employee on termination, resignation or retirement provided sufficient advance notice is provided and no debts are owed to the Employer. In the event that sufficient notice is not given, payment will be made no later than the second payday following the date of termination, provided no debts are owed to the Employer.

23.05 Vacation Schedules

Vacations may be requested at any time during the year. Subject to operational requirements, a reasonable effort shall be made to grant annual vacation at the time requested by the employee.

23.06 Approved Leave of Absence During Vacation

Where an employee qualifies for sick leave, bereavement or any other approved leave during their period of vacation, they may change the status of their leave effective the date they notify the Employer. In the case of sick leave, a medical certificate will be submitted by an employee.

23.07 Overtime Vacation Rate

An employee who is recalled to work while on annual leave shall be compensated at the rate of time and one-half for time worked during the annual vacation period. Hours worked while on vacation will not be deducted from the employee's annual leave credits.

23.08 Month of Service

For the purpose of this Article, an employee who is paid full salary and wages in respect of 50% or more of the days in the first or last calendar month of their service shall, in each case, be deemed to have had a month of service.

23.09 Annual Leave Payment - Group Homes

In Group Homes, temporary employees and relief workers, upon employment shall be given an option with respect to annual leave as follows:

- (a) To receive payment for annual leave on a regular basis throughout their employment period; or
- (b) To receive payment for annual leave at the end of the employee's employment term or once a year on the last pay day in March, whichever occurs first.

The choice provided in this Clause must be made immediately upon employment. It shall be the Employer's responsibility to acquire the employee's choice in writing upon re-hire.

23.10 Unused Vacation Paid to Estate

Any earned but unused vacation of a deceased employee shall be paid to such employee's estate.

ARTICLE 24
SICK LEAVE

24.01 Sick Leave Defined

Sick leave means the period of time an employee is absent from work with full pay by virtue of being sick or disabled, exposed to a contagious disease, or under examination or treatment of a physician, chiropractor, or dentist, or because of an accident for which compensation is not payable under the *Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act*.

24.02 Amount of Paid Sick Leave

- (a) (i) An employee is eligible to accumulate sick leave with full pay at the rate of sixteen (16) hours for each month of service.
 - (ii) Notwithstanding 24.02(a)(i), an employee hired after December 1, 2006 is eligible to accumulate sick leave at the rate of eight (8) hours for each month of service.
- (b) (i) The maximum number of hours of sick leave which may be awarded to an employee during any consecutive twenty (20) year period of service shall not exceed three thousand, eight hundred and forty (3840) hours.
 - (ii) Notwithstanding 24.02(b)(i), the maximum number of hours of sick leave which may be awarded to an employee hired after December 1, 2006 during any consecutive twenty (20) year period of service shall not exceed one thousand, nine hundred and twenty (1920) hours.

24.03 Accumulation of Sick Leave

The unused portion of an employee's sick leave shall accrue for their future use.

24.04 Deductions from Sick Leave

- (a) Absence on account of illness for less than half a day shall not be deducted. Absence for half a day or more, but less than a full day, shall be deducted as one half day.
- (b) Article 24.04(a) only applies to absences due to illnesses that are unanticipated. It does not apply when employees are unable, under doctor's instruction, to complete an entire shift, or when an employee is returning to work as part of an ease back arrangement.

*24.05 (a) Proof of Illness - Transition Houses

The Employer may require an employee to submit a medical certificate during any period that any employee is on sick leave. In any event, sick leave in excess of three (3) consecutive working days at any time shall not be awarded to an employee unless they have submitted in respect thereof a medical certificate satisfactory to the Employer.

(b) Proof of Illness - Group Homes

An employee may be required by the Employer to submit a medical certificate in respect of any period of illness in excess of three (3) consecutive days or seven (7) days in the aggregate in a calendar year. The medical certificate shall be signed by the attending physician and shall indicate the nature of illness together with the period of illness.

*(c) There may be cases where an employee has an ongoing medical condition where they foresee a use of sick days beyond the number of days allowed before a medical certificate is required in 24.05(a) and (b). In an effort to minimize the number of medical certificates required, employees with an ongoing medical condition(s) are permitted to submit a medical certificate at the beginning of each calendar year outlining that they have an ongoing medical condition to the Employer.

If the Employer is satisfied with the medical certificate, then the employee does not have to provide a medical certificate for each subsequent day of illness related to the ongoing medical condition for the remainder of the calendar year.

24.06 Sick Leave During Leave of Absence and Layoff

When an employee is given paid leave of absence for any reason, they shall receive sick leave credit for the period of such absence on their return to work. When an employee is laid off on account of lack of work, they shall not receive sick leave credits for the period of such absence but shall retain their cumulative credit, if any, existing at the time of such layoff.

24.07 (a) Extension of Sick Leave

An employee who has exhausted their sick leave credits may, if still unfit to return to work, proceed on annual leave and if not eligible for annual leave, on special unpaid leave to a maximum of one (1) consecutive year. Medical certificates shall be submitted as requested by the Employer.

(b) Extension of Sick Leave - Libra House and Willow House

(i) An employee with more than five (5) years of service who has exhausted their sick leave credits may be allowed in the event of illness in excess of fifteen (15) days, an extension of their sick leave to a maximum of fifteen (15) working days. This sick leave extension shall be repaid by the employee upon their return to duty from their normal monthly accumulation.

(ii) When an employee has used the maximum amount of sick leave which may be awarded to them in accordance with this Agreement, they may elect, if they are still unfit to return to duty, to proceed on annual leave, including current and accumulated leave, if they are eligible to receive such leave and if not, on special without pay to a maximum of one (1) continuous year unless a longer period is mutually agreed upon between the employee and the Employer. Medical certificates shall be submitted as required by the Employer.

- (iii) While on special unpaid leave for sickness, the employee shall continue to accumulate seniority.

24.08 Sick Leave Records

Immediately after the close of each calendar year, the Employer shall advise each employee in writing of the amount of sick leave accrued to their credit.

24.09 Relief Workers Sick Leave

Relief workers shall not receive paid sick leave if the employee refuses a recall due to illness. Sick leave shall only be awarded where:

- (a) the employee has been scheduled to work and is subsequently unable to attend work during the scheduled period due to illness or injury, or
- (b) the employee is unable to accept a shift for which the employee would otherwise have been eligible to work due to an illness or injury requiring a period of hospitalization.

*24.10 Preventive Medical Leave

Employees shall be entitled to use accumulated sick leave credits for preventive medical care and dental care. The employee shall be required to show proof of having received such care. The employee must endeavor to a reasonable extent to schedule preventive medical and dental care during off duty hours. Employees who are granted leave for preventative medical and dental care are required to use a minimum of three (3) hours sick leave credits if replacement staff are required.

ARTICLE 25 **LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

*25.01 Leave of Absence for Union Functions

Upon written request by the Union to the Employer and with its approval in writing, authorized union representatives shall be granted leave with pay up to a total of one hundred and twenty (120) hours annually for each bargaining unit for the purpose of attending official union functions. Employees of Iris Kirby House Inc, shall be granted an additional eighty (80) hours annually.

25.02 Leave of Absence for Full-Time Union Duties

The Employer shall grant, on written request, leave of absence without pay for periods of three (3) months up to one (1) year, for an employee selected for a full-time position with the Union, without loss of accrued benefits. The period of leave of absence may be renewed

upon request. Employees may not accrue any benefits other than seniority during such period of absence.

***25.03 Paid Bereavement Leave**

An employee shall be entitled to bereavement leave with pay as follows:

- * (a) In the case of the death of an employee's mother, father, brother, sister, child or child-in-law, spouse, grandmother, grandfather, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandchild, legal guardian, common law spouse or any near relative living in the same household three (3) consecutive working days.
- * (b) In the case of siblings-in-law, one (1) working day.
- (c) If the death of a relative referred to in Clause 25.03 (a) occurs outside the Province, or outside Labrador in the case of bargaining units in Labrador, the employee may be granted leave with pay not exceeding four (4) consecutive days for the purpose of attending the funeral.
- (d) In cases where extraordinary circumstances prevail, the Employer may, at their discretion, grant special leave for bereavement up to a maximum of two (2) consecutive days in addition to that provided in Clauses 25.03 (a), (b) & (c).
- (e) If any employee is on annual leave with pay at the time of bereavement, the employee shall be granted bereavement leave and be credited the appropriate number of days to annual leave.

25.04 Pallbearer's Leave

One-half (1/2) day's leave shall be granted without loss of salary, wages or benefits to attend as a pallbearer.

25.05 Paid Jury or Court Witness Duty Leave

Leave with pay will be awarded to an employee who is required:

- (a) to serve on a jury; or
- (b) by subpoena or summons, to attend as a witness in any proceeding held:
 - i) in or under authority of a court of justice;
 - ii) before a court, judge or justice;
 - iii) before the House of Assembly or any committee thereof that is authorized by law to compel the attendance of witnesses before it; or
 - iv) before an arbitrator or a person or body of persons authorized by law to make an enquiry and to compel the attendance of witnesses before it;
 and provided that any witness fees receivable shall be paid to the Employer.

- (c) If an employee is required to attend a court proceeding on a work related matter, the employee shall be compensated in accordance with the provisions of the Collective Agreement. Time may be approved by the Employer to permit an employee to prepare as a witness.

25.06 Education Leave and Examinations

- (a) Subject to operational requirements and availability of qualified replacement staff, an employee shall be granted unpaid educational leave of the amount requested not exceeding two (2) years unless mutually agreed between the employee and the Employer. The employee shall not accrue any benefits of the Collective Agreement, except service for seniority.
- (b) An employee shall be entitled to leave of absence with pay and without loss of seniority and benefits to write examinations to upgrade their employment qualifications as determined by the Administrator or designated representative.

25.07 Family Leave

- (a) Subject to 25.07 (b), (c) and (d), an employee who is required to:
 - (i) attend to the temporary care of a sick family member living in the same household, and the employee's mother and father;
 - (ii) attend to the needs related to the birth of the employee's child;
 - (iii) accompany a dependent family member living in the same household on a dental or medical appointment;
 - (iv) attend to the needs related to the adoption of a child; and
 - (v) attend to the needs related to home or family emergencies;
 - (vi) attend meetings with school authorities;

in the case of Transition Houses an employee shall be awarded up to twenty-four (24) hours paid family leave in any calendar year and in the case of Group Homes an employee shall be awarded up to three (3) days paid family leave in any calendar year.

- (b) In order to qualify for family leave, the employee shall:
 - (i) provide as much notice to the Employer as is reasonably possible;
 - (ii) provide to the Employer valid reasons why such leave is required; and
 - (iii) where appropriate and in particular with respect to (iii), (iv) and (v) of 25.07(a), have endeavoured to a reasonable extent to schedule such events during off duty hours.
- (c) Employees shall not be permitted to change any other leave to family leave but shall be entitled to change family leave to bereavement leave.
- (d) A relief worker shall only be granted family leave if they report to work following a recall and subsequently qualifies for family leave during that period for which they were recalled.

*25.08 Family Violence Leave

An employee shall be granted leave with pay, not exceeding three (3) days in the aggregate in a calendar year, where the employee or a person to whom the employee is a parent or caregiver has been directly or indirectly subjected to, a victim of, impacted or seriously affected by family violence or witnessed family violence by:

- (i) a person who is or has been a family member;
- (ii) a person who is or has been in an intimate relationship or who is living or has lived with the employee;
- (iii) a person who is the parent of a child with the employee; or
- (iv) a person who is or has been a caregiver to the employee.

Confidentiality

All personal information concerning domestic violence will be kept confidential in compliance with relevant Legislation. An employee who wishes to take a leave of absence under this Clause may be required to provide the Employer with reasonable verification of the necessity of the leave.

*25.09 Maternity Leave, Parental and Adoption Leave

- * (a) (i) An employee may request maternity/adoption/parental leave without pay which may commence prior to the expected date of delivery and the employee shall be granted such leave in accordance with this Clause. Leave approved under this clause is to be taken within twenty-four (24) months of the birth or adoption of the child.
- * (ii) An employee is entitled to a maximum of seventy-eight (78) weeks leave under this Clause. However, the Employer may grant leave without pay when the employee is unable to return to duty after the expiration of this leave.
- (b) (i) An employee may return to duty after giving their Permanent Head two (2) weeks' notice of their intention to do so.
- (ii) The employee shall resume their former position and salary upon return from leave, with no loss of accrued benefits.
- * (c) * (i) Periods of leave up to seventy-eight (78) weeks shall count for seniority purposes, annual leave, sick leave, severance pay, and step progression.
- * (ii) Employees on leave will have the option of continuing to pay their portion of the group insurance plan premiums to a maximum of seventy-eight (78) weeks. Where the employee opts to continue to pay premiums, the Employer will also pay its share of the premiums.

- (d) An employee may be awarded sick leave for illness that is a result of or may be associated with pregnancy prior to the scheduled commencement date of maternity leave or birth of the child, whichever occurs first.
- (e) While on maternity/adoption/parental leave the employees may request copies of job postings be forwarded to them by the Employer.

25.10 General Leave

With the approval of the Employer, an employee may be granted leave of absence without pay and without loss of seniority in exceptional circumstances provided that the employee has no current or accumulated annual leave available to him.

25.11 Unpaid Leave/Extended Unpaid Leave

- (a) Subject to operational requirements and availability of qualified replacement staff, where required, employees shall be eligible for one (1) month of unpaid leave and shall be granted service credits for seniority purposes in accordance with Clause 16.07. The month of unpaid leave does not necessarily have to be taken consecutively, but cannot be taken in increments of less than two (2) days at a time.
- (b) Upon written request, a permanent employee who has completed two (2) years of service shall be granted unpaid leave to a maximum of twelve (12) months, subject to the operational requirements of the Employer's operations and the availability of qualified replacement staff. An employee shall be entitled to up to a maximum of twelve (12) months unpaid leave for each two (2) years of service with the understanding that no employee can have more than twelve (12) consecutive months of unpaid leave at any one time. While on such leave, employees shall continue to accumulate service for seniority purposes in accordance with Clause 16.07. The minimum amount of unpaid leave an employee may have under this Clause is eight (8) weeks. An employee will not be granted extended unpaid leave to take another position with the same Employer whether inside or outside a bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 26

PAYMENT OF WAGES AND ALLOWANCES

26.01 Pay Days

- (a) Employees shall be paid every two weeks by cheque or direct deposit. Direct deposit or pay cheques shall be accompanied by an itemized statement of earnings and deductions as well as dates and explanations.
- (b) Employees at Willow House and the Iris Kirby House Inc. will be paid salaries and wages provided for in Schedule "A" of this agreement on a bi-weekly basis, inclusive of an itemized statement of earnings and deductions. The Employer will make every

reasonable effort to continue the current practice of employees receiving their cheques on their last working day of the week.

(c) Shift Allowances - Group Home Part-time Employees

A part-time employee shall be paid the sum of twenty (20) cents per hour for any hour worked after their regularly scheduled shift up to equivalent full-time hours.

26.02 Rate of Pay on Temporary Assignment

An employee who is assigned by the Employer to perform the full scope of duties associated with a higher classification shall be paid at a rate of pay applicable to that classification provided the full scope of duties are performed for at least two (2) consecutive days.

26.03 Pay on Transfer, Lower Rated Job

The rate of pay for an employee who is temporarily assigned to perform the duties of a lower classification shall not be reduced.

26.04 Vacation Pay

An employee may, upon giving at least two (2) weeks' notice, receive on the last office day preceding commencement of their annual vacation, any pay cheques which may fall during the period of vacation.

*26.05 Travel on the Employer's Business

Provincial Meal Rates - Effective Date of Signing

Effective the date of signing, for each day or part thereof, on travel status, the maximum rate allowable for meals, inclusive of taxes and gratuities, shall be as follows:

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Total
NL	\$9.60	\$16.80	\$26.04	\$52.44
Other Provinces	\$12.18	\$19.68	\$28.38	\$60.24
USA (USD\$)	\$12.18	\$19.68	\$28.38	\$60.24
Other	\$13.50	\$21.54	\$31.20	\$66.24

Travel on Employer's Business - Less Than One (1) Day

For travel on the Employer's business for less than one (1) day, Travel Expense Rules as prescribed by Treasury Board shall apply.

26.06 Employees who are authorized to use their own cars while traveling on business for the Employer shall be reimbursed as follows:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>
April 1, 2000	thirty one and half (31 ½) cents per km

*26.07 (a) Employees who make an automobile available for use on Employer business as a condition of employment shall be reimbursed as follows:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Per km</u>	<u>Annual Limit</u>
2022 04 01	As per Government Rates	first 9,000 km
2022 04 01	As per Government Rates	in excess of 9,000 km

Adjustments on mileage shall be reviewed on a monthly basis

Note: Employees who receive the above rates are not entitled to the rates set out in Clause 26.06.

- (b) On receipt of invoice, reimbursement for the difference between private and Employer required business insurance.
- (c) Reimbursement of parking meter expenses incurred while on the Employer's business will be compensated as follows:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>
April 1, 1999	ten dollars and \$10.00 per week

26.08 Incidental Expenses

An employee is entitled to claim an incidental expense when they have been on overnight travel status as follows:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>
April 1, 2000	five dollars (\$5.00) per night

26.09 Telephone Calls

An employee on overnight travel status shall be reimbursed for the cost of one (1) personal long-distance call, not longer than five (5) minutes, for each day the employee is overnight travel status.

26.10 Private Accommodations

Employees who provide their own accommodations while traveling on the Employer's business will be compensated as follows:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Rate</u>
April 1, 1999	twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per night

26.11 Labrador Allowance

Labrador Benefits Agreement to apply to eligible employees.

26.12 On Call/Standby Provisions

- (a) Group Home employees required by the Employer to perform stand-by duty will be compensated at the rate of \$20.40 effective date of signing per eight (8) hour shift on standby, provided that the employee is available when called. When an employee does report to work when called, they shall be compensated for transportation costs at the appropriate kilometer rate specified in 26.07(a) to a maximum of eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50).
- (b) A Transition House employee required to perform standby duty shall be compensated as follows for each eight (8) or twelve (12) hour shift:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>8 Hour Shift</u>	<u>12 Hour Shift</u>
Date of signing	\$20.40	\$30.60

When an employee does report to work when called, they shall be compensated for transportation costs at the applicable mileage rate to a maximum of \$5.00.

ARTICLE 27
CLASSIFICATION

- 27.01 Employees shall be notified, in writing, of any changes in their classification.
- 27.02 The Classification Appeal Board shall carry out its functions in accordance with the Classification Review and Appeal Board Procedures as set out in Schedule "B".
- 27.03 When an employee feels that their position has been unfairly or incorrectly classified, the employee may submit a request for review in accordance with the procedures outlined in Schedule "C".
- 27.04 Classification decisions arising out of any employee's request for review or appeal shall be retroactive to the date the request was first received by the Classification and Organizational Design Division of the Treasury Board Secretariat.
- 27.05 The Employer agrees to have available job descriptions for all positions in the bargaining unit. These descriptions shall be available to the Union and/or individual employees upon request.

ARTICLE 28
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

28.01 Employee Benefit Plans

The existing Group Insurance programs currently in effect will remain in effect for the life of this Agreement. It is, however, understood between the parties that a change in carrier may necessitate a modification in certain aspects of the programs. Where possible, the Employer will endeavour to provide sixty (60) days' notice to the Union of changes to the plans coverage.

28.02 Employer Contribution to Group Life Insurance and Medical Program

The cost of Group Life and Medical and Pension Plans will be shared equally by the Employer and the employees.

28.03 Workers' Compensation

(a) All employees shall be covered by the *Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act*.

(b) It is understood and agreed by the parties to this collective agreement that an employee who is approved for full extended earnings loss (EEL) benefits from the Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission after the date of signing of this agreement shall no longer accumulate benefits under this agreement but shall have their position with the Employer protected for two (2) calendar years following the date of such approval, immediately following which their employment shall be terminated, subject to the *Human Rights Act*.

(c) Pension Credit and Group Insurance

Pension credit and group insurance coverage will continue on the basis of the pre-injury salary including salary adjustments from step progression or pay increases during the period of temporary absence, subject to payment of appropriate premiums based on the pre-injury salary rate or adjusted rate because of step progression or pay increases, provided this clause does not violate the *Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Act*.

ARTICLE 29
HEALTH & SAFETY

29.01 Cooperation on Safety

The Union and the Employer shall cooperate in promoting and improving rules and practices which promote an occupational environment which will enhance the physiological and psychological conditions of employees and which will provide protection from factors adverse to employee health and safety.

There shall be no discrimination, no penalty, no intimidation and no coercion when employees comply with this Health and Safety Article.

29.02 Compliance with Health and Safety Legislation

The Employer shall comply with all applicable federal, provincial and municipal health and safety legislation and regulations. All standards established under the legislation and regulations shall constitute minimum acceptable practice to be improved upon by agreement of the Union-Employer Health and Safety Committee or negotiations with the Union.

29.03 Union-Employer Health and Safety Concerns

Health and Safety concerns will be an agenda item for staff meetings as provided for in Clause 10.01. Recommendations agreed to will be included in minutes of the meeting.

If required by the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, an Occupational Health and Safety Committee will be established.

29.04 Injury Pay Provisions

An employee who is injured during working hours, and is required to leave for treatment or is sent home as a result of such injury, shall receive payment for the remainder of the shift at their regular rate of pay, without deduction from sick leave, unless a doctor or nurse states that the employee is fit for further work on that shift.

29.05 Transportation of Accident Victims

Transportation to the nearest physician or hospital for employees requiring medical care as a result of a work accident shall be at the expense of the Employer.

29.06 Health and Safety Grievance

Where a dispute involving a question of general application or interpretation of this Article occurs, it shall be subject to the grievance procedure and Steps 1 and 2 of the Grievance Procedure may be by-passed.

29.07 Mandate

The mandate of Occupational Health & Safety Committees shall be expanded to include environmental issues.

ARTICLE 30
PERSONAL LOSS

- 30.01 (a) Subject to Clauses 29.02 and 29.03, where an employee in the performance of their duty suffers any personal loss, and where such loss was not due to the employee's negligence, the Employer may compensate the employee for any loss suffered, subject to a maximum of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).
- (b) All incidents of loss suffered by an employee shall be reported in writing by the employee within seven (7) days of the incident to the Administrator or their designated representative.
- (c) This provision shall only apply in respect of personal effects which the employee would reasonably have in their possession during the performance of their duty.

ARTICLE 31
GENERAL CONDITIONS

31.01 Proper Accommodation

Proper accommodation shall be provided for employees to have their meals and store and change their clothes.

31.02 Adverse Weather Conditions

The following provisions shall apply to employees during adverse weather conditions necessitating a state of emergency declared by either the Employer or the appropriate provincial or municipal authority:

- (i) All employees are required to report for duty as scheduled.
- (ii) When an employee through no fault of their own is unable to report for work because of a declared state of emergency, such employee shall suffer no loss of pay or other benefits, nor shall they be required to make up, in any way, for time lost due to not reporting for work.
- (iii) Notwithstanding Clause 31.02 (i) above, the Employer reserves the right to close down or reduce staffing levels in any facility in which event employees so affected will not be required to report for duty and shall be paid in accordance with the terms of Clause 31.02 (ii) above.
- (iv) An employee who worked during the emergency will be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1½) for all hours worked.

- (v) When an employee through no fault of their own is unable to report for work due to adverse weather conditions other than those referred to in (ii) above, they may be allowed the opportunity to proceed on annual leave or time owed provided they have such leave or time to their credit. In the event an employee has no leave to their credit, then they can borrow annual leave from next year's leave.

This clause will not apply unless the employee has made a reasonable effort to report to work.

31.03 Retroactive Pay for Terminated Employees

Retroactive pay will be made available to terminated employees on written request to the Employer by the employee.

31.04 Benefit Application for Employees Working Less than Full-Time

(a) Benefit Entitlements

Employees working less than full time hours shall receive wages and benefits specified in this Agreement on a pro-rata basis according to their hours of work.

- (b) Temporary employees shall be entitled to wages and benefits of the Agreement for the duration of their employment. Earned benefits shall be pro-rated and employees will be allowed to carry forward these benefits from one period of employment to the next.

31.05 Program Meetings (Group Homes only)

- (a) Program Meetings - Meetings held for the purpose of discussing programs for residents, health concerns and other matters relating to the custody and/or well-being of residents.
- (b) When program meetings are scheduled outside an employee's normal shift and the attendance of staff is declared mandatory by the Employer, then time spent in such meetings shall be considered as time worked and shall be paid in accordance with Article 20, if applicable. In addition, the Employer agrees to provide at least one (1) weeks' notice to employees of such meetings. In the event that such notice is not given, the employee will be paid in accordance with Clause 20.06.

The provisions of Clause 19.03(b)(iv) shall not apply to time spent in program meetings.

(c) Transition Homes

Program/Staff Meetings - These meetings are designed to discuss services provided for residents and other matters relating to the wellbeing of residents and staff, and as an opportunity to liaise with other community groups, and to provide some staff development. Such meetings will be called at the discretion of the Employer, who shall be cognizant of the concerns of the employees in scheduling these meetings. The

current practice in each Home with respect to payment of staff for attendance at program/staff meetings shall continue for the life of this Agreement.

31.06 Criminal or Legal Liability

The Employer shall defend, negotiate or settle civil and/or criminal claims, suits or prosecutions arising out of acts performed by an employee in the course of their duties, provided that the Employer is satisfied that the employee performed duties required by the Employer, and/or the employee acted within the scope of their employment.

31.07 Advance Notice of Mergers and Amalgamations

The union will be advised of the Employer's plans to sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of an operation covered under this agreement before proposals for such sale, lease, transfer or disposal are solicited from prospective purchasers.

ARTICLE 32
PRESENT CONDITIONS AND BENEFITS

32.01 Present Conditions to Continue

All rights, benefits, privileges, customs, practices and working conditions which employees now enjoy, receive or possess shall continue, insofar as they are consistent with this agreement, unless modified by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union.

32.02 Continuation of Acquired Rights

All provisions of this agreement are subject to applicable laws now or hereafter in effect. If any law now existing or hereafter enacted, or proclamation or regulation shall invalidate or disallow any portion of this agreement, the entire agreement shall not be invalidated and the existing rights, privileges and obligations of the parties shall remain in existence.

32.03 Portability of Service Credits

- (a) Employees who are accepted for employment with the same Employer or an Employer which is party to collective agreements listed in Schedule "H", within one hundred twenty calendar days (120) of resignation shall retain portability respecting: (120 maximum)
- (i) Accumulated sick leave credits;
 - (ii) Accumulated annual leave entitlements; and
 - (iii) Service for Severance Pay.

The recognition of prior benefits shall not exceed the benefits available with the new Employer.

In the same manner, portability respecting:

- (i) Pension Plan, and
- (ii) Health and Life Insurance Plan

shall be retained where such plans are in effect in the institution at which the employee has been accepted for reemployment, and the regulations respecting these plans permit the retention of these benefits.

The Employer in consultation with the Union shall endeavour to standardize the benefits available in the Homes.

- (b) Employees who receive portability of benefits under Clause 32.03(a) shall be placed on the appropriate salary scale at their new place of employment.
- (c) Employees reemployed in a Group Home after termination shall, for the purpose of this Agreement be placed on their respective salary scale on a step not lower than the step they were on at the date of termination provided that they have not been out of the employment of the Employer for a period of more than two (2) years.

ARTICLE 33 **COPIES OF AGREEMENT**

33.01 Copies of Agreement

The Union and the Employer desire every employee to be familiar with the provisions of this Agreement and their rights and obligations under it. For this reason, the Employer shall print, at its own costs, sufficient copies of the agreement within thirty (30) days of signing.

ARTICLE 34 **GENERAL**

34.01 Plural or Feminine Terms May Apply

Whenever the feminine or singular is used in this agreement, it shall be considered as if the plural or masculine has been used where the context so requires.

ARTICLE 35 **LEGISLATIVE AND COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS**

35.01 Notice to Re-open Negotiations

Notwithstanding the no strike and no lockout provisions of the agreement, notice to reopen negotiations may be issued by either party in the event that the Provincial Government passes legislation to amend any provision of this agreement. Failing agreement, the parties may exercise the right to strike or lockout. Negotiations are to be conducted in accordance with the applicable legislation.

35.02 Changes in Agreement

Any changes deemed necessary to this Agreement may be made by mutual agreement at any time during the existence of this agreement.

35.03 Notice of Changes

Either party desiring to propose changes to this Agreement shall, within the ninety (90) calendar days prior to the termination date, give notice in writing to the other party of termination and forward the changes proposed. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of such notice by one party, the other party is required to enter into negotiations for a new agreement.

35.04 Agreement to Continue in Force

Where such notice requests revisions only, the following conditions shall apply:

- a) The notice shall state specifically the revisions requested and bargaining negotiations shall be restricted thereto, unless the parties otherwise mutually agree.
- b) Where notice to amend the agreement is given, the provisions of this agreement shall continue in force until a new agreement is signed, or the right to strike accrues, whichever occurs first.

ARTICLE 36
DURATION

*36.01 Duration

Except as otherwise provided, this agreement shall be effective from the date of signing and shall remain in effect until March 31, 2026.

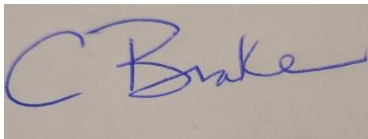
In Witness Whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first before written.

SIGNED on behalf of Treasury Board representing His Majesty the King in Right of Newfoundland and Labrador by the Honourable Siobhan Coady, President of Treasury Board in the presence of the witness hereto subscribing:


Witness



SIGNED on behalf of the Canadian Union of Public Employees by its proper officers in the presence of the witness hereto subscribing:





Witness

***SCHEDULE A**
GROUP HOMES

The salary scales applicable to positions within the bargaining unit are detailed in Schedule A.

***Salary Implementation Formula**

April 1, 2022	2% + Recognition Bonus
April 1, 2023	2%
April 1, 2024	2%
April 1, 2025	2%

Effective June 1, 2023, each bargaining unit employee will receive a one-time recognition bonus payment of \$2,000 pro-rated based on regular full time hours for the hours worked during the previous twelve (12) months.

Retroactivity will be applied to wages only.

Step Progression

1. Step progression is implemented for those who have over 12 months seniority prior to date of signing.
2. Employees shall continue to advance one (1) step annually on their respective salary scales effective the date when twelve (12) months of accumulated service is accumulated.
3. New employees shall advance one (1) step annually on their respective salary scales effective the date when twelve (12) months of service is accumulated and thereafter from year to year for each additional twelve (12) months of service accumulated.
4. For employees other than those employees who are considered permanent (full time) employees under this agreement these employees will receive a step advancement on a prorated basis (ie. when the employees work an equivalent of twelve (12) months of service).

CUPE TRANSITION HOMES
Effective April 1, 2022

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
CG-08	\$17.42	\$17.98	\$18.55
CG-09	\$17.56	\$18.14	\$18.66
CG-10	\$17.69	\$18.24	\$18.81
CG-11	\$17.79	\$18.39	\$18.97
CG-12	\$17.97	\$18.57	\$19.11
CG-13	\$18.14	\$18.73	\$19.36
CG-14	\$18.32	\$18.94	\$19.58
CG-15	\$18.55	\$19.19	\$19.83
CG-16	\$18.75	\$19.46	\$20.09
CG-17	\$19.06	\$19.79	\$20.50
CG-18	\$19.27	\$20.00	\$20.76
CG-19	\$19.66	\$20.46	\$21.22
CG-20	\$20.03	\$20.88	\$21.74
CG-21	\$20.40	\$21.29	\$22.23
CG-22	\$20.78	\$21.75	\$22.79
CG-23	\$21.21	\$22.24	\$23.30
CG-24	\$21.97	\$23.08	\$24.21
CG-25	\$22.85	\$24.00	\$25.18
CG-26	\$23.59	\$24.87	\$26.11
CG-27	\$24.49	\$25.78	\$27.09
CG-28	\$25.36	\$26.71	\$28.09
CG-29	\$26.02	\$27.43	\$28.90
CG-30	\$26.72	\$28.22	\$29.68
CG-31	\$27.74	\$29.24	\$30.82
CG-32	\$28.63	\$30.22	\$31.82
CG-33	\$29.56	\$31.19	\$32.88
CG-34	\$30.55	\$32.27	\$34.03
CG-35	\$31.66	\$33.51	\$35.32
CG-36	\$32.88	\$34.79	\$36.70
CG-37	\$34.05	\$36.05	\$38.04
CG-38	\$35.29	\$37.32	\$39.37
CG-39	\$36.47	\$38.62	\$40.81
CG-40	\$37.65	\$39.91	\$42.12

CUPE TRANSITION HOMES
Effective April 1, 2023

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
CG-08	\$17.77	\$18.34	\$18.92
CG-09	\$17.91	\$18.50	\$19.03
CG-10	\$18.04	\$18.60	\$19.19
CG-11	\$18.15	\$18.76	\$19.35
CG-12	\$18.33	\$18.94	\$19.49
CG-13	\$18.50	\$19.10	\$19.75
CG-14	\$18.69	\$19.32	\$19.97
CG-15	\$18.92	\$19.57	\$20.23
CG-16	\$19.13	\$19.85	\$20.49
CG-17	\$19.44	\$20.19	\$20.91
CG-18	\$19.66	\$20.40	\$21.18
CG-19	\$20.05	\$20.87	\$21.64
CG-20	\$20.43	\$21.30	\$22.17
CG-21	\$20.81	\$21.72	\$22.67
CG-22	\$21.20	\$22.19	\$23.25
CG-23	\$21.63	\$22.68	\$23.77
CG-24	\$22.41	\$23.54	\$24.69
CG-25	\$23.31	\$24.48	\$25.68
CG-26	\$24.06	\$25.37	\$26.63
CG-27	\$24.98	\$26.30	\$27.63
CG-28	\$25.87	\$27.24	\$28.65
CG-29	\$26.54	\$27.98	\$29.48
CG-30	\$27.25	\$28.78	\$30.27
CG-31	\$28.29	\$29.82	\$31.44
CG-32	\$29.20	\$30.82	\$32.46
CG-33	\$30.15	\$31.81	\$33.54
CG-34	\$31.16	\$32.92	\$34.71
CG-35	\$32.29	\$34.18	\$36.03
CG-36	\$33.54	\$35.49	\$37.43
CG-37	\$34.73	\$36.77	\$38.80
CG-38	\$36.00	\$38.07	\$40.16
CG-39	\$37.20	\$39.39	\$41.63
CG-40	\$38.40	\$40.71	\$42.96

CUPE TRANSITION HOMES
Effective April 1, 2024

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
CG-08	\$18.13	\$18.71	\$19.30
CG-09	\$18.27	\$18.87	\$19.41
CG-10	\$18.40	\$18.97	\$19.57
CG-11	\$18.51	\$19.14	\$19.74
CG-12	\$18.70	\$19.32	\$19.88
CG-13	\$18.87	\$19.48	\$20.15
CG-14	\$19.06	\$19.71	\$20.37
CG-15	\$19.30	\$19.96	\$20.63
CG-16	\$19.51	\$20.25	\$20.90
CG-17	\$19.83	\$20.59	\$21.33
CG-18	\$20.05	\$20.81	\$21.60
CG-19	\$20.45	\$21.29	\$22.07
CG-20	\$20.84	\$21.73	\$22.61
CG-21	\$21.23	\$22.15	\$23.12
CG-22	\$21.62	\$22.63	\$23.72
CG-23	\$22.06	\$23.13	\$24.25
CG-24	\$22.86	\$24.01	\$25.18
CG-25	\$23.78	\$24.97	\$26.19
CG-26	\$24.54	\$25.88	\$27.16
CG-27	\$25.48	\$26.83	\$28.18
CG-28	\$26.39	\$27.78	\$29.22
CG-29	\$27.07	\$28.54	\$30.07
CG-30	\$27.80	\$29.36	\$30.88
CG-31	\$28.86	\$30.42	\$32.07
CG-32	\$29.78	\$31.44	\$33.11
CG-33	\$30.75	\$32.45	\$34.21
CG-34	\$31.78	\$33.58	\$35.40
CG-35	\$32.94	\$34.86	\$36.75
CG-36	\$34.21	\$36.20	\$38.18
CG-37	\$35.42	\$37.51	\$39.58
CG-38	\$36.72	\$38.83	\$40.96
CG-39	\$37.94	\$40.18	\$42.46
CG-40	\$39.17	\$41.52	\$43.82

CUPE TRANSITION HOMES
Effective April 1, 2025

	STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3
CG-08	\$18.49	\$19.08	\$19.69
CG-09	\$18.64	\$19.25	\$19.80
CG-10	\$18.77	\$19.35	\$19.96
CG-11	\$18.88	\$19.52	\$20.13
CG-12	\$19.07	\$19.71	\$20.28
CG-13	\$19.25	\$19.87	\$20.55
CG-14	\$19.44	\$20.10	\$20.78
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CG-22	\$22.05	\$23.08	\$24.19
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CG-28	\$26.92	\$28.34	\$29.80
CG-29	\$27.61	\$29.11	\$30.67
CG-30	\$28.36	\$29.95	\$31.50
CG-31	\$29.44	\$31.03	\$32.71
CG-32	\$30.38	\$32.07	\$33.77
CG-33	\$31.37	\$33.10	\$34.89
CG-34	\$32.42	\$34.25	\$36.11
CG-35	\$33.60	\$35.56	\$37.49
CG-36	\$34.89	\$36.92	\$38.94
CG-37	\$36.13	\$38.26	\$40.37
CG-38	\$37.45	\$39.61	\$41.78
CG-39	\$38.70	\$40.98	\$43.31
CG-40	\$39.95	\$42.35	\$44.70

SCHEDULE B
LIST OF CLASSIFICATIONS

Organizational Title	Classification Title	New Pay Level
Assistant Administrator	Clerk IV	CG-27
Public Awareness Officer	Information Officer	CG-25
Child Services Worker	Transition House Counsellor	CG-33
Crisis Intervention Worker	Transition House Counsellor	CG-33
Bookkeeper	Accounting Clerk I	CG-25
Social Worker	Social Worker I	CG-39
Group Home Counsellor	Group Home Counsellor	CG-29
Senior Group Home Counsellor	Senior Group Home Counsellor	CG-35

SCHEDULE C
CLASSIFICATION REVIEW AND APPEAL BOARD PROCEDURES

A. Definitions

1. “Appeal” means a request by an employee to the Classification Appeal Adjudicator to review specific factor allocations determined by the Classification & Organizational Design Division that they consider being incorrect.
2. “Adjudicator” refers to an individual who is appointed to the position of Classification Appeal Adjudicator of the Public Service Commission.
3. “Classification” means the identification of a position by reference to a classification title and pay range number.
4. “Classification Appeal Adjudicator” means the individual appointed to function in accordance with these procedures.
5. “Day” means a working day.
6. “Factor” means a compensable job element that applies to all jobs.
7. “Factor Rating” means the numerical value assigned to a factor.
8. “Permanent Head” means permanent head as defined below, or any official authorized by them to act on their behalf:
 - in respect of persons employed by government departments, the Deputy Minister of the department concerned;
 - in respect of employees of agencies not specifically covered by the definitions in this section, the highest management official in these agencies;
 - in respect of employees of Board operated hospitals and homes the CEO and/or Executive Director.
9. "Review" means a re-appraisal or re-assessment of an employee's position classification by the Classification & Organizational Design Division of the Treasury Board Secretariat upon request of an employee or the permanent head on behalf of an organization.
10. "Treasury Board" means Treasury Board as constituted pursuant to *The Financial Administration Act* as now or hereafter amended.
11. “Organization” means the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, commission, agency, hospital or other entity mentioned in Section A.8.

B. Classification Review Process

1. The process of a classification review shall be available to an organization if the organization considers that a position has been improperly classified by the Classification & Organizational Design Division of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

The process of review and/or appeal pursuant to these procedures shall be available to any employee who considers that their position has been improperly classified by the Classification & Organizational Design Division of the Treasury Board Secretariat.

2. A review shall not be entertained on the grounds:
 - of inadequacy of the pay scale assigned to the pay range number; or
 - that the scope of duties and responsibilities has been improperly assigned to the position by management.
3. Organizations or employees who wish to have a position reviewed are able to do so by submitting a Position Description Questionnaire (PDQ) to the Classification & Organizational Design Division, Treasury Board Secretariat, Confederation Building, St. John's, A1B 4J6. Employees may use the Microsoft Word version of the [PDQ](#) or complete and submit the [PDQ online](#).

Information on access to the necessary documents can be found in the Treasury Board Secretariat's website <http://www.exec.gov.nl.ca/exec/tbs/newjobevaluation.html>

4. A request for review shall be regarded as closed:
 - when a decision is rendered thereon by the Classification & Organizational Design Division;
 - if the employee(s) requests in writing the withdrawal of the request for review;
 - in the event an employee is dismissed with cause. If the employee separates from the organization for a reason other than dismissal for cause, the employee may request the difference in pay as a result of an outstanding classification review but would not be entitled to a further review or appeal; or
 - if the permanent head, in the case of an organization request for review, requests in writing the withdrawal of the request for review.
5. All documents relating to a classification review shall be maintained by the Classification & Organizational Design Division. Copies of such classification review materials shall be provided to the Classification Appeal Adjudicator upon its request.

C. Classification Appeal Process

1. If an employee is dissatisfied with the decision of the Classification & Organizational Design Division, an appeal of the decision may be submitted to the Classification Appeal Adjudicator of the Public Service Commission. The request for an appeal must identify which factor(s) is/are being challenged and the associated rationale for each factor(s). The

appeal process is restricted to those factors identified as being challenged and sufficient reasoning provided.

2. All such appeals shall be submitted to the Classification Appeal Adjudicator in writing within a period of not more than fourteen (14) days after the receipt by an employee of notification of the Classification & Organizational Design Division's decision as above mentioned.
3. A classification appeal of specific factor(s) shall not be accepted by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator based on job content which differs from that reviewed by the Classification & Organizational Division. In such a case, the employee or group of employees shall first approach the Classification and Organizational Division seeking a further review on the basis of the new circumstances involved.
4. The Classification Appeal Adjudicator shall be an independent position created within the Public Service Commission.
5. The Classification Appeal Adjudicator is hereby empowered to receive, hear and decide upon any appeal consistent with these procedures.
6. Changes in these procedures shall be recommended for approval only after co-ordination with the Public Service Commission, and the Treasury Board Secretariat.
7. The Classification Appeal Adjudicator may render decisions based on the information provided or may hold hearings if deemed necessary. The appellant may be required to appear at any time and in any place in the province deemed desirable.
8. The Classification Appeal Adjudicator shall only consider and rule upon the factors challenged by an individual employee, or group of employees having identical classifications, provided that such employee or group shall first have submitted their request in accordance with Section 3 of Part B and shall have been notified in writing of the Classification & Organizational Design Division's decision on the request.
9. The Classification Appeal Adjudicator has the right to refuse to receive or hear an appeal if it considers that the grounds on which the appeal was submitted are irrelevant or not in accordance with Sections 1 and 2 of Part B.
10. The employing organization concerned shall allow time off from regular duties to any employee who is required by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator to appear before them and, in respect of such absence; the employee shall be regarded as being O.H.M.S. It is the responsibility of the employee to obtain the prior approval of the permanent head before absenting themselves from their duties for this purpose.
11. On receipt of an appeal from an employee or a group of employees, the Classification Appeal Adjudicator may request the Classification & Organizational Design Division to assemble all pertinent information prepared as a result of the classification review, a copy of which will be

provided to the appellant and the immediate supervisor by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator.

12. Where the appellant requires clarification on any point contained in the classification file or wishes to comment on any aspect of the classification file, they must file with the Classification Appeal Adjudicator within fourteen (14) days of receiving the file, a written statement including any supporting documentation which details their questions or comments.
13. A copy of the appellant's written statement and supporting documentation will be sent by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator, within three (3) days of receipt, to the Classification & Organizational Design Division who may respond or be requested to respond in writing within fourteen (14) days to the questions or observations raised by the appellant. Such response shall be forwarded by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator to the appellant within three (3) days of receipt. This cumulative documentation shall then constitute the entire appeal file to be considered by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator.
14. Where the Classification Appeal Adjudicator is satisfied that all relevant documentation is on file, it shall determine whether a hearing is warranted or if a decision can be rendered on the basis of the written documentation provided.
15. Where in the opinion of the Classification Appeal Adjudicator a group of appellants' position description questionnaires are sufficiently similar, have identical ratings and the appellants are employed in the same classification by the same organization, the Adjudicator may propose the consolidation of individual appeals to those appellants such that the appeals of individuals may be decided upon in a group appeal.
16. Where the Classification Appeal Adjudicator proposes a group review, the individual appellants must indicate their agreement with the group review in writing.
17. Where not all appellants agree to consolidation, the Classification Appeal Adjudicator will first decide on a consolidated basis the appeals of those appellants who are in agreement with consolidation. Those appellants not in agreement shall be provided an opportunity for individual review, as soon as practical following the determination of a consolidated appeal.
18. When the Classification Appeal Adjudicator renders a decision on those factors challenged on the basis of the written documentation, notification of such decision on those factors challenged shall be forwarded to the Classification & Organizational Design Division. The Classification & Organizational Design Division will notify and provide the necessary authority to the employing agency as well as provide a copy of the Classification Appeal Adjudicator's decision and the impact, if any, on the position to the appellant and their designate.
19. If a hearing is warranted, the appellant, a permanent head or management designate and a representative of Classification & Organizational Design Division may be requested to appear before the Classification Appeal Adjudicator.

20. Appellants are to be given two opportunities to postpone appeal hearings after which appeals will then be withdrawn by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator.
21. The hearing will be presided over by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator who will retain control over the conduct of the hearing and who will rule on the relevancy of any questions raised by any of the parties.
22. The Classification Appeal Adjudicator may adjourn the hearing and order the appearance of any person or party who, at the Classification Appeal Adjudicator's discretion, it deems necessary to appear to give information or to clarify any issue raised during the hearing.
23. Following the conclusion of the hearing, the Classification Appeal Adjudicator will deliberate on and consider all relevant evidence and supporting information. Within fifteen (15) working days of reaching a decision, the Classification Appeal Adjudicator shall inform the Classification & Organizational Design Division in writing over the signature of the Classification Appeal Adjudicator of their decision on those factors challenged and a detailed explanation of the rationale of any change from the Classification & Organizational Design Division's original determination. The Classification & Organizational Design Division will notify and provide the necessary authority to the employing agency as well as provide a copy of the Classification Appeal Adjudicator's decision and the impact, if any, on the position to the appellant and their designate.
24. The Classification Appeal Adjudicator is required to submit written reasons to the Classification & Organizational Design Division for those decisions that result in changes in the factors challenged.
25. The impacts of changes in ratings arising from decisions of the Classification Appeal Adjudicator shall be processed by the Classification & Organizational Design Division in accordance with the Treasury Board Secretariat's compensation policies.
26. The decision of the Classification Appeal Adjudicator on an appeal is final and binding on the parties to the appeal.
27. An appeal shall be regarded as closed:
 - when a decision is rendered thereon by the Classification Appeal Adjudicator;
 - if the appellant requests in writing the withdrawal of the appeal;
 - in the event an employee is dismissed with cause; or
 - if the appellant postpones a hearing in accordance with Section 20 of Part C.

***SCHEDULE D**
LABRADOR BENEFITS AGREEMENT



Labrador Benefits Agreement

Between

Her Majesty The Queen
In Right of Newfoundland
(Represented Herein by the Treasury Board)

College of the North Atlantic

Labrador-Grenfell Regional Health Authority

Municipal Assessment Agency Inc.

Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation

Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association

Newfoundland Liquor Corporation

And

Canadian Union of Public Employees

Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public & Private Employees

Registered Nurses' Union Newfoundland and Labrador

Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers Association

Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association

Signed: February 10, 2020

Expires: March 31, 2022

ARTICLE 1**SCOPE**

- 1.1 This Agreement is applicable to all employees in Labrador whose Employers are signatory to this agreement, represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees, the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public & Private Employees, the Registered Nurses' Union Newfoundland and Labrador, the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers Association and the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association. The terms of the agreement will be considered to form an integral part of all collective agreements.

ARTICLE 2**DURATION**

- *2.1 This agreement shall be effective from the February 10, 2020, and shall remain in full force and effect until March 31, 2022. It shall be renewed thereafter through the normal process of collective bargaining utilized by each of the employee groups, or, with the consent of the parties, will be renewed through joint negotiations. At the request of either party negotiations shall commence six (6) months prior to the expiry date of this agreement.

ARTICLE 3**LABRADOR ALLOWANCE**

- *3.1 Labrador Allowance for employees covered by this agreement shall be paid in accordance with Schedule "A."

	LABRADOR ALLOWANCE		
	DATE	SINGLE	DEPENDENT
GROUP 1	10-Feb-20	2939	5878
	1-Apr-20	2979	5918
	1-Apr-21	3019	5958
GROUP 2	10-Feb-20	3402	6793
	1-Apr-20	3442	6833
	1-Apr-21	3482	6873
GROUP 3	10-Feb-20	3558	7089
	1-Apr-20	3598	7129
	1-Apr-21	3638	7169

In the case of spouses who are both employed by Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Newfoundland and Labrador as represented by Treasury Board, or a Board, Agency or Commission, the total amount paid to both employees shall not exceed the dependent rate for the allowance contained in this article. This allowance shall be paid to employees on a pro-rated basis in accordance with their hours of work excluding overtime.

- *3.2 Labrador Benefits will be paid to employees for periods of maternity, parental and adoption leave.

ARTICLE 4

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

- *4.1 Employees covered by this agreement shall receive a travel allowance to help offset the costs of travel to areas outside of Labrador based on the following rates per employee and his/her dependent(s). The travel allowance shall be paid out during the pay period following April 15th at the rate in effect on April 15th of the year in which the allowance is to be paid.

TRAVEL ALLOWANCE			
	DATE	EMPLOYEE	DEPENDENT
GROUP 1	10-Feb-20	911	702
	1-Apr-20	950	702
GROUP 2	10-Feb-20	962	754
	1-Apr-20	1001	754
GROUP 3	10-Feb-20	1015	806
	1-Apr-20	1054	806

- *4.2 *(a) This allowance shall be paid to employees in the first pay period following April 15th of each year on a pro-rated basis in accordance with their hours of work in the previous twelve (12) month period, excluding overtime. The amount of travel allowance to be paid shall be based on the number of dependents at March 31st of each year.
- *4.2 *(b) An employee retiring, resigning or otherwise terminating employment shall be entitled to a proportional payment of travel allowance as determined in 4.2 (a) based on the employee's hours of work in the current fiscal year. In the case of death the payment shall be made to the employee's beneficiary or estate.

- 4.3 (a) For the purpose of calculating this benefit the following leaves shall be considered as hours of work:
- (i) Maternity Leave/Parental Leave/Adoption Leave
 - (ii) Injury-on-Duty/Worker's Compensation Leave
 - (iii) Paid Leaves
 - (iv) Any other period of unpaid leave for which the employee is eligible to accrue service under the respective collective agreement
- (b) The provisions of 4.3 (a) will not apply when the employee would otherwise have been laid off.
- (c) The provision of 4.3(a) (iv) will apply only to employees who have worked or have been credited with hours of work under 4.3(a) (i), (ii) or (iii) for a period of 20 days in the aggregate in the qualifying period.
- 4.4 In the case of spouses who are both employed Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Newfoundland and Labrador as represented by Treasury Board, or a Board, Agency or Commission, each spouse shall receive the employee travel allowance, but only one spouse shall claim the benefit for dependents.
- 4.5 The travel benefit available to the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary Association under their Collective Agreement and to teachers under Article 25 of the NLTA Labrador West Collective Agreement shall continue to apply except in cases where Article 4 of this joint agreement provides a greater benefit. E.g. Members of the RNCA would continue to receive the employee travel benefit under their collective agreement unless the employee travel benefit in this joint agreement is greater. In addition to the employee benefit under the RNCA collective agreement, members of the RNCA shall also receive the dependent benefit under the joint agreement.

ARTICLE 5

LEAVE

- 5.1 Employees covered by this agreement shall receive three (3) non-cumulative, paid leave days in the aggregate per year. This leave will only be utilized when the employee is delayed from returning to the community due to interruptions to a transportation service occurring within Labrador. This article shall also apply where there has been an interruption to a transportation service occurring at the last departure point directly to Labrador.

ARTICLE 6

EXISTING GREATER BENEFITS

- 6.1 No provision of this agreement shall have the effect of reducing any benefit for any employee which exists in each applicable employee group collective agreement outlined in Article 1.

ARTICLE 7

DEFINITIONS

- 7.1 **Dependent** - for the purpose of this Agreement, dependent means a spouse, whether of the same or opposite gender, and children under eighteen (18) years of age, or twenty-four (24) years of age if the child is in full time attendance at a school or post-secondary institution or any child that remains in the direct care of the parent in the same household because the dependent is medically verified as disabled and under twenty-four (24) years of age.
- *7.2 **Spouse** – for the purpose of this agreement, spouse means a person to whom an employee is legally married or a person in a common law relationship with whom the employee has lived with for more than one (1) year.

SCHEDULE A

COMMUNITY GROUPING

The employee's community grouping shall be determined by the location of their headquarters.

GROUP 1

Happy Valley/Goose Bay
North West River
Sheshatshiu
Wabush
Labrador City
Churchill Falls

GROUP 2

Red Bay
L'Anse au Loup
L'Anse au Clair
Forteau
Pinware
West St. Modest
Mud Lake
Cartwright
Mary's Harbour
Port Hope Simpson
St. Lewis
Charlottetown
Lodge Bay
Paradise River

GROUP 3

Rigolet
William's Harbour
Norman's Bay
Black Tickle
Pinsent's Arm
Makkovik
Postville
Hopedale
Davis Inlet/Natuashish
Nain

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**Re: Nurses Committee**

The parties acknowledge that the Registered Nurses' Union Newfoundland and Labrador (RNUNL) have indicated that they have issues of concern unique to Nurses who live and work in Labrador and that the RNUNL will attempt to address these concerns through a committee which will be established subsequent to these negotiations.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**Re: Labrador Benefits Agreement - Interpretation**

In an effort to clarify the interpretation of certain items contained in the Labrador Benefits Agreement the parties agree to the following:

- 1) Article 4.2(b) refers to employees who terminate employment, (i.e. are not on layoff status and do not have recall rights). These employees have their Travel Allowance paid out based on the hours worked in the current year and it shall be paid out at the rate in effect on the date employment is terminated.
- 2) For the purposes of Article 4.4 it is agreed that an employee may refuse to claim the employee benefit if it is to their benefit to have their spouse claim them as a dependant. Employees who exercise this option will not be entitled to any portion of the Employee Travel Allowance. It is incumbent on the employee to communicate this choice to their respective Employer(s).
- 3) Notwithstanding Schedule A, the following employee shall be entitled, on a without prejudice basis, to the rates applicable to Mud Lake as long as they remain within the employ of their current Employer and continue to permanently reside in Mud Lake:
Vyann Kerby, Health Labrador Corporation

This agreement is effective from April 1, 2013 and shall expire upon the renewal of the Labrador Benefits Agreement expiring March 31, 2016.

- 4) For the purposes of clarification and in accordance with Article 3.1 (Labrador Allowance), Article 4.1 (Travel Allowance) and Article 9.1 (Definitions), benefits are applicable for the fiscal year (April 1 to March 31) in which a dependent reaches 18 years of age or 24 years of age, if the dependent is in full time attendance at a school or post-secondary institution. Full time attendance shall be determined by the educational institution in which a dependent is registered.

For example:

If a dependent reaches 18 years of age on January 1, 2011 and is no longer enrolled as a full time student in a post secondary institution, they would be eligible for the travel benefit payable April 15, 2011.

Earl Hann

Earl Hann
On behalf of the Unions

Lisa Curran

Lisa Curran
On Behalf of the Employers

Jan. 16, 2020

Date

February 10, 2020

Date

February 10, 2020

Mr. Steve Brooks
Executive Director
Newfoundland and Labrador
Teachers' Association
3 Kenmount Road
St. John's, NL A1B 1W1

Dear Mr. Brooks:

This letter is to confirm that for teachers in Labrador, the payment of the travel allowance provided under Article 4 - Travel Allowance, of the Joint Agreement on Labrador Benefits shall be calculated for the school year, September to June, but shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of the Joint Agreement.

Yours truly,



Lisa Curran
Chief Negotiator
Collective Bargaining Division

Original letter dated December 20, 1999

February 10, 2020

Mr. Jerry Earle
President
NAPE
330 Portugal Cove Place
St. John's, NL, A1B 3M9

Re: Labrador Benefits Allowance and Travel Allowance for School Board Student Assistants (NAPE) and School Board Support Staff (NAPE and CUPE)

Within three (3) months of the date of signing of the Labrador Benefits Agreements, officials from the Human Resource Secretariat (HRS) of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) and Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees (NAPE) will meet to discuss the application of the Labrador Benefit Allowance and the Travel Allowance for employees who work less than full time hours as outlined in the above respective collective agreements.

Yours truly,

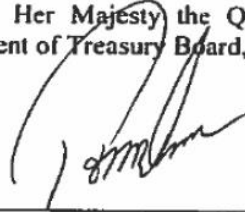


Lisa Curran
Chief Negotiator
Collective Bargaining Division

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the day and year first before written.

SIGNED on behalf of Treasury Board representing Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Newfoundland by the Honourable Tom Osborne, President of Treasury Board, in the presence of the witness hereto subscribing:


Witness


President of Treasury Board

SIGNED on behalf of the College of the North Atlantic


Witness

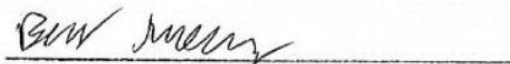

College of the North Atlantic
for
Bruce Hallett

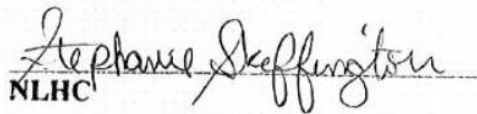
SIGNED on behalf of Labrador-Grenfell Regional Health Authority


Witness


Labrador-Grenfell RHA

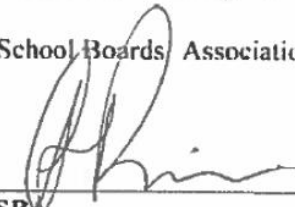
SIGNED on behalf of the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation


Witness


NLHC

SIGNED on behalf of the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association


Witness


NLSBA

SIGNED on behalf of the Newfoundland Liquor Corporation



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Newfoundland Liquor Corporation

SIGNED on behalf of the Municipal Assessment Agency



Witness



Municipal Assessment Agency

SIGNED on behalf of the Canadian Union of Public Employees

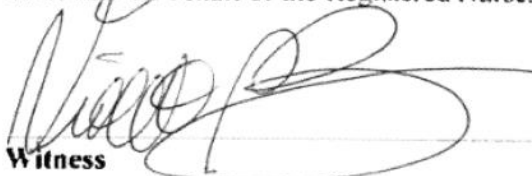


Witness



CUPE

SIGNED on behalf of the Registered Nurses' Union Newfoundland and Labrador




Witness

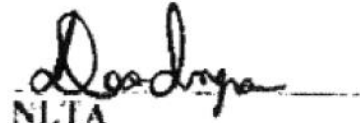


RNUNL

SIGNED on behalf of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association



Witness



NLTA

SCHEDULE E
LIST OF EMPLOYERS

The Labrador Group Home Inc.
John Howard Society of Newfoundland and Labrador Inc.
Committee on Family Violence Inc. (Willow House)
Iris Kirby House Inc.
Libra House Inc.
Naomi Centre

SCHEDULE F
12 HOUR SHIFTS

Definitions

- (l) "Service" means any period of employment either before or after the date of signing of this agreement in respect of which an employee is in receipt of salary or wages from the Employer, including periods of special leave without pay not exceeding 160 working hours in the aggregate in any year, unless specified otherwise in this agreement.

17.05 Trial Period

The successful applicant shall be notified within one week following the end of the posting period. They shall be given a trial period of 347 working hours. The Employer shall not curtail the trial period without just cause, before it has run its full course. Conditional on satisfactory service, the employee shall be declared permanent after the period of 347 working hours. In the event the successful applicant proves unsatisfactory in the position during the trial period, or if the employee is unable or unwilling to continue to perform the duties of the new job classification, they shall be returned to their former position, wage or salary rate, without loss of seniority. Any other employee promoted or transferred because of the re-arrangement of positions shall also be returned to their former position, wage or salary rate, without loss of seniority.

19.03 Regular Daily Hours

- (a) The normal hours of work shall be an average of eighty (80) hours per fortnight divided into twelve (12) hours, or a combination of twelve (12) hours and eight (8) hours.

19.03 Rest Periods

- (c) Each employee shall be entitled to a rest period of fifteen (15) consecutive minutes during each third of a twelve (12) hour working day, at a time to be scheduled by the Supervisor.

19.03 Rest Between Shifts

- (g) Employees shall be scheduled with a minimum of twelve (12) hours between shifts unless otherwise agreed to by mutual consent, in writing, between the employee and the supervisor. Employees required to work with less than twelve (12) hours rest shall be compensated at time and one-half (1½) for all hours worked.

22.01 Paid Holidays

The Employer recognizes the following as paid holidays and employees shall receive eight (8) hours paid leave for each:

New Year's Day	Labour Day
Good Friday	Remembrance Day
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
Memorial Day	Boxing Day
Civic Holiday (Regatta Day)	

23.01 Length of Vacation

An employee shall receive an annual vacation with pay in accordance with the employee's years of employment as follows:

Less than 2080 working hours

13 1/3 working hours for each 173 1/3 working hours of service

2080 working hours or more but less than 20,800 working hours

160 working hours

More than 20,800 working hours but less than 52,000 working hours 200 working hours

More than 52,000 working hours

240 working hours

23.02 Banking Vacation Credits

An employee may carry forward to a subsequent year annual leave not taken in previous years until by so doing the employee has accumulated 160 working hours, in addition to the current years vacation.

24.02 Amount of Paid Sick Leave

- (a) An employee is eligible to accumulate sick leave with full pay at the rate of 16 working hours for 173 1/3 working hours of service, effective January 1, 1988, or date of hire, whichever is later.
- (b) The maximum number of days of sick leave which may be awarded to an employee during any consecutive twenty (20) year period of service shall not exceed 3840 hours.

25.01 Leave of Absence for Union Functions

- (a) Upon written request by the Union to the Employer and with the approval, in writing, of the Employer, leave with pay shall be awarded as follows:
- (i) For an employee who is a member of the Provincial Executive, or an elected delegate, and who is required to attend the convention of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (Newfoundland and Labrador Division or the Convention of the Newfoundland Federation of Labour), leave with pay not exceeding 24 working hours in any one year for each of the above conventions.
 - (ii) For an employee who is a member of the Provincial Executive of the Union and who is required to attend Executive Meetings of the Provincial Executive, leave with pay not exceeding 40 working hours in any one year.
 - (iii) For an employee who is a member of the National and/or Provincial Executive or an elected delegate, who may wish to attend the National Convention of the Canadian Union of Public Employees and the Convention of the Canadian Labour Congress, leave with pay not exceeding 40 working hours in any one year; no more than one (1) employee at one time from each home.

26.02 Temporary Assignment

An employee who is assigned by the Employer to perform the full scope of duties associated with a higher classification shall be paid at a rate of pay applicable to that classification provided the full scope of duties are performed for at least 24 consecutive working hours.

26.12 On Call Provisions

Employees required by the Employer to perform stand-by duty will be compensated at the rate of \$30.60 effective date of signing per twelve (12) hour shift on standby, provided that the employee is available when called. When an employee does report to work when called, they shall be compensated for transportation costs at the appropriate kilometre rate specified in 25.05(a) to a maximum of eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50).

All other clauses of the Agreement which have not been amended shall apply to employees who work on a twelve (12) hour shift schedule as they do to all other employees.

SCHEDULE G
NUMBER OF WEEKS OF PAY IN LIEU OF NOTICE

Service	AGE (Years)					
	<35	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	>54
<6 Months	2	4	6	8	10	12
>6 Months - <1 Year	4	6	8	10	12	14
>1 - <2 Years	7	9	11	13	15	17
>2 - <4 Years	11	13	15	17	19	21
>4 - <6 Years	15	17	19	21	23	25
>6 - <8 Years	19	21	23	25	27	29
>8 - <10 Years	23	25	27	29	31	33
>10 - <12Years	27	29	31	33	35	37
>12 - <14Years	31	33	35	37	39	41
>14 - <16Years	35	37	39	41	43	45
>16 - <18Years	39	41	43	45	47	49
>18 - <20Years	43	45	47	49	51	53
>20 - <22Years	47	49	51	53	55	57
>22 Years	52	54	56	58	60	62

SCHEDULE H

AGREEMENTS (NAPE)

Air Services
College of the North Atlantic Faculty
College of the North Atlantic Support Staff
General Service
Group Homes
Health Professionals
Health Services Staff
Lab & X-Ray
Maintenance and Operational Services
Marine Service Workers
Newfoundland Liquor Corporation
Workplace Health, Safety and Compensation Commission
Ushers

AGREEMENTS (CUPE)

Government House
Group Homes and Transition Houses
Hospital Support Staff
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation
Provincial Information and Library Resources Board

***MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING**
GROUP HOMES

Re: Overnight Escorts

In cases where an employee is required to work on an escort beyond 0200 hours and who has not had a sufficient rest period, they shall be entitled to an eight (8) hour rest period without loss of pay before commencing their regular scheduled shift.

Re: Contracting Out

Should the Employer contract out work, the Employer will endeavor to provide other positions for any staff that are laid off by the decision to contract out work. The normal movement of resident(s) from the Group Home(s) as an integral part of their development shall not be considered to be contracting out.

Re: Education Allowance

The Employer agrees to encourage employees to participate in self-development activities in order to better qualify themselves in their work as employees of the Employer.

Reimbursement for training courses will be based on an assessment of the relevancy of the course to the employee's current position by the Employer. All requests for reimbursement must be approved by the Employer prior to registration unless otherwise mutually agreed.

Present individual Board policy with respect to course reimbursement will be continued for the duration of the Agreement.

Re: Staffing Levels

Where an employee determines or has cause to feel that their safety or the safety of others may be in jeopardy during a particular night shift, such concern should be brought to the immediate attention of the Employer. The Employer will give due consideration to having a total of two (2) employees on a night shift, or give a reason as to why it is not warranted.

The Employer also agrees to address the staffing levels at the Labrador Group Home during weekend day shifts through the scheduling of staff or the overlapping of shifts to cover peak activity hours as the Employer deems appropriate.

Re: Unpaid Orientation

All new staff shall be assigned, in addition to the normally scheduled staff, for five unpaid shifts of orientation in Young Offender Group Homes and three shifts of orientation in DRS Group Homes.

Re: Communicable Disease

The Employer agrees to consult with the Department of Health on suspected cases of communicable disease.

Re: Staffing/Safety Concerns

The Employer agrees that safety of residents and staff is a paramount consideration in determining staffing levels for each shift in a Group Home. Therefore, the Employer agrees to abide by applicable fire and safety regulations in determining staff levels and will ensure that regular inspections are carried out by fire officials of the respective community. In addition, the Employer agrees, and in fact, encourages employees to bring forth any concerns they may have regarding safety in labour management meetings as provided for in Article 10.01.

Re: Redundancy Pay

If a Group Home position is declared redundant, the incumbent will be entitled to redundancy pay of one (1) week for each full year of service (2080 hours) up to a maximum of twenty (20) weeks pay, unless the employee is eligible for severance pay at which point the employee would have to avail of severance pay instead of redundancy pay. For the purpose of the Canada Drive Group Home, a full year of service is 1950 hours.

Re: Peer Counselling

The Employer shall provide leave with pay of up to three (3) days for two employees in each Group Home covered by this Agreement for training in peer counselling. The employees shall be selected by the bargaining unit members in each Home and approved by the Employer, and such approval shall not be unreasonably denied. All travel and related training expenses shall be borne by CUPE. Time spent in such training shall be considered time worked. A copy of the proposed training agenda shall be supplied in advance to the Employer.

Re: Camping Trips

For purposes of camping trips, Group Home employees will be scheduled for their regular shift and paid accordingly. Where the employee volunteers to remain on site and the supervisor agrees, or the location of the campsite is deemed by the Supervisor to be impractical for the employee to return home at the end of their scheduled shift, the employee will be able to bank one day's leave for each sixteen (16) hours of voluntary service.

**Signed on Behalf of the Canadian
Union of Public Employees**

Signed on Behalf of Group Homes

Date

Date

Witness

Witness

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
NAOMI CENTRE

Naomi Centre and the Union agree that the terms and conditions of the CUPE Transition House/Group Homes Master Agreement will apply to employees of Naomi Centre subject to the following exceptions and/or conditions:

1. Clause 17.04 - Role of Seniority in Promotions, Transfers and Staff Changes - Shall read as follows:
 “Both parties recognize:
 - a) the principle of promotion within the service of the Employer.
 - b) that job opportunity should increase in proportion to length of service.

Therefore, in making promotions or transfers to bargaining unit positions, employees shall be considered on the basis of qualifications, abilities, and suitability in relation to the position posted. Where these factors are judged to be relatively equal between the applicants, seniority shall be the determining factor. The Employer agrees not to establish qualification, ability, and suitability requirements in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner.”

2. Article 16 - Seniority shall have added Clause 16.02 (c), which shall read as follows:
 “Employees of Naomi Centre hired prior to April 1, 1996 shall have seniority calculated in accordance with 16.02(a) based on date of hire and shall be considered more senior than employees hired after April 1, 1996, who shall have seniority calculated in hours worked.”
3. Article 19 - Hours of Work - “The current practice in place at Naomi Centre will continue for the duration of this collective agreement. The practice may be changed with the mutual agreement of both parties.”
4. Article 22 - Paid Holidays - “Clause 22.01 (b) shall apply to Naomi Centre with the exception that relief workers shall receive double time for work only on those holidays included in the Labour Standards Act and shall receive time and one half for work on the other designated paid holidays.”

**Signed on Behalf of the Canadian
Union of Public Employees**

Signed on Behalf of Naomi Centre

Date

Date

Witness

Witness

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
AGREEMENT ON PENSIONS

The Parties agree to the following:

1. Introduction of a formal indexing program for those pensioners and survivors who have reached age 65, as follows:

60% of the annual change in the national CPI as published by Statistics Canada (Catalogue 62-001), in the calendar year immediately preceding the anniversary date, to a maximum annual increase of 1.2%;

- a) For those pensioners and survivors who have attained age 65 from October 1, 2002; and
- b) For those pensioners and survivors who are not age 65, from the next anniversary date after the date they reach age 65.

Cost: 2% of salary to be shared equally by both parties.

Anniversary Date: October 1, 2002 and every October 1 thereafter.

2. Government will pay \$982 Million into the Public Service Pension Plan (PSPP), with \$400 Million being paid on March 15, 2007 and the remaining balance of \$582 Million will be paid by June 30, 2007.
3. This memorandum of agreement will not take effect unless all participants, The Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees, The Canadian Union of Public Employees, The Newfoundland and Labrador Nurses' Union, The Association of Allied Health Professionals, The Canadian Merchant Service Guild, The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Newfoundland (represented by the Treasury Board) agreement to its terms.
4. It is agreed that the payment outlined in Clause 2 above is full settlement of Government's share of the unfunded liability of the PSPP as established on December 31, 2000 and outlined in section 2 of the Memorandum of Understanding – 2004, Agreement on Pensions and there shall be no further special payments.
5. A committee of the parties will be established to identify and resolve any matters required to implement joint trusteeship by April 1, 2008.

All reasonable costs of the Committee relating to professional, legal and support services shall be paid from the Pension Fund.

6. All unions representing Public Service Pension Plan members must indicate, in writing, acceptance of this proposal.
7. For the duration of the Collective Agreement the Employer agrees to maintain the Public Service Pension Plan as an independent pension plan.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (P3)****JOB SECURITY**

Notwithstanding any article or provision of the Collective Agreement, and for the duration of the collective agreement, where the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador is building a new structure to expand on an existing service, or replacing or expanding an existing structure, through the utilization of the Public Private Partnership (P3) Model, and the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) is the recognized bargaining agent, the Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent. Work that is currently performed by bargaining unit members in the existing structure shall also be performed by bargaining unit members in the new structure; with the exception of building infrastructure maintenance.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

October 4, 2018

Mr. Ed White
Representative
Canadian Union of Public Employees
15 International Place, Suite 102
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. White:

Re: Job Evaluation System (JES) Implementation

This will confirm employees will be implemented on to the Government Job Evaluation System effective April 15, 2015 as follows:

- If current salary falls below Step 1 of the new salary scale, employees will advance to step 1 on implementation; or
- If current salary falls between 2 steps of the new salary scale, employees will advance to the next highest step; or
- If current salary is above the maximum hourly rate on the new salary scale, employees will be red-circled at that rate.

Sincerely,



Sarah Anthony
Chief Negotiator

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

October 4, 2018

Mr. Ed White
Representative
Canadian Union of Public Employees
15 International Place, Suite 102
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. White:

Re: Requests for Classification Review

In order to facilitate implementation of the new Job Evaluation System (JES) on April 15, 2015 this will confirm the parties' agreement that employees seeking to have their position classifications reviewed, in accordance with the collective agreement, shall submit the request no later than October 1, 2014. Requests received by Classification and Compensation Division of Human Resource Secretariat after this date will not be processed and will be returned to the employee. A revised classification listing will be implemented on April 15, 2015.

Sincerely,



Sarah Anthony
Chief Negotiator

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

October 4, 2018

Mr. Ed White
Representative
Canadian Union of Public Employees
15 International Place, Suite 102
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. White:

Re: On the Job Training - Clause 17.09

It is agreed that the Employers covered by this agreement will make every reasonable effort to continue the current practice with respect to staff training.

Sincerely,



Sarah Anthony
Chief Negotiator

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

October 4, 2018

Mr. Ed White
Representative
Canadian Union of Public Employees
15 International Place, Suite 102
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. White:

Re: Travel on Employer Business

The Employer agrees to amend Travel Rates in Article 26.05 - 26.10 should there be a corresponding increase in the rate in Government's Human Resource Policy Manual. The onus will be on the union to approach Treasury Board to seek the amendment. The effective date of any changes will be the date of signing of the amendment unless otherwise mutually agreed.

Sincerely,



Sarah Anthony
Chief Negotiator

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

October 4, 2018

Mr. Ed White
Representative
Canadian Union of Public Employees
15 International Place, Suite 102
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. White:

Re: Public Service Pension Plan

Should the majority of employees with an individual Group Home/Transition House covered by this Agreement vote to join the Public Service Pension Plan, the Employer agrees to apply to become a member of the Plan, subject to the eligibility criteria and benefit package in place at the time the application is made.

The Pension Division will conduct educational seminars prior to employees voting to become members of the Public Service Pension Plan or the Government Money Purchased Pension Plan.

Sincerely,



Sarah Anthony
Chief Negotiator

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

October 4, 2018

Mr. Ed White
Representative
Canadian Union of Public Employees
15 International Place, Suite 102
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. White:

Re: Employee Assistance Programs

Each Employer covered by this agreement will strike a committee within thirty (30) days of the signing of this agreement to investigate the viability of establishing an Employee Assistance Program. A report will be submitted to the Employer with recommendations.

Sincerely,



Sarah Anthony
Chief Negotiator

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

October 4, 2018

Mr. Ed White
Representative
Canadian Union of Public Employees
15 International Place, Suite 102
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. White:

Re: Early and Safe Return to Work

The parties are encouraged to meet and discuss the opportunity to further explore Early and Safe Return to Work initiatives. Where practical, these discussions should occur within six months of the signing of this agreement.

Sincerely,



Sarah Anthony
Chief Negotiator

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

October 4, 2018

Mr. Ed White
Representative
Canadian Union of Public Employees
15 International Place, Suite 102
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. White:

Re: Market Adjustment

This will confirm our understanding reached during negotiations whereby if the Employer determines that it is unable to recruit/retain employees in specific positions at a particular geographic site, the Employer may provide benefits to employees beyond those outlined in the collective agreement.

Sincerely,



Sarah Anthony
Chief Negotiator

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

October 4, 2018

Mr. Ed White
Representative
Canadian Union of Public Employees
15 International Place, Suite 102
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. White:

Re: Sick Leave

The parties agree to the establishment of a committee composed of an equal number of union and Government representatives (to a maximum of 8 committee members in total) to explore sick leave utilization of the unionized workforce throughout the public service of Newfoundland Labrador and to make non-binding recommendations to CUPE and Government.

The terms of reference for the committee shall be determined prior to the commencement of their meetings.

Sincerely,



Sarah Anthony
Chief Negotiator

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

April 1, 2020

Mr. Ed White
Representative
Canadian Union of Public Employees
15 International Place, Suite 102
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. White:

Re: Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB") Eligibility

The parties hereby confirm and acknowledge:

1. Former employees who are deferred pensioners within the meaning of the *Other Post-Employment Benefits Modification Act*, S.N.L. 2014 c.O-9 (the "Act") shall, as of the coming into force of the Act, only be entitled to OPEB in accordance with the Act.
2. Current employees as of the date of signing of the collective agreement who retire not later than December 31, 2019, with a minimum of five (5) years' pensionable service shall qualify for OPEB.
3. Current employees as of the date of signing of the collective agreement who retire after December 31, 2019, shall qualify for OPEB only where such employees are:
 - a. Pension eligible;
 - b. Have a minimum of ten (10) years' pensionable service; and
 - c. Retire and commence receipt of a pension immediately on ceasing active employment in the public service.
4. Employees who are hired subsequent to the date of signing of the collective agreement ("Newly Hired Employees"), shall qualify for OPEB only where such employees are:
 - a. Pension eligible;
 - b. Have a minimum of fifteen (15) years' pensionable service; and
 - c. Retire and commence receipt of a pension immediately on ceasing active employment in the public service.
5. Former employees who are rehired following loss of seniority subsequent to the date of signing of the collective agreement shall be considered to be Newly Hired Employees for the purpose of this Letter of Understanding.
6. Notwithstanding clause 5 above:
 - a. Employees with service prior to the date of signing of the collective agreement who are hired subsequent to the date of signing of the collective

agreement who retain portability of benefits under the collective agreement;
or

- b. Employees with service prior to the date of signing of the Collective Agreement who are employed outside the bargaining unit in the public service and are re-employed in a CUPE Public Service bargaining unit position subsequent to the date of signing of the Collective Agreement without a break in service in the Public Service shall not be considered to be Newly Hired Employees for the purpose of the this Letter of Understanding.

For the purposes of this clause the definition of public service shall be limited to those Employers covered by one the following CUPE collective agreements:

CUPE Government House
 CUPE Group Homes/Transition Houses
 CUPE HS
 CUPE Newfoundland & Labrador Housing Corporation
 CUPE Provincial Information and Library Resources Board
 CUPE Master Collective Agreement (English School District)
 CUPE English School District

7. Employees who do not meet the criteria noted in clauses 2, 3 or 4 above shall not be entitled to OPEB on ceasing active employment in the public service.
8. Employees who become entitled to OPEB pursuant to clauses 2 or 3 above shall pay 50% of the premiums of the plan and the Employer shall pay 50%.
- *9. New Hired Employees who become entitled to OPEB pursuant to clause 4 above shall pay premiums of the plan on the basis of their date of hire as follows:
- (a) employees hired up to March 31, 2020 shall pay 50% of the premiums of the plan and the Employer shall pay 50%; and
 - (b) employees hired subsequent to March 31, 2020 shall pay 60% of the premiums of the plan and the Employer shall pay 40%.
- *10. Former employees who are rehired subsequent to March 31, 2020 and who become entitled to OPEB pursuant to clause 4 above shall be required to pay premiums in accordance with clause 9(b) above.
11. This Letter of Understanding, made pursuant to s.3(2) of the Act, shall prevail where any term herein conflicts with a provision of the collective agreement, one of its Schedules, Letters or Memoranda of Agreement, including, without limitation, any practice, settlement of dispute, agreement or arbitration award arising from events prior to the coming into force of the Act.

12. Nothing in this Letter of Understanding shall have the effect of waiving or negating, in whole or in part, any requirement, procedural or substantive, under a Group Health and Life Insurance program or policy sponsored by the Employer, e.g., the filing of continuation or other required forms, provision of proof of insurability, etc....
13. This Letter of Understanding may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be considered an original of same, and which together will constitute one and the same instrument. A facsimile signature or an otherwise electronically reproduced signature of any party shall be deemed to be an original.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Curran", is positioned above the typed name and title.

Lisa Curran
Chief Negotiator

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

October 4, 2018

Mr. Ed White
Representative
Canadian Union of Public Employees
15 International Place, Suite 102
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Mr. White:

Re: JES Appeal Procedure

The JES Appeal Procedure currently being developed will form part of the CUPE Collective Agreements but will not be subject to the grievance/arbitration provisions of the collective agreements.

Sincerely,



Sarah Anthony
Chief Negotiator

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

August 1, 2023

Ms. Tracey Pinder
Atlantic Regional Director
St. John's Area Office
Suite 102, 15 International Place
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Ms. Pinder:

***Re: Benefit Plan**

Within 90 days of signing of this collective agreement, the Parties agree to establish a committee comprised of one Union and one Employer representative from each of the five facilities listed below as well as appropriate Government representation to undertake a review of the current employee benefits plan for each Employer listed in Schedule E (except the Labrador Group Home) as compared to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador's Group Insurance Plan. CUPE will also appoint a national representative to this committee. The comparison will include benefit levels, premiums and access to OPEBs – whether as part of the GNL Group Insurance Plan or provided through the various Employer plans.

John Howard Society of Newfoundland and Labrador Inc.
Willow House
Iris Kirby House Inc.
Libra House Inc.
Naomi Centre

Sincerely,



Fiona Ellis
Director of Collective Bargaining

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

August 1, 2023

Ms. Tracey Pinder
Atlantic Regional Director
St. John's Area Office
Suite 102, 15 International Place
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Ms. Pinder:

***Re: Other Post-Employment Benefits**

The Employer has identified challenges with respect to the funding of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEBs) and the potential sustainability of the Group Insurance Plan. CUPE agrees to engage in a joint collaborative process with the Employer and other interested stakeholders to meet within ninety (90) days of the signing of the Collective Agreement to discuss possible solutions to these challenges.

Sincerely,



Fiona Ellis
Director of Collective Bargaining

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

August 1, 2023

Ms. Tracey Pinder
Atlantic Regional Director
St. John's Area Office
Suite 102, 15 International Place
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Ms. Pinder:

***Re: Remote Work/Telework**

The parties recognize the benefits of access to e-work arrangements for employees and Employers. The parties also recognize the value in conducting a review of the current policies and practices regarding e-work arrangements within their respective Employers represented by CUPE.

Within six (6) months of signing of the Collective Agreement, the Government and/or Employer(s) will complete a review of current e-work arrangements to determine necessary updates. The Employer will consult with the Union regarding the details of the review and provide opportunity for feedback via that consultation. The review will include but not be limited to: eligibility and operational requirements, defined hours of work, work performance requirements and evaluation, remote supervision, employee health and safety (including ergonomics), equipment, termination of agreement and any other terms as agreed by the parties.

Current e-work arrangements will remain in place subject to the above referenced review.

Sincerely,



Fiona Ellis
Director of Collective Bargaining

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

August 1, 2023

Ms. Tracey Pinder
Atlantic Regional Director
St. John's Area Office
Suite 102, 15 International Place
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Ms. Pinder:

***Re: Public Health Emergency**

The Employer recognizes that public health emergencies may have an impact on overall government operations and service delivery, individual employees, and the residents of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Employer further recognizes that not all public health emergencies will require the same emergency response requirements and/or public health directives and will require an evaluation of such response based on the nature of the emergency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, general principles will apply to impacted employees in the event of a public health emergency.

- 1) Self-Isolation – employees directed by their Employer or Public Health – Department of Health and Community Services to self-isolate, and who are asymptomatic of a public health illness may (where applicable - this may be dependent on vaccination or other considerations deemed appropriate by the Employer) be placed on special leave with pay for the hours in which they are unable to report to work up to the maximum of their regular bi-weekly hours. Employees who work less than full time hours will receive the benefit on a pro-rata basis. Temporary call-in employees who are not prescheduled, will be permitted to take special leave with pay on shifts they would have received in normal circumstances (compared to next junior temporary call-in).

Employees will not be required to provide medical documentation for this period of hours, unless there is sufficient reason on the part of the Employer to request such documentation. All other absences require employees to utilize their leave entitlements until they return to work.

- 2) Remote Work – employees may be required to work remotely where the capability exists, and it is operationally feasible. Special leave with pay shall only be utilized in instances where remote work is not an option.

- 3) Use of Sick Leave – employees who exhibit symptoms of a public health illness and who cannot work remotely, are required to use their sick leave entitlement until they return to work. Functional Abilities Information related to accommodation requests, extensions, illness unrelated to the current public health emergency, use of long-term sick leave and attendance support planning may still be required.
- 4) Re-Deployment – the Parties recognize that the Employer may be required to redeploy human resources to ensure adequate and safe staffing levels, and such re-deployment shall be done in consultation with the Union.

The parties further agree to enter into agreements as necessary to address other issues arising from a public health emergency that may not be covered by this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fiona Ellis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fiona Ellis
Director of Collective Bargaining

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

August 1, 2023

Ms. Tracey Pinder
Atlantic Regional Director
St. John's Area Office
Suite 102, 15 International Place
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Ms. Pinder:

***Re: Workplace Violence**

The Parties recognized the following as it relates to Workplace Violence:

- a. The Employer and the Union recognize the right of employees to work in an environment free from workplace violence. The parties shall undertake to expediently investigate alleged occurrences. If workplace violence against a bargaining unit member has taken place, the Employer shall take appropriate and reasonable action to address instances of workplace violence.
- b. We further agree that within six (6) months of signing of the agreement, the Employer(s) and the Union agree to establish a committee comprised of an equal number of representatives to discuss workplace violence, including but not limited to legislative requirements, violence risk assessment plans, workplace violence prevention plans and appropriate employee/Employer training.

Sincerely,



Fiona Ellis
Director of Collective Bargaining

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

August 1, 2023

Ms. Tracey Pinder
Atlantic Regional Director
St. John's Area Office
Suite 102, 15 International Place
St. John's, NL A1A 0L4

Dear Ms. Pinder:

***Re: Statutory Holiday Replacement**

Each year, an employee shall be entitled to designate replacement statutory holiday(s) that are days of cultural or religious significance to the employee in place of any or all of the statutory holidays outlined in the collective agreement. The Employer will endeavor to accommodate such requests and such requests shall not be unreasonably denied.

For the purposes of this letter, cultural or religious significance shall be defined as: *A day in which a religious observation is held or a day that celebrates the culture of a particular nation, people, or other social group.*

The employee shall inform the Employer of their choice(s), in writing, prior to November 15 in the calendar year before the new designations take effect. Such notice shall state clearly which statutory holiday(s) the employee is replacing and which day(s) of cultural or religious significance, including the dates on which they occur, that they are designating in the stead of the replaced statutory holiday(s).

Where the specific date(s) of cultural or religious significance are not yet confirmed, on or before November 15 in the calendar year before the new designations take effect, the employee will notify the Employer of the day(s) of significance and will provide date(s) as soon as they become available. The Employer will endeavor to accommodate such requests received after November 15 in the calendar year before the new designations take effect, subject to operational requirements and availability of replacement staff. Requests will not unreasonably be denied.

Such statutory holiday replacement, once designated, will not be amendable for the applicable calendar year. The Employer will grant the newly designated holiday(s) as paid day(s) off. Once designated per the above process, the newly named holiday(s) shall be the day(s) to which all rights which are normally associated with the specific statutory holiday being replaced are now applied:

- (a) The newly designated holiday days will attract all benefits of the collective agreement as if that day were the actual statutory holiday that they are designated to replace.
- (b) The replaced statutory holiday(s) will become a regular day, whether it be a workday or a day of rest and will not attract any additional benefit previously attributable to it as a statutory holiday: all such benefits will have transferred to the designated replacement day(s).
- (c) Where the Employer does not provide service on a day described under b) above, and where the employee is scheduled to work on that day of the week, the Employer will make reasonable efforts to provide meaningful work, including work from home arrangements, to the employee on that day.
- (d) Where the Employer has determined it is unable to provide meaningful work on that day, the Employer, the employee, and a representative of the Union will meet as soon as possible to discuss alternate work arrangements. If no resolution is still possible, the employee may access banked overtime and other like paid banks, or in a last resort, vacation leave to cover the missed day of work.

Sincerely,



Fiona Ellis
Director of Collective Bargaining