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WELLAND COUNTY GENERAL HOSPITAL

- AND -

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION  
 LOCAL 204  
 A.F. of L., C.I.O., C.L.C.  
 (FULL-TIME SERVICE UNIT)

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BETWEEN:

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(hereinafter called "The Hospital")

- and -

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION. LOCAL 204  
A.F. of L., C.I.O., C.L.C.  
(hereinafter called "The Union")

## **ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE**

1.01 The purpose of this Agreement is to establish an orderly collective bargaining relationship between the Employer and all employees represented by the Union.

It is recognized that this bargaining relationship will in no way interfere with the efficient operation of the Welland County General Hospital as a public service institution intended to provide the best possible hospital and clinical services to the general public.

## **ARTICLE 2 - SCOPE AND RECOGNITION**

2.01 The Hospital recognizes the Service Employees International Union. Local 204 as the sole collective bargaining agent for all employees at the Welland County General Hospital. save and except professional and technical personnel. graduate and undergraduate nurses. dietitians, chef. office and clerical staff. supervisors and those above that rank in line of supervision. persons employed for less than 24 hours per week. persons covered by existing collective agreements.

## **ARTICLE 3 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

3.01 The Union recognizes that the management of the Hospital and the direction of the working force are fixed exclusively in the Employer and shall remain solely with the Employer. The Union acknowledges that it is the exclusive function of the Employer to:

- (a) maintain order, discipline and efficiency;
- (b) hire. assign. retire. discharge, direct. promote. classify. transfer. lay-off, recall. or suspend. or otherwise discipline employees provided that a claim of discriminatory promotion. demotion or transfer or a claim that an employee has been discharged without just cause may be the subject of a grievance and be dealt with as hereinafter provided;

- (c) determine in the interest of efficient operation and the highest standard of service. job rating or classification. the hours of work. work assignments. methods of doing the work and the working establishment for any service:
- (d) determine the number of personnel required. the service to be performed and the methods, procedure and equipment to be used in connection therewith:
- (e) make and enforce and alter from time to time reasonable rules and regulations to be observed by employees.

It is agreed that these rights shall not be exercised in a manner inconsistent with the express provisions of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 4 - DEFINITIONS**

### 4.01 Temporary Employees

Employees may be hired for a specified term. not to exceed six (6) months. to replace an employee on leave or to perform a special non-recurring task. This term may be extended a further six (6) months on mutual agreement of the Union. employee and Hospital or by the Hospital on its own up to 12 months where the leave of the person being replaced extends that far. The period of employment of such persons will not exceed the absentee's leave. The release or discharge of such persons shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration.

This clause would not preclude such employees from using the job posting provision under the Collective Agreement and any successful applicant who has completed his probation period will be credited with the appropriate seniority.

The Hospital will outline to employees selected to fill such temporary vacancies and the Union the circumstances giving rise to the vacancy. and the special conditions relating to such employment.

## **ARTICLE 5 - UNION SECURITY**

### 5.01 Union Dues

- (a) As a condition of employment, the Hospital will deduct from each employee covered by this Agreement an amount equal to the regular monthly Union dues designated by the Union.

Such dues shall be deducted from the first pay of each month for full-time employees. and may be deducted from every pay for part-time employees. In the case of newly hired employees, such deductions shall commence in the month following their date of hire.

The amount of the regular monthly dues shall be those authorized by the Union and the Union shall notify the Hospital of any changes therein and such notification shall be the Hospital's conclusive authority to make the deductions specified.

In consideration of the deducting of Union dues by the Hospital, the Union agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Hospital against any claims or liabilities arising or resulting from the operation of this Article.

Dues deducted by the 15th of the month shall be remitted monthly to the Union, no later than the end of the month in which the dues were deducted.

- (b) Check-off lists will include Social Insurance numbers, and the Hospital will supply the Union with the addresses of new employees when they are placed on the checkoff list for the first time.

#### 5.02 Interview Period

- (a) A Union representative will be given the opportunity of interviewing each new employee prior to the end of the probationary period. Fifteen minutes will be granted for such interviews at a time and place designated by the Hospital.

The parties agree that the Union representative will not interview people without first obtaining prior permission from the Executive Director or his appointee.

- (b) It is mutually agreed that upon commencement of employment all new employees will be advised of the existence of the Union and the conditions surrounding their employment.

#### 5.03 Employee Lists

The Employer shall supply a seniority list every six (6) months. Such list shall contain names of employees, seniority and last date of hire. The Union will undertake to post the seniority list on appropriate bulletin boards.

### **ARTICLE 6 - NO STRIKE/LOCKOUT**

6.01 The Union agrees that during the life of this Agreement, there will be no strikes, mass resignations, sit-downs, slow-downs, stoppages or other interference with work. Violation of this Clause on the part of any employee or employees shall be deemed to be cause for instant dismissal. The Employer agrees that there will be no lockouts or mass dismissals during the life of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 7 - UNION REPRESENTATION AND COMMITTEES

### 7.01 Grievance Committee

- (a) The Hospital will recognize a Grievance Committee composed of the Chief Steward and not more than 2 employees selected by the Union who have completed their probationary period. A general representative of the Union may be present at any meeting of the Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to deal with complaints or grievances as set out in this Collective Agreement.
- (b) The Union shall keep the Hospital notified in writing of the names of the members of the Grievance Committee appointed or selected under this Article as well as the effective date of their respective appointments.
- (c) A Committee member shall suffer no loss of earnings for time spent during their regular scheduled working hours in attending grievance meetings with the Hospital up to, but not including arbitration. The number of employees on the Grievance Committee shall be determined locally.

### 7.02 Union Stewards

- (a) The Hospital agrees to recognize Union stewards to be elected or appointed from amongst employees in the bargaining unit who have completed their probationary period for the purpose of dealing with Union business as provided under this Collective Agreement.
- (b) A Chief Steward may be appointed or elected. The Chief Steward may, in the absence of any steward, assist in the presentation of any grievance, or with any steward function.
- (c) The Union shall keep the Hospital notified in writing of the names of Union Stewards appointed or selected under this Article as well as the effective date of their respective appointments.
- (d) It is agreed that Union stewards have their regular duties and responsibilities to perform for the Hospital and shall not leave their regular duties without first obtaining permission from their immediate supervisor. If, in the performance of his duties, a Union steward is required to enter an area within the Hospital in which he is not originally employed, he shall report his presence to the supervisor in the area immediately upon entering it. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. When resuming his regular duties and responsibilities, such steward shall again report to his immediate supervisor. A Union steward shall suffer no loss of earnings for time spent in performing the above duties during his regular scheduled working hours.
- (e) Nothing in this Article shall preclude full-time stewards from representing part-time employees and vice versa.



- (f) The number of stewards and the areas which they represent. are to be determined locally.
- (g) The Hospital agrees to recognize eight (8) full-time stewards including the Chief Steward.

### 7.03 Central Bargaining Committee

- (a) In future central bargaining between the Service Employees International Union and the participating hospitals. an employee serving on the Union's Central Negotiating Committee shall be paid for time lost from his normal straight time working hours at his regular rate of pay and without loss of leave credits for attending central negotiating meetings with the Hospitals' Central Negotiating Committee in direct negotiations up to the point of arbitration. Upon reference to arbitration, the Negotiating Committee members shall receive unpaid time off for the purpose of attending arbitration hearings.
- (b) It is understood and agreed that the maximum number of Union Central Negotiating Committee members entitled to payment under this provision shall be seven, and in no case will more than one employee from a hospital be entitled to such payment.
- (c) The Union shall advise the Hospitals' Central Negotiating Committee, before negotiations commence, of those employees to be paid under this provision. The Hospitals' Central Negotiating Committee shall advise the seven Hospitals accordingly.
- (d) It is understood and agreed that the leave of absence for attendance at such caucuses shall not be more than one day exclusive of reasonable travel time for each scheduled negotiation session between the central negotiating committee.
- (e) Leave for attendance at the central union caucuses shall be subject to the same terms and conditions for leave for attendance at negotiations under the provisions of the Collective Agreement.

### 7.04 Local Negotiating Committee

- (a) The Hospital agrees to recognize a Negotiating Committee comprising of 4 members to be elected, or appointed from amongst employees in the bargaining unit, who have completed their probationary period.
- (b) Where the Hospital participates in central bargaining the purpose of the Negotiating Committee shall be to negotiate local issues as defined.
- (c) Where the Hospital does not participate in central bargaining, the purpose of the Negotiating Committee shall be to negotiate a renewal of this Collective Agreement.

- (d) The Hospital agrees that the members of the Negotiating Committee shall suffer no loss of earnings for time spent during their regular scheduled working hours in attending such negotiating meetings with the Hospital up to, but not including, arbitration.
- (e) Nothing in this provision is intended to preclude the Union Negotiating Committee from having the assistance of any representatives of the Union when negotiating with the Hospital.
- (f) The number of employees on the Negotiating Committee shall be determined locally.

7.05 Nursing Committee

- (a) There shall be a committee consisting of representatives of the Hospital, one of which shall be the Director of Nursing or her designate and a committee of no more than five (5) bargaining unit employees from the following classifications: R.P.N., Orderly, H.C.A., and N.C.N.A.
- (b) The committee shall meet monthly at a mutually agreed time to identify and deal with nursing concerns (if any) of the parties.
- (c) Agenda items will be exchanged in writing at least five (5) calendar days prior to the meeting and a record shall be maintained of matters referred to the committee unless agreed to the contrary. Each meeting shall be scheduled not to exceed two (2) hours with outstanding matters referred to the next meeting or disposed of as mutually agreed by the committee.

**ARTICLE 8 - GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION**

8.01 For the purpose of this Agreement, a grievance or complaint is defined as a difference arising either between a member of the bargaining unit and the Hospital or between the parties hereto relating to the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of the Agreement.

8.02 The grievance shall identify the nature of the grievance, the remedy sought, and should, where possible specify the provisions of the Agreement which are alleged to have been violated.

8.03 At the time formal discipline is imposed or at any stage of the grievance procedure an employee shall have the right, to the presence of his/her steward. In the case of suspension or discharge, the Hospital shall notify the employee of his right in advance.

Where the Hospital deems it necessary to suspend or discharge an employee, the Hospital shall notify the Union of such suspension or discharge in writing, within three (3) days.

8.04 It is the mutual desire of the parties hereto that complaints shall be adjusted as quickly as possible, and it is understood that an employee has no grievance until he has first given his immediate supervisor the opportunity of adjusting his complaint. The grievor may have the assistance of a union steward if he so desires.

Such complaint shall be discussed with his immediate supervisor within five (5) days after the circumstances giving rise to it have occurred or ought reasonably to have come to the attention of the employee.

Failing settlement within the five (5) days, it shall then be taken up as a grievance within five (5) days following his immediate supervisor's decision in the following manner and sequence.

#### Step 1

The employee shall submit the grievance, in writing, and signed by him, to his immediate supervisor. The employee may be accompanied by a Union steward. The immediate supervisor will deliver his decision in writing within five (5) days following the day on which the written grievance was presented to him. Failing settlement then:

#### Step 2

Within five (5) days following the decision under Step 1 the employee, accompanied by a union steward, or the union steward shall submit the written grievance to his Department Head, who will deliver his decision in writing within five (5) days following the day on which the grievance was presented to him.

This step may be omitted where the employee's immediate supervisor and Department Head are the same person. Failing settlement then:

#### Step 3

Within five (5) days following the decision in the immediately preceding step, the grievance shall be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer of the Hospital or the designated Hospital representative.

A meeting will then be held between the Chief Executive Officer or the designated Hospital representative and the designated union representatives who may be accompanied by the general representative of the Union, within five (5) days of the submission of the grievance at Step 3, unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

The decision of the Hospital shall be delivered in writing within ten (10) days following the date of such meeting.

#### 8.05 Policy Grievance

A complaint or grievance arising directly between the Hospital and the Union concerning the interpretation, application or alleged violation of the Agreement shall be originated at Step 3 within ten (10) days following the circumstances giving rise to the grievance.

It is expressly understood, however, that the provisions of this Article may not be used with respect to a grievance directly affecting an employee which he could have instituted himself and the regular grievance procedure shall not be thereby by-passed.

Where the grievance is a Hospital grievance, it shall be filed with the Grievance Committee.

#### 8.06 Group Grievance

Where a number of employees have identical grievances, and each one would be entitled to grieve separately, they may present a group grievance, in writing identifying each employee who is grieving, to the Department Head, or his designate within ten (10) days after the circumstances giving rise to the grievance have occurred. The grievance shall then be treated as being initiated at Step 2 and the applicable provisions of this Article shall then apply with respect to the handling of such grievance.

#### 8.07 Discharge Grievance

If an employee, who has completed his probationary period, claims that he has been unjustly discharged, such claim must be submitted by the employee, who may be accompanied by a union steward, or by the union steward at Step 3 of the grievance procedure to the Hospital within five (5) days following the date the discharge is effective.

Such grievance may be settled under the Grievance and Arbitration procedure by:

- (a) confirming the Hospital's action in discharging the employee, or
- (b) reinstating the employee with up to full seniority for time lost and **up** to full compensation for time lost,
- (c) any other arrangement which may be deemed just and equitable.

8.08 Failing settlement under the foregoing procedure, any grievance may be submitted to arbitration as hereinafter provided. If no written request for arbitration is received within ten (10) days after the decision under Step 3 is given, the grievance shall be deemed to have been abandoned.

8.09 All agreements reached, under the grievance procedure, between the representatives of the Hospital and representatives of the Union will be final and binding upon the Hospital, the Union and the employee(s).

8.10 When either party requests that any matter be submitted to Arbitration as provided in this Article, it shall make such request in writing addressed to the other party to this Agreement, and at the same time appoint a nominee. Within five (5) days thereafter, the other party shall appoint its nominee, provided however, that if such party fails to appoint its nominee as herein required, the Minister of Labour for the Province of Ontario shall have the power to make such appointment upon application thereto by the party invoking the arbitration procedure. The two nominees shall attempt to agree upon a chairman of the Arbitration Board. If they are unsuccessful in agreeing upon such a chairman within a period of ten (10) days of the appointment of the second nominee, they shall then request the Minister of Labour for the Province of Ontario to appoint a chairman.

8.11 No person may be appointed to the Arbitration Board who has been involved in an attempt to negotiate or settle the grievance.

8.12 The Arbitration Board shall not be authorized to make any decision inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, nor to alter, modify, add to or amend any part of this Agreement.

8.13 No matter may be submitted to arbitration which has not been properly carried through all requisite steps of the Grievance Procedure.

8.14 The proceedings of the Arbitration Board will be expedited by the parties hereto and the decision of the majority, and where there is no majority, the decision of the Chairman, will be final and binding upon the parties hereto and the employee or employees concerned.

8.15 Each of the parties hereto will bear the expense of the nominee appointed by it and the parties will share equally the fees and expenses, if any, of the Chairman of the Arbitration Board.

8.16 Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays are not to be counted in the time limits as set out in this Article.

8.17 Wherever Arbitration Board is referred to in the Agreement, the parties hereto may mutually agree in writing, to substitute a single arbitrator for the Arbitration Board at the time of reference to arbitration and the other provisions referring to Arbitration Board shall appropriately apply.

## **ARTICLE 9 - SENIORITY**

### 9.01 Probationary Period

A new employee will be considered on probation until he has completed forty-five days of work within any twelve calendar months. Upon completion of the probationary period, he shall be credited with seniority equal to forty-five working days. With the written consent of the Hospital, the probationary employee, and the President of the Local Union or designate, such probationary period may be extended. Any extension agreed to will be in writing and will specify the length of the extension. The release or discharge of an employee during the probationary period shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration and is at the sole discretion of the Hospital.

## 9.02 Definition of Seniority

Full-time employees will accumulate seniority on the basis of their continuous service in the bargaining unit from the last date of hire. except as otherwise provided herein.

Seniority will operate on a bargaining unit wide basis.

Notwithstanding the above, employees hired prior to October 10, 1986 will be credited with the seniority they held under the Agreement expiring November 15, 1985 and will thereafter accumulate seniority in accordance with this Article.

## 9.03 Transfer of Service and Seniority

Effective October 10, 1986, and for employees who transfer subsequent to October 10, 1986, an employee whose status is changed from full-time to part-time shall receive credit for his/her full service and seniority. An employee whose status is changed from part-time to full-time shall receive credit for seniority and service on the basis of one (1) year equals 1725 hours worked. and will be enrolled in the employee benefit plans subject to meeting any waiting period or other requirements of those plans.

Employees hired prior to October 10, 1986 will be credited with the service and seniority they held under the Collective Agreement expiring November 15, 1985.

## 9.04 Loss of Seniority

An employee shall lose all seniority and shall be deemed terminated if:

- (a) employee quits:
- (b) employee is discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the grievance and arbitration procedure:
- (c) employee is absent from scheduled work for a period of three or more consecutive working days without notifying the Hospital of such absence and providing a reason satisfactory to the Hospital:
- (d) employee fails to return to work upon the expiration of a leave of absence or utilizes a leave of absence for a purpose other than that for which it was granted:
- (e) employee has been laid off for twenty-four (24) months;
- (f) employee fails upon being notified of a recall to signify his intention to return within five working days after he has received the notice of recall, and fails to report to work within ten working days after he has received the notice of recall;

- (g) employee is absent due to illness or disability which absence continues for thirty (30) calendar months from the time the disability or illness commenced.

Note: This clause shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Ontario Human Rights Code.

#### 9.05 Effect of Absence

- (a) It is understood that during an approved unpaid absence not exceeding thirty (30) continuous days or any approved absence paid by the Hospital, both seniority and service will accrue.
- (b) During an unpaid absence exceeding thirty (30) continuous calendar days, credit for service for purposes of salary increment, vacation, sick leave, or any other benefits under any provisions of the Collective Agreement or elsewhere, shall be suspended for the period of the absence in excess of thirty (30) continuous calendar days, the benefits concerned appropriately reduced on a pro rata basis and the employee's anniversary date adjusted accordingly. In addition, the employee will become responsible for full payment of subsidized employee benefits in which he/she is participating for the period of the absence except that the Hospital will continue to pay its share of the premiums for up to eighteen (18) months while an employee is in receipt of W.C.B. benefits. Notwithstanding this provision, service shall accrue for a period of fifteen (15) weeks if an employee's absence is due to a disability resulting in W.C.B. benefits.
- (c) It is further understood that during such unpaid absence, credit for seniority for purposes of promotion, demotion transfer or layoff shall be suspended and not accrue during the period of absence. Notwithstanding this provision seniority shall accrue for a period of eighteen months if an employee's absence is due to disability resulting in W.C.B. benefits, or L.T.D. benefits or for a period of one (1) year if an employee's unpaid absence is due to an illness.

### **ARTICLE 10 - JOB SECURITY**

- 10.01 (a) With respect to the development of any operating or re-structuring plan which may affect the bargaining unit, the Union shall be involved in the planning process as soon as practicable and, in any event, in advance of such plans or proposals being finalized and notices of layoff being issued or other actions taken that would adversely affect the bargaining unit and through to the final phases of the process.
- (b) Staff Planning Committee

In addition to that, and to any other planning committee in the Hospital of a more broadly representational make-up, there shall be immediately established a Staff Planning Committee for the bargaining unit, which shall meet during the term of this agreement every three months, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties.

It shall be the function of the Staff Planning Committee to consider possible ways and means of avoiding or minimizing potential adverse effects upon employees in the bargaining unit including:

(i) identifying and proposing possible alternatives to any action that the hospital may propose taking:

(ii) identifying and seeking ways to address the retraining needs of employees:

(iii) identifying vacant positions within the Hospital for which surplus members of the bargaining unit might qualify, or such positions which are currently filled but which are expected to become vacant within a twelve (12) month period.

#### Composition and Meetings

The Committee shall be comprised of equal members of representatives of the hospital and from the Union. The number of representatives is to be determined locally, and shall consist of at least two representatives from each party.

Meetings of the Committee shall be held during normal working hours. Representatives attending such meetings during their regularly scheduled hours of work shall not lose regular earnings as a result of such attendance. The Hospital shall make typing and other such clerical assistance available as required.

Each party shall appoint a co-chair for the Committee. Co-chairs shall chair alternate meetings of the Committee and will be jointly responsible for establishing the agenda of the Committee meetings, preparing minutes and writing such correspondence as the Committee may direct.

#### Disclosure

To allow the Staff Planning Committee to carry out its mandated role under this Article, the Hospital will provide the Committee with pertinent financial and staffing information and with a copy of any reorganization plans which impact on the bargaining unit.

#### Accountability

The Committee shall submit its written recommendations to the Chief Executive Officer of the Hospital and the Board of Trustees. Where there is no consensus within the Committee, the individual members of the Committee shall be entitled to submit their own recommendations.

Any agreement between the Hospital and the Union resulting from the above review concerning the method of implementation will take precedence over the other provisions of this agreement.



## 10.02 Notice of Layoff

(a) In the event of a proposed layoff at the Hospital of a permanent or long-term nature or the elimination of a position within the bargaining unit, the Hospital shall:

(i) provide the Union with no less than five (5) months' written notice of the proposed layoff or elimination of position; and

(ii) provide to the affected employee(s), if any, who will be laid off with no less than five (5) months' written notice of layoff, or pay in lieu thereof.

Note: Where a proposed layoff results in the subsequent displacement of any member(s) of the bargaining unit, the original notice to the Union provided in (i) above shall be considered notice to the Union of any subsequent layoff.

(b) A layoff shall not include a reassignment of an employee from her or his classification or area of assignment who would otherwise be entitled to notice of layoff provided:

(i) the reassignment of the employee is to an appropriate permanent job with the employer having regard to the employee's skills, abilities, qualifications and training or training requirements:

(ii) the reassignment of the employee does not result in a reduction of the employee's wage rate or hours of work;

(iii) the job to which the employee is reassigned is located at the employee's original work site or at a nearby site in terms of a relative accessibility for the employee:

(iv) the job to which the employee is reassigned is on the same or substantially similar shift or shift rotation: and

(v) where more than one employee is to be reassigned in accordance with this provision, the reassigned employees shall be entitled to select from the available appropriate vacancies to which they are being reassigned in order of seniority provided no such selection causes or would cause a layoff or bumping.

The Hospital bears the onus of demonstrating that the foregoing conditions have been met in the event of a dispute. The Hospital shall also reasonably accommodate any reassigned employee who may experience a personal hardship arising from being reassigned in accordance with this provision.

(c) Any vacancy to which an employee is reassigned pursuant to paragraph (b) need not be posted.

### 10.03 Severance and Retirement Options

- (a) (i) Where an employee resigns within 30 days after receiving notice of layoff pursuant to article 10.02(a)(ii) that his or her position will be eliminated, he or she shall be entitled to a separation allowance of two (2) weeks' salary for each year of continuous service to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks' pay, and, on production of receipts from an approved educational program, within twelve (12) months of resignation, may be reimbursed for tuition fees up to a maximum of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars.
- (ii) Where an employee resigns later than 30 days after receiving notice pursuant to Article 10.02(a)(ii) that his or her position will be eliminated, he or she shall be entitled to a separation allowance of four (4) weeks' salary, and, on production of receipts from an approved educational program, within twelve (12) months of resignation, may be reimbursed for tuition fees up to a maximum of one thousand two hundred and fifty (\$1,250) dollars.

(b) Retirement Allowance

Prior to issuing notice of layoff pursuant to Article 10.02(a)(ii) in any classification(s), the Hospital will offer early retirement allowance to a sufficient number of employees eligible for early retirement under HOOPP within the classification(s) in order of seniority, to the extent that the maximum number of employees within a classification who elect early retirement is equivalent to the number of employees within the classification(s) who would otherwise receive notice of layoff under Article 10.02(a)(ii).

Within thirty (30) days from the date of notice of layoff, an employee who has received notice of layoff of a permanent or long-term nature may retire provided that the employee is eligible to retire under the terms of the Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan. An employee who chooses this option forfeits her right to notice and will receive severance pay on the basis of two (2) week's pay for each year of service with the Hospital to a maximum of twenty-six (26) weeks on the basis of the employees normal weekly earnings. In addition, full-time employees will receive a lump sum payment equal to \$1,000.00 for every year less than age 65, to a maximum of \$5,000.00.

Note: The Hospital may offer any employee a retirement option as provided above, in order to avoid potential layoffs in the unit.

- (c) A full-time employee who has completed one year of service and
- (1) whose layoff is permanent, or
- (2) who is laid off for 26 weeks in any 52 week period, and who has not elected to receive a severance payment under either (a) or (b) of this Article.

shall be entitled to severance pay equal to the greater of two weeks' pay, or two weeks' pay per year of service to a maximum of 26 weeks' pay. This entitlement shall not be in addition to any entitlement to severance pay under the Employment Standards Act, but at the same time, shall not preclude an employee from claiming any greater entitlement which that Act may at some point come to provide.

An employee may elect to defer receipt of this severance payment while his or her recall rights are still in effect. Once an employee does opt to receive the severance payment, he or she shall be deemed to have resigned, and his or her recall rights shall be extinguished.

- (d) Employees who retire "early" shall be allowed to maintain to age 65, at the retiree's cost, his or her participation in the Hospitals Extended Health Care Plan (including vision care and hearing aid allowance), and Dental Plan. The Hospital will arrange such access with their insurer within sixty (60) days of November 18, 1992.

#### 10.04 Regional Staff Planning Committees

The central parties agree to establish Regional Staff Planning Committees to facilitate the redeployment of laid off employees among the participating Hospitals.

To achieve this objective the Hospital Staff Planning Committee will forward to the Regional Staff Planning Committee a list of the names and addresses of laid off employees who have expressed an interest in working at other Participating Hospitals and who have undertaken skills assessment procedures provided by any government training agency, such as HTAP, that may be in place.

In filling vacancies not filled by bargaining unit members the Hospitals are encouraged to give first consideration to laid off employees who are on the list and who are qualified to perform the work. For benefit-entitlement purposes, it is recognized that hospitals shall be free to grant to any employees hired through this process full credit for service earned with another hospital.

The size, structure, composition and activities of each Committee will be mutually determined by the parties, and application will be made to any available funding source for the funding of administrative expenses.

#### 10.05 Layoff and Recall

- (a) In the event of layoff, the Hospital shall lay off employees in the reverse order of their seniority within their classification, providing that there remain on the job employees who then have the ability to perform the work.
- (b) An employee who is subject to layoff shall have the right to either:
  - (i) accept the layoff; or

(ii) displace an employee who has lesser bargaining unit seniority and who is the least senior employee in a lower or identical paying classification in the bargaining unit if the employee originally subject to layoff can perform the duties of the lower or identical classification without training other than orientation. Such employee so displaced shall be laid off.

Note: An identical paying classification shall include any classification where the straight time hourly wage rate at the level of service corresponding to that of the laid-off employee is within 1% of the laid-off employee's straight time hourly wage rate.

In the event that there are no employees with lesser seniority in lower or identical paying classifications as defined in this article, a laid-off employee will have the right to displace an employee with lesser seniority, who is the least senior employee in a classification where the straight time hourly rate at the level of service corresponding to that of the laid off employee is within 5% of the laid off employee's straight time hourly rate provided he can perform the duties without training other than orientation. Such employee so displaced shall be laid off.

(iii) The decision of the employee to choose (a) or (b) above shall be given in writing to the designated hospital representative within ten (10) working days (excluding Saturday, Sunday and Holidays) following the notification of lay-off. Employees failing to do so will be deemed to have accepted lay-off.

- (c) An employee shall have opportunity of recall from a layoff to an available opening, in order of seniority, provided he has the ability to perform the work before such opening is filled on a regular basis under a job posting procedure. The posting procedure in the collective agreement shall not apply until the recall process has been completed.
- (d) In determining the ability of an employee to perform the work for the purposes of the paragraphs above, the Hospital shall not act in an arbitrary or unfair manner.
- (e) An employee recalled to work in a different classification from which he was laid off shall have the privilege of returning to the position he held prior to the layoff should it become vacant within six (6) months of being recalled.
- (f) No new employees shall be hired until all those laid off have been given an opportunity to return to work and have failed to do so, in accordance with the loss of seniority provision, or have been found unable to perform the work available.
- (g) It is the sole responsibility of the employee who has been laid off to notify the Hospital of his intention to return to work within five (5) working days (exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and paid holidays) after being notified to do so by registered mail addressed to the last address on record with the Hospital (which notification shall be deemed to have been received on the second day following the date of

mailing) and to return to work within ten (10) working days after being notified. The notification shall state the job to which the employee is eligible to be recalled and the date and time at which the employee shall report for work. The employee is solely responsible for his proper address being on record with the Hospital.

- (h) Employees on layoff or notice of layoff shall be given preference for temporary vacancies which are expected to exceed ten (10) working days. An employee who has been recalled to such temporary vacancy shall not be required to accept such recall and may instead remain on layoff.
- (i) No full-time employee within the bargaining unit shall be laid off by reason of his/her duties being assigned to one or more part-time employees.
- (j) In the event that a layoff commenced on the day immediately following a paid holiday, an employee otherwise qualified for holiday pay shall not be disentitled thereto solely because of the day on which the layoff commenced.
- (k) A laid off employee shall retain the rights of recall for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of layoff.

#### 10.06 Benefits on Layoff

In the event of a layoff of a full-time employee, the Hospital shall pay its share of insured benefits premium up to three (3) months from the end of the month in which the layoff occurs or until the laid-off employee is employed elsewhere, whichever occurs first.

### **ARTICLE 11 - JOB POSTING**

11.01 Where a permanent vacancy occurs in a classification within the bargaining unit or a new position within the bargaining unit is established by the Hospital, such vacancy shall be posted by the Hospital for a period of seven (7) days excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Vacancies created by the filling of an initial permanent vacancy within the bargaining unit shall be posted for a period of three (3) consecutive days excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays. All applications are to be made in writing within the posting period.

11.02 The postings referred to in Article .01 shall stipulate the qualifications, classification, rate of pay, department and shift and a copy shall be provided to the Chief Steward.

11.03 Employees shall be selected for positions under Article .01 on the basis of their ability, experience and qualifications. Where these factors are relatively equal amongst the employees considered, seniority shall govern providing the successful applicant, if any, is qualified to perform the available work. The name of the successful applicant will be posted on the bulletin board and unsuccessful applicants will be notified.

11.04 Where there are no successful applicants from within this bargaining unit for positions referred to in Article .01 employees in other SEIU service bargaining units at the Hospital will be considered for such positions prior to considering persons not employed by the Hospital. The employees eligible for consideration shall be limited to those employees who have applied for the position in accordance with Article .01 and selection shall be made in accordance with Article .03 above.

11.05 Vacancies which are not expected to exceed six (6) months will not be posted and may be filled at the discretion of the Hospital. In filling such vacancies consideration shall be given to part-time employees in SEIU service bargaining units who have recorded their interest in writing. prior to considering persons not employed by the Hospital. In considering such part-time employees the criteria for selection in .03 shall apply. Part-time employees selected to fill a vacancy under this Article will continue to maintain their part-time status and upon completion of the assignment the employee will return to his former position.

11.06 The Hospital shall have the right to fill any vacancy on an interim basis until the posting procedure provided herein has been complied with. and arrangements have been made to assign the employee selected to fill the vacancy to the job. No grievance may be filed concerning such temporary arrangements.

11.07 The successful applicant will be placed in the vacancy for a trial period not exceeding forty-five (45) working days and if the employee proves satisfactory, then he shall be considered permanently assigned to the vacancy. If the employee proves unsatisfactory during that time, or if the employee feels he is unable to perform the duties of the vacancy to which he is posted, the employee will be returned to his former position at his former salary rate of pay, as will any other employee in the Bargaining Unit who was promoted or transferred by reason of such placing. Newly hired employees shall be terminated and such termination shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure.

11.08 Successful applicants and newly hired employees will not be permitted to apply for job postings or any subsequent vacancies for a period of six (6) months, unless otherwise mutually agreed.

## **ARTICLE 12 - NO CONTRACTING OUT**

12.01 The Hospital shall not contract out any work usually performed by members of the bargaining unit if, as a result of such contracting out, a layoff of any employees other than casual part-time employees results from such contracting out.

12.02 Notwithstanding the foregoing the hospital may contract out work usually performed by members of the bargaining unit without such contracting out constituting a breach of this provision if the hospital provides in its commercial arrangement contracting out work that the contractor to whom the work is being contracted, and any subsequent such contractor, agrees:

- (1) to employ the employees thus displaced from the hospital: and

- (2) in doing so to stand. with respect to that work. in the place of the hospital for the purposes of the hospital's collective agreement with the Union. and to execute into an agreement with the Union to that effect.

In order to ensure compliance with this provision. the Hospital agrees that it will withdraw the work from any contractor who has failed to meet the aforesaid terms of the contracting-out arrangement.

12.03 On request by the Union, the Hospital will undertake to review contracted services which fall within the work of the bargaining unit. The purpose of the review will be to determine the practicality of increasing the degree to which bargaining unit employees may be utilized to deliver such services in the future. The Hospital further agrees that the results of their review will be submitted to the Staff Planning Committee for its consideration.

## **ARTICLE 13 - WORK OF THE BARGAINING UNIT**

### 13.01 Work of the Bargaining Unit

Employees not covered by the terms of this Agreement will not perform duties normally assigned to those employees who are covered by this Agreement. except for the purposes of instruction. experimentation. or in emergencies when regular employees are not readily available.

Note: The purpose of this clause is the protection of the work of the bargaining unit employees and not the broadening of that work to other areas.

### 13.02 Employment Agencies

Prior to enlisting the services of an employment agency, the Hospital will attempt to contact part-time staff who would normally perform the duties in question.

### 13.03 Volunteers

- (a) The use of volunteers to perform bargaining unit work shall not be expanded beyond the extent of existing practice as of June 1, 1986.
- (b) Where a Hospital plans a drive to increase the number of volunteers, the Union must be given at least thirty (30) days' notice of these plans and a special meeting of the local joint job security committee must be convened at least three (3) weeks prior to the initiation of such a drive.

### 13.04 Ratio of R.N's to R.P.N.'s

At the time of considering whether or not to alter the ratio of R.N.'s to R.P.N.'s in any department. the Hospital agrees to consult with the Union in advance of any decision being made and. again in advance of any decision being made. the senior administrator of the Hospital agrees to meet with and to entertain submissions from the Union with respect to the merits of maintaining

the existing ratio.

In addition to the above process and apart from it where a change in the ratio is planned by the Hospital and it does not arise because of employee retirement, resignation or death then it can only be carried out following a full and complete disclosure to the Union of the plan and the Hospital and the reasons for it. After full and complete disclosure to the Union the Hospital and Union are to meet and discuss the plan and the reasons with a view to possibly modifying them including maintaining the existing ratio. The planned change in the ratio cannot be implemented by the Hospital for a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of full and complete disclosure to the Union: and only implemented if there has been the consultative process required by this clause carried out in good faith by the Hospital.

### 13.05 Utilization of R.P.N. Skills

The Hospital supports utilizing R.P.N.'s for the skills for which the Hospital requires them to perform in the areas involved. The Hospital agrees to provide education for current R.P.N.'s for added skills which the Hospital requires them *to* perform.

## **ARTICLE 14 - TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE**

14.01 Technological Change means the automation of equipment, or the mechanization or automation of operations, or the replacement of existing equipment or machinery with new equipment or machinery which results in the displacement of an employee from his/her regular job.

14.02 Where the Hospital has decided to introduce a technological change which will significantly alter the status of an employee within the bargaining unit, the Hospital undertakes to meet with the Union to consider the minimization of adverse effects (if any) upon the employees concerned.

14.03 Where new or greater skills are required than are already possessed by affected employees under the present methods of operation, such employees shall be given a period of training, with due consideration being given to the employee's age and previous educational background, during which they may perfect or acquire the skills necessitated by the new method of operation. The employer will assume the cost of tuition and travel. There shall be no reduction in wage or salary rates during the training period of any such employee. Training shall be given during the hours of work whenever possible and may extend for up to six (6) months.

14.04 Employees with one or more years of continuous service who are subject to lay-off under conditions referred to above, will be given notice of the impending change in employment status at the earliest reasonable time in keeping with the notification to the Union as set out above and the requirements of the applicable legislation.

14.05 Employees who are pregnant shall not be required *to* operate VDTs. At their request, the employer shall temporarily relocate such employees to other appropriate work without loss of employment benefits, but at the wage rate of the job in which the employee is relocated. The determination of the appropriate alternative work shall be at the discretion of the Employer and such discretion shall not be exercised in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner. If such work is not available or if the employee does not wish to accept the alternative work, the employee may be



placed on unpaid leave of absence.

14.06 Each employee required to use a VDT more than four (4) hours per day, shall be given eye examinations at the beginning of employment or assignment to VDTs and every twelve (12) months thereafter. The eye examinations shall be paid for by the Hospital where not covered by OHIP.

**ARTICLE 15 - LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

15.01 Bereavement Leave

An employee who notifies the Hospital as soon as possible following a bereavement shall be granted up to three (3) consecutive days off, without loss of his regular pay for his scheduled hours from the date of death up to and including the date of the funeral of a member of his immediate family. "Immediate family" means parent, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, guardian or stepparent.

15.02 Education Leave

- (a) If required by the Employer, an employee shall be entitled to leave of absence with pay and without loss of seniority and benefits to write examinations to upgrade his or her employment qualifications.
- (b) A leave of absence, without pay, to take further education related to the employee's work with the Hospital may be granted upon written application by the employee to the administration of the Hospital. It is further understood and agreed that the Employer will, wherever its operational requirements permit, endeavour to arrange the shifts of employees attending courses or seminars to permit such attendance.
- (c) Where employees are required by the Hospital to take courses to upgrade or acquire new employment qualifications, the Employer shall pay the full costs associated with the courses.

15.03 Jury and Witness Duty

- (a) If an employee is required to serve as a juror in any court of law, or is required to attend as a witness in a court proceeding in which the Crown is a party, or is required by subpoena to attend a court of law or coroner's inquest in connection with a case arising from the employee's duties at the Hospital, the employee shall not lose regular pay because of such attendance provided that the employee (a) notifies the Hospital immediately on the employee's notification that he will be required to attend at court and (b) presents proof of service requiring the employee's attendance and (c) deposits with the hospital the full amount of compensation received excluding mileage, travelling and meal allowances and an official receipt thereof.

- (b) In addition to the foregoing, where an employee is required by subpoena to attend a court of law or coroner's inquest in connection with a case arising from the employee's duties at the Hospital on his regularly scheduled day off, the hospital will attempt to reschedule the employee's regular day off, it being understood that any rescheduling shall not result in the payment of any premium pay. Where the Hospital is unable to reschedule the employee and, as a result, he is required to attend on a regular day off, he shall be paid for all hours actually spent at such hearing at the rate of time and one-half his regular straight time hourly rate subject to (a), (b) and (c) above.

Where the employee's attendance is required during a different shift than he is scheduled to work that day, the Hospital will attempt to reschedule the shift to include the time spent at such hearing. It is understood that any rescheduling shall not result in the payment of any premium pay.

Where the Hospital is unable to reschedule the employee and, as a result, he is required to attend during other than his regularly scheduled paid hours, he shall be paid for all hours actually spent at such hearing at his straight time hourly rate subject to (a), (b), and (c) above.

#### 15.04 Pregnancy Leave

- (a) Pregnancy leave will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Standards Act, except where amended in this provision. The service requirement for eligibility for pregnancy leave shall be thirteen (13) weeks of continuous service.
- (b) The employee shall give written notification at least two (2) weeks in advance of the date of commencement of such leave and the expected date of return. At such time, she shall also furnish the Hospital with the certificate of a legally qualified medical practitioner stating the expected birth date.
- (c) The employee shall reconfirm her intention to return to work on the date originally approved in subsection (b) above by written notification received by the Hospital at least two (2) weeks in advance thereof.
- (d) An employee who is on pregnancy leave as provided under this Agreement who has applied for and is in receipt of Employment Insurance pregnancy benefits pursuant to Section 22 of the Employment Insurance Act, shall be paid a supplemental unemployment benefit. That benefit will be equivalent to the difference between ninety-three percent (93%) of her regular weekly earnings and the sum of her weekly Employment Insurance benefits and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the two week Employment Insurance waiting period, and receipt by the Hospital of the employee's Employment Insurance cheque stub as proof that she is in receipt of Employment Insurance pregnancy benefits, and

shall continue while the employee is in receipt of such benefits for a maximum period of fifteen (15) weeks. The employee's regular weekly earnings shall be determined by multiplying her regular hourly rate on her last day worked prior to the commencement of the leave times her normal weekly hours plus any wage increase or salary increment that she would be entitled to if she were not on pregnancy leave.

The Hospital will pay the employee ninety-three percent (93%) of her normal weekly earnings during the first two (2) week period of the leave while waiting to receive Employment Insurance Benefits.

The employee does not have any vested right except to receive payments for the covered unemployment period. The plan provides that payment in respect of guaranteed annual remuneration or in respect of deferred remuneration or severance pay benefits are not reduced or increased by payments received under the plan.

- (e) Credits for service and seniority shall accumulate for a period of up to seventeen (17) weeks while an employee is on pregnancy leave.
- (f) The Hospital will continue to pay its share of the contributions of the subsidized employee benefits, including pension, in which the employee is participating for a period of up to seventeen (17) weeks while the employee is on pregnancy leave.
- (g) Subject to any changes to the employee's status which would have occurred had she not been on pregnancy leave, the employee shall be reinstated to her former duties, on the same shift in the same department, and at the same rate of pay.

#### 15.05 Parental Leave

- (a) Parental leaves will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Standards Act, except where amended in this provision. The service requirement for eligibility for parental leave shall be thirteen (13) weeks of continuous service.
- (b) An employee, who qualified for parental leave, other than an adoptive parent, shall give written notification at least two (2) weeks in advance of the date of commencement of such leave and the expected date of return.
- (c) An employee who is an adoptive parent shall advise the Hospital as far in advance as possible of having qualified to adopt a child, and shall request the leave of absence, in writing, upon receipt of confirmation of the pending adoption. If, because of late receipt of confirmation of the pending adoption, the employee finds it impossible to request the leave of absence in writing the request may be made verbally and subsequently verified in writing.

An employee who is an adoptive parent may extend the parental leave for such greater time as may be required by the adoption agency concerned up to a maximum aggregate of six (6) months. Written notice by the employee for such extension will be given at least two (2) weeks prior to the termination of the initially approved

leave.

- (d) An employee shall reconfirm his or her intention to return to work on the date originally approved in subsection (b) above by written notification received by the Hospital at least two (2) weeks in advance thereof.
- (e) An employee who is on parental leave as provided under this Agreement who has applied for and is in receipt of Employment Insurance parental benefits pursuant to Section 23 of the Employment Insurance Act, shall be paid a supplemental unemployment benefit. That benefit will be equivalent to the difference between ninety-three percent (93%) of her regular weekly earnings and the sum of her weekly Employment Insurance benefits and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the two week Employment Insurance waiting period, and receipt by the Hospital of the employee's Employment Insurance cheque stub as proof that she is in receipt of Employment Insurance parental benefits, and shall continue while the employee is in receipt of such benefits for a maximum period of ten (10) weeks. The employee's regular weekly earnings shall be determined by multiplying her regular hourly rate on her last day worked prior to the commencement of the leave times her normal weekly hours plus any wage increase or salary increment that she would be entitled to if she were not on parental leave.

The Hospital will pay the employee ninety-three percent (93%) of her normal weekly earnings during the first two (2) week period of the leave while waiting to receive Employment Insurance Benefits.

The employee does not have any vested right except to receive payments for the covered unemployment period. The plan provides that payment in respect of guaranteed annual remuneration or in respect of deferred remuneration or severance pay benefits are not reduced or increased by payments received under the plan.

- (f) Credits for service and seniority shall accumulate for a period of up to eighteen (18) weeks while an employee is on parental leave.
- (g) The Hospital will continue to pay its share of the premiums of the subsidized employee benefits, including pension, in which the employee is participating for a period of up to eighteen (18) weeks while the employee is on parental leave.
- (h) Subject to any changes to the employee's status which would have occurred had he or she not been on parental leave, the employee shall be reinstated to his or her former duties, on the same shift in the same department, and at the same rate of pay.

#### 15.06 Full-Time Union Office

Upon application by the Union, in writing, the Hospital will give reasonable consideration to a request for leave of absence, without pay, to an employee elected or appointed to full-time Union office. It is understood that not more than one (1) employee in the bargaining unit may be on such leave at the same time. Such leave, if granted, shall be for a period of one (1) calendar year (in the case of the Union President, two (2) calendar years) from the date of appointment unless

extended for a further specific period by agreement of the parties. Seniority and service shall accumulate during such leave to the maximum provided, if any, under the provisions of the Collective Agreement. It will become the responsibility of the employee for full payment of any applicable benefits in which the employee is participating during such leave of absence.

#### 15.07 Union Leave

- (a) The Hospital shall grant leave of absence without pay to employees to attend Union conventions, seminars, education classes or other Union business provided that such leave will not interfere with the efficient operation of the Hospital.
- (b) In requesting such leave of absence for an employee or employees, the Union must give at least twenty-one (21) days clear notice in writing to the Hospital.
- (c) The cumulative total leave of absence, the number of employees that may be absent at any one time from any one area, and the number of days of absence shall be as provided elsewhere in the current local sections of the Agreement (unless altered by local negotiations).
- (d) the total of such leave shall not exceed thirty (30) days;
- (e) no more than four (4) employees shall be absent at one time, except for contract planning sessions:
- (f) no more than one employee from one area attends.
- (g) In addition to the leave of absence set out above, members of the Union Executive Board and/or Council employed by the Hospital will be entitled to an additional cumulative leave of absence, without pay, not to exceed ten (10) days per contract year, subject to the conditions set out above, for the purpose of attending Executive and/or Council meetings.

#### 15.08 Personal Leave

- (a) An employee may be granted leave of absence without pay for a period of time not to exceed two months, for personal reasons, provided that such leave may be arranged without undue inconvenience to normal operations of the Hospital. See Article 9.05 Re Effect of Absence.
- (b) Written applications for leave of absence must be made at least four (4) weeks in advance of such leave. In emergency situations, leave will be granted provided prior verbal notification is given to the switchboard. Within one week, a written application for extension of such leave must be received by the Hospital Executive Director.

## ARTICLE 16 - HOURS OF WORK

### 16.01 Daily and Weekly Hours of Work

The work week for all employees shall be thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours of five days and time off shall be arranged as far as possible so as to permit all employees to have an equal number of weekends and the days off each week shall be consecutive. governed by the efficient operation of the Hospital. Days off shall rotate so as to provide all employees with an equal number of days off and an equal number of weekends.

### 16.02 Rest Periods

- (a) The Employer will arrange for each employee. two (2) fifteen (15) minute rest periods in each shift (one in each half shift).
- (b) When an employee performs authorized overtime work of at least three (3) hours duration, the Hospital will schedule a rest period of fifteen (15) minutes duration.

### 16.03 Time Off Between Shifts

The employer agrees to arrange shift schedules so that employees will receive a minimum of 24 hours off between the change of shifts. In the event employees of their own accord for their own convenience change shifts with one another. the Employer agrees not to interfere but reserves the right to request signed statements from such employees and shall not be responsible or liable for overtime rate claims and non-compliance with the above provision that might arise or accrue as a result of exchange of shifts.

### 16.04 Weekends Off

In scheduling shifts the Hospital will endeavour to arrange schedules so as provide for a minimum of eight weekends off in every twenty-four week period, and, in any event, at least one weekend off in each three week period. Where a weekend off is not granted within a three week period. time worked on such third weekend but not subsequent weekends shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half unless the Hospital. notwithstanding its best efforts. was unable to meet this standard. This standard shall not apply where:

- (i) such weekend work was performed by the employee to satisfy specific days off requested by such employee: or
- (ii) such employee has requested weekend work. or was advised at the time of hire or when the job was posted that the regular schedule normally requires continuous weekend work; or
- (iii) such weekend is worked as a result of an exchange of shifts with another employee; or
- (iv) the Hospital is unable to comply due to a prohibition against scheduling split days off.

It is understood and agreed that there shall be no pyramiding of overtime premiums under the provisions of the Collective Agreement arising out of the foregoing undertakings.

The foregoing shall have no application where other scheduling arrangements are provided acceptable to the employer and the employees affected and approved by the Union.

#### 16.05 Work Schedules

Where hours of work are averaged over a two week period, said two week period shall be the same two week period as the pay period.

Employees will not be scheduled to work more than seven (7) consecutive days without their regular days off except in cases of emergency situations and in no case shall an employee be scheduled to work more than six (6) days in a calendar week without time off.

No employee shall be scheduled to work more than ten (10) working days in a fourteen (14) day period except where two employees have exchanged shifts for their own convenience and with the approval of their department head. Employees exchanging shifts shall complete the necessary form. Time worked as a result of such an approved exchange of shifts shall not attract overtime premium.

Employees who work overtime will not be required to take time off in regular hours to make up for overtime worked.

Work schedules will be prepared and posted every two weeks. Work schedules for R.P.N.'s, N.C.N.A.'s and S.P.D. Aides will be posted 3 weeks in advance. Such schedules will show the employee's regular days of work together with the regular assigned time off, Once the schedule has been posted, there will be no re-arrangement of said schedules by any person in supervisory capacity except in cases of emergency, without prior consent.

#### 16.06 Daylight Saving Time

It is understood normal hours include those required to accommodate the change from Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time and vice versa to which the other provisions of the Article dealing with Hours of Work and Overtime do not apply. It is further understood that the amount of regular pay for a full normal shift worked shall not be affected by reason of the change in the number of normal hours worked in consequence of such change from Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time and vice versa. The provisions of this Article are intended only to provide a basis for calculating time worked and shall not constitute a guarantee of hours of work per shift or per week or for any period whatsoever nor a guarantee of working schedules.

#### 16.07 Chief Stewards Schedule

- (a) It is agreed the Chief Steward will be kept on day shift.

- (b) It is agreed that the Hospital will discuss with the Union the feasibility of scheduling the Chief Steward of the bargaining unit on a Monday to Friday day shift while he/she holds the office of Chief Steward.
- (c) It is understood that the Hospital will not be required to restructure the operation or assignments of the work area in which the Chief Steward is assigned or cause a schedule that will unfairly disrupt other employees within that work unit.

## **ARTICLE 17 - PREMIUM PAYMENT**

### 17.01 Definition of Regular Straight Time Rate of Pay

For the purpose of calculating any benefit or money payment under this Agreement to which an employee is entitled, the regular straight time rate of pay is that prescribed in Wage Schedule "A" of this Agreement.

### 17.02 Definition of Overtime (Overtime Premium)

- (a) Authorized work performed in excess of seven and one-half (7 ½) hours in a day or seventy-five (75) hours in a bi-weekly period will be counted as overtime work and will be paid for at the rate of time and one-half the employee's regular rate.
- (b) Employees required to work on their regular scheduled days off will be paid time and one-half for all hours worked on their regular assigned days off in accordance with the posted schedules.
- (c) Where an employee is required to work authorized overtime in excess of his regularly scheduled hours on a paid holiday (but not including hours on a subsequent regularly scheduled shift), such employee shall receive two and one-half times his regular straight time hourly rate for such additional authorized overtime.

### 17.03 Reporting Pay

Full time employees who report for any scheduled shift will be guaranteed at least four (4) hours of work, or if no work is available will be paid at least four (4) hours except when work is not available due to conditions beyond the control of the hospital. The reporting allowance outlined as herein shall not apply whenever an employee has received not less than one hour's prior notice not to report for work.

### 17.04 Standby

An employee who is required to remain available for duty on standby, outside the normal working hours for that particular employee, shall receive standby pay in the amount of \$2.10 per hour for all hours on standby.



Standby pay shall, however, cease where an employee is called in to work, and works during the period of standby.

#### 17.05 Call Back

- (a) Where employees are called back to work after having completed a regular shift and prior to the commencement of their next regular shift they shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours of work or four (4) hours pay at the rate of time and one-half their regular hourly earnings. Where call back is immediately prior to the commencement of their regular shift the call back pay will only apply to the point of commencement of a regular shift at the rate of time and one-half after which they shall revert back to the regular shift.
- (b) Call back pay shall cover all calls within the minimum four (4) hour period provided for under (a). If a second call takes place after four (4) hours have elapsed from the time of the first call, it shall be subject to a second call back premium, but in no case shall an employee collect two call back premiums within one such four (4) hour period, and to the extent that a call back overlaps and extends into the hours of his regular shift, (a) shall apply.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing an employee who has worked his full shift on a holiday and is called back shall receive the greater of 2 ½ times his regular straight time hourly rate for all hours actually worked on such call-back or four (4) hours pay at time and one-half his straight time hourly rate, subject to the other provisions set out above.

#### 17.06 Shift Premium

Employees shall be paid a shift premium of forty-five cents (45 cents) per hour for all hours worked where the majority of their scheduled hours fall between 1500 and 0700 hours.

#### 17.07 Responsibility Outside the Bargaining Unit

When an employer temporarily assigns an employee to carry out the assigned responsibilities of a higher paying classification outside of the bargaining unit for a period in excess of one-half of one (1) shift, the employee shall receive an allowance of three dollars (\$3.00) for each shift from the time of the assignment.

#### 17.08 Overtime - Lieu Time

- (a) Where an employee has worked and accumulated approved overtime hours (other than overtime hours related to paid holidays) such employee shall have the option of electing payment at the applicable overtime rate or time off equivalent to the applicable overtime rate (i.e. where the applicable rate is time and one-half, then time off shall be at one and one-half times).

- (b) Where an employee chooses the latter option, such time off must be taken within the succeeding two pay periods of the occurrence of the overtime at a time mutually agreeable to the Hospital and the employee. or payment in accordance with the former option shall be made.

#### 17.09 Paid Time to Working Time

Employees absent on approved leave. paid by the Employer or by the Workers' Compensation Board. shall for the purposes of computing overtime pay during the work schedule in which the absence occurred. be considered as having worked their regular scheduled hours during such leave of absence. No pyramiding shall result from the application of this provision.

The foregoing shall also apply in cases of short term leaves of absence for union business approved by the Employer where payment is made to the employee by the Union.

#### 17.10 Weekend Premium

Effective October 11, 1992 an employee shall be paid a weekend premium of forty-five cents (\$0.45) per hour for each hour worked between 2300 hours Friday to 2300 hours Sunday or such other forty-eight (48) hour period that the Hospital may establish. If an employee is receiving premium pay pursuant to a local scheduling regulation with respect to consecutive weekends worked, he/she will not receive weekend premium under this provision.

### **ARTICLE 18 - ALLOWANCES**

#### 18.01 Meal Allowance

- (a) When an employee is required to and does work for three (3) or more hours of overtime after his normal shift he shall be provided with a hot meal or five dollars (\$5.00) if the Hospital is unable to provide the meal or has been unable to schedule a meal break during the overtime period.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing. where the overtime assignment is for a period of three (3) hours. not more or less. the employee is not required to take a hot meal, if available. and may claim the five dollars (\$5.00) payment.

#### 18.02 Uniform Allowance

Where uniforms are required, the Hospital shall either supply and launder uniforms or provide a uniform allowance of \$60.00 per year in a lump sum payment in the first pay period of November of each year.

Note: Effective November 1991 the uniform allowance paid will be \$70.00.

### 18.03 Transportation Allowance

When an employee is required to travel to the Hospital or to return to her home as a result of reporting to or off work between the hours of 2400-0600 hours. (other than reporting to or off work for her regular shift) or at any time while on standby. the Hospital will pay transportation costs either by taxi or by her own vehicle at the rate of thirty-five cents (35 cents) per mile (to a maximum of fourteen dollars (\$14.00) or such greater amount as the Hospital may in its discretion determine for each trip between the aforementioned hours. The employee will provide to the Hospital satisfactory proof of payment of such taxi fare.

## **ARTICLE 19 - HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### 19.01 Accident Prevention - Health and Safety Committee

- (a) The Employer and the Union agree that they mutually desire to maintain standards of safety and health in the Hospital in order to prevent accidents, injury and illness.
- (b) Recognizing its responsibilities under the applicable legislation, the Hospital agrees to accept **as** a member of its Accident Prevention-Health & Safety Committee at least one representative selected or appointed by the Union from amongst bargaining unit employees.
- (c) Such Committee shall identify potential dangers and hazards, institute means of improving health and safety programs and recommend actions to be taken to improve conditions related to safety and health.
- (d) The Hospital agrees to co-operate reasonably in providing necessary information to enable the Committee to fulfill its functions.
- (e) Meetings shall be held every second month or more frequently at the call of the chair if required. The Committee shall maintain minutes of all meetings and make the same available for review.
- (f) Any representative appointed or selected in accordance with (b) hereof shall serve for a term of one calendar year from the date of appointment which may be renewed for further periods of one year. Time off for such representative(s) to attend meetings of the Accident Prevention-Health & Safety Committee in accordance with the foregoing shall be granted and time so spent attending such meetings shall be deemed to be work time for which the representative(s) shall be paid by the Hospital at his regular or premium rate as may be applicable.
- (g) The Union agrees to endeavour to obtain the full co-operation of its membership in the observation of all safety rules and practices.

- (h) Pregnant employees may request to be transferred from their current duties if, in the professional opinion of the employee's physician, the pregnancy may be at risk. If such a transfer is not feasible, the pregnant employee, if she so requests, will be granted an unpaid leave of absence before commencement of the maternity leave referred to in Article 15.04
- (i) Where the Hospital identifies high risk areas where employees are exposed to Hepatitis B, the Hospital will provide, at no cost to the employees, a Hepatitis B vaccine.

19.02 Protective Clothing

The Hospital agrees to continue its present practices with respect to the provision of protective clothing and safety devices to employees, subject to the provision set out below with respect to safety footwear. The Hospital further agrees to meet directly with the representative of the Union or through the Accident Prevention Committee to discuss the need for any protective clothing or safety equipment in addition to that which the Hospital is presently providing.

Effective September 1, 1988 and on that date for each subsequent year the Hospital will provide \$35.00 per year to each full-time employee who is required by the Hospital to wear safety footwear during the course of his duties.

**ARTICLE 20 - PAID HOLIDAYS**

20.01 The following days shall be recognized as paid holidays:

New Year's Day	Civic Holiday
Good Friday	Labour Day
Easter Monday	Thanksgiving Day
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
2nd Monday in June	Boxing Day
Dominion Day	

In addition to the above, during each calendar year each full-time employee who has completed their probationary period shall be entitled to a float holiday at a mutually agreed time without loss of or deduction from regular earnings. It is further agreed that in the event Heritage Day or another day is proclaimed as a Statutory Holiday by the Government of Ontario, such day shall be substituted for the float holiday.

20.02 Any employee who is required to work on any of the above paid holidays shall receive pay at the rate of time and one-half for all hours worked in addition to the regular day's pay or one day off at regular rate within thirty (30) days or at a mutually agreed time, provided that they notify their supervisor four (4) weeks before the holiday that they wish a lieu day.

Any employee who is required to work on any of the above paid holidays shall receive pay at the rate of time and one-half for all hours worked in addition to the regular day's pay or one lieu day off at regular rate. Lieu days may be banked to a maximum of three (3) days which may be taken at a mutually agreed time, provided that they notify their supervisor four (4) weeks before the holiday that they wish a lieu day. Banked lieu days shall not be taken between June 15 and September 15. Banked lieu days must be taken before December 15 and any remaining days on that date will be paid off.

20.03 For the purpose of clarity, Holiday means the day on which the majority of hours worked fall on the day of the holiday.

20.04 It is agreed that paid holidays will be celebrated on the day on which they fall or are declared by Government Statute.

20.05 To qualify for paid holidays with pay, an employee must work his or her full regular required shift, immediately preceding and his or her full regularly required shift immediately succeeding the holiday. In the event an employee is prevented from working the said shift immediately preceding and succeeding such holiday by reason of legitimate illness and who works any time in the fifteen (15) day period beginning seven (7) days before the holiday and ending seven (7) days after the holiday shall qualify for the paid holidays with pay. (it being further understood and agreed that no employees shall receive holiday pay by this means for more than one paid holiday during any one illness except for holidays at Christmas and New Year's where entitlement may be for three (3) days and at Easter where entitlement may be for two (2) days.

20.06 If one of the above named Paid Holidays occurs on an employee's regular day off, or during his vacation period, the employee will receive an additional day off in lieu thereof.

20.07 All paid holidays will be distributed equally as reasonably possible amongst the employees. The final determination of working schedule remains with the Employer.

## **ARTICLE 21 - VACATIONS**

### **21.01 Entitlement and Calculation of Payment**

An employee who has completed less than one (1) year of continuous service as of June 30th shall be entitled to two (2) weeks' annual vacation. Payment for such vacation shall be prorated in accordance with his/her service.

An employee who has completed one (1) year but less than three (3) years of continuous service as of June 30th shall be entitled to two (2) weeks' annual vacation with pay.

Note: Effective July 1, 1991, the service requirement for three (3) weeks vacation shall be two (2) years.

An employee who has completed three (3) years but less than eight (8) years of continuous

service as of June 30th shall be entitled to three (3) weeks' annual vacation with pay.

An employee who has completed eight (8) years but less than fifteen (15) years of continuous service as of June 30th shall be entitled to four (4) weeks' annual vacation with pay.

Note: Effective July 1, 1991 the service requirement for four weeks vacation shall be five (5) years.

An employee who has completed fifteen (15) years but less than twenty-five (25) years of continuous service as of June 30th shall be entitled to five (5) weeks annual vacation with pay.

An employee who has completed twenty-five (25) or more years of continuous service as of June 30th shall be entitled to six (6) weeks annual vacation with pay.

Vacation pay shall be calculated on the basis of the employees' regular straight time rate of pay times their normal weekly hours of work. subject to the application on the Effect of Absence provision.

#### 21.02 Approved Leave of Absence During Vacation

Where an employee's scheduled vacation is interrupted due to serious illness which commenced prior to and continues into the scheduled vacation period, the period of such illness shall be considered sick leave.

Where an employee's scheduled vacation is interrupted due to serious illness requiring the employee to be an in-patient in a hospital. the period of such hospitalization shall be considered sick leave.

The portion of the employee's vacation which is deemed to be sick leave under the above provision will not be counted against the employee's vacation credits.

21.03 In the case of Registered Practical Nurses, Non-Certified Nursing Assistants and Orderlies. each shall receive the same vacation schedules as listed above with the exception of three weeks vacation with pay after one (1) year of service.

Vacation lists shall be posted not later than March 1st each year. and shall remain posted until April 15th in order to give employees an opportunity to record their vacation requests. Vacation lists shall be withdrawn on April 15th. and final vacation schedules shall be posted by April 30th.

Vacations will be taken before March 1st, of the following calendar year.

It is understood that no vacation will be granted between December 15th and January 15th unless mutually agreed by the employee and his supervisor.

Employees who wish to split their vacation will be granted seniority consideration for only their first choice, which must be specified by the employee.

The final right to determine vacation time is vested in the Employer to ensure efficient operation of the Hospital.

## **ARTICLE 22 - HEALTH AND INSURED BENEFITS**

### **22.01 Insured Benefits**

The Hospital agrees, during the term of the Collective Agreement, to contribute towards the premium coverage of participating eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under the insurance plans set out below subject to their respective terms and conditions including any enrollment requirements.

- (a) The Hospital agrees to pay one hundred per cent (100%) of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under the Blue Cross Semi-Private Plan or comparable coverage with another carrier.
- (b) The Hospital agrees to contribute seventy-five per cent (75%) of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under the amended Blue Cross Extended Health Care Benefits or comparable coverage with another carrier providing for \$10.00 (single) and \$20.00 (family) deductible, providing the balance of monthly premiums are paid by the employee through payroll deductions. In addition to the standard benefits, coverage will include vision care (maximum \$60.00 every 24 months) as well as a hearing aid allowance (lifetime maximum \$300.00 per individual).

Note: Effective March 1, 1991 the \$10/\$20 deductible shall be increased to \$15/\$25 deductible.

Vision Care shall be increased to a maximum of \$90.00 every twenty-four (24) months.

Hearing Aid allowance shall be increased to a lifetime maximum of \$500.00 per individual.

Existing provision for private duty nursing services contained in present extended health care plans will be amended to reflect that this benefit is limited to a maximum of 90 eight-hour shifts in any calendar year.

- (c) The Hospital agrees to contribute one hundred percent (100%) of the billed premium towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under HOOGLIP or such other group life insurance plan currently in effect providing the balance of the monthly premium is paid by the employee through payroll deduction.
- (d) The Hospital agrees to contribute fifty percent (50%) of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under the Blue

Cross #9 Dental Plan or comparable coverage with another carrier (based on the current ODA fee schedule as it may be updated from time to time) providing the balance of the monthly premium is paid by the employee through payroll deduction.

Note: Effective March 1, 1991 the Hospital agrees to contribute seventy-five percent (75%) of the billed premium.

(e) Benefits on Early Retirement

The Hospital will provide equivalent coverage to all employees who retire early and have not yet reached age 65 and who are in receipt of the Hospital's pension plan benefits on the same basis as is provided to active employees for semi-private, extended health care and dental benefits. The Hospital will contribute the same portion towards the billed premiums of these benefits plans as is currently contributed by the Hospital to the billed premiums of active employees. The early-retired employee's share towards the billed premium of the insured benefit plans will be deducted from his or her monthly pension cheque.

22.02 Change of Carrier

The Hospital may at any time substitute another carrier for any Plan provided that the benefits provided thereby are substantially the same.

22.03 Pension

The Employer undertakes to contribute to the Hospital of Ontario Pension Plan on such basis as may be determined from time to time by the Plan. All present employees enrolled in the plan shall maintain their enrolment subject to its terms and conditions. New employees and employees not yet eligible for membership in the Plan shall, as a condition of employment, enroll in the Plan when eligible in accordance with its terms and conditions.

## **ARTICLE 23 - INJURY AND DISABILITY**

23.01 Workers' Compensation Injury

- (a) Where an employee has reported and commenced work for a shift, if an accident occurs that is compensable by Workers' Compensation, said employee will be paid for the balance of the shift, and such payment shall not be charged against the employee's sick time.
- (b) Employees will be given a copy of the "Employee Incident Report" at the time of incident if so requested by the employee.



### 23.02 Disabled Employees

If an employee becomes disabled with the result that he is unable to carry out the regular functions of his position. the Hospital may establish a special classification and salary with the hope of providing an opportunity of continued employment.

## **ARTICLE 24 - SICK LEAVE**

### 24.01 Sick Leave and Long Term Disability

.01 The Hospital will assume total responsibility for providing and funding a short-term sick leave plan at least equivalent to that described in the 1987 Hospitals of Ontario Disability Plan (HOODIP) brochure.

.02 The Hospital will pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the billed premium towards coverage of eligible employees under the long-term disability portion of the plan (HOODIP or an equivalent plan), the employee paying the balance of the billed premium through payroll deduction. For the purpose of transfer to the short-term portion of the disability program, employees on the payroll as of the effective date of the transfer with three (3) months or more of service shall be deemed to have three (3) months of service. For the purpose of transfer to the long-term portion of the disability program, employees will be credited with their actual service.

.03 Effective December 31st, 1982 the existing accumulating sick leave plan shall be terminated and any provisions relating to such plan shall be null and void except as to those provisions relating to payout of unused sick leave benefits which are specifically dealt with hereinafter.

Existing sick leave credits for each employee shall be converted to a sick leave bank to the credit of the employee at the then current per diem rate of pay based on his regular straight time hourly rate. The "sick leave bank" shall be utilized to:

- (a) Supplement payment for sick leave days under the new program or paragraph 5 below which would otherwise be at less than full wages and.
- (b) where a payout provision existed under the former sick leave plan in the Collective Agreement, payout on termination of employment shall be that portion of any unused sick leave dollars under the former conditions relating to payout.
- (c) Where, as of the effective date of transfer, an employee does not have the required service to qualify for payout on termination, his existing sick leave credits as of that date shall nevertheless be converted to a sick leave bank in accordance with the foregoing and he shall be entitled. on termination. to that portion of any unused sick leave dollars providing he subsequently achieves the necessary service to qualify him for payout under the conditions relating to such payout.

- (d) Where a payout provision existed under the former sick leave plan in the Collective Agreement. an employee who has accumulated sick leave credits and is prevented from working for the Hospital on account of an occupational illness or accident that is recognized by the Workers' Compensation Board as compensable within the meaning of the Workers' Compensation Act, the Hospital. on application from the employee. will supplement the award made by the Workers' Compensation Board for loss of wages to the employee by such amount that the award of the Workers' Compensation Board for loss of wages. together with the supplementation of the Hospital. will equal one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's net earnings to the limit of the employee's accumulated sick leave credits. Employees may utilize such sick leave credits while awaiting approval of a claim for Workers' Compensation.

.04 There shall be no pay deduction from an employee's regular scheduled shift when the employee has completed any portion of the shift prior to going on sick leave benefits or Workers' Compensation benefits.

.05 The Hospital further agrees to pay employees an amount equal to any loss of benefits under HOODIP for the first two days of the fourth and subsequent period of absence in any calendar year.

.06 Absences due to pregnancy related illness shall be considered as sick leave under the sick leave plan.

.07 Unemployment Insurance Rebate

The short-term sick leave plan shall be registered with the Unemployment Insurance Commission (UIC). The employees' share of the Employer's unemployment insurance premium reduction will be retained by the Hospital towards offsetting the cost of the benefit improvements contained in this Agreement.

.08 HOODIP

Any dispute which may arise concerning an employee's entitlement to long term disability benefits, and which is not covered by the appeal mechanism provided for under the policy of insurance. may be the subject of grievance and arbitration under the provisions of this agreement.

.09 In order to qualify for sick leave. an employee must notify his supervisor. or. in his absence, the switchboard operator at least one hour prior to the beginning of the employee's working day if on the A.M. shift. and two hours if on the P.M. shift. and the Employer reserves the right to require proof of illness by medical certificate or such other form of proof as the Employer may require. If the employee has found it necessary to leave a message with the switchboard operator, she will call the person responsible for staffing prior to her next regularly scheduled shift. In cases of prolonged illness, the above stated medical certificates must verify the ability of the employee to return to work and perform their normal duties.

.10 An employee who is absent for whatever reason and whose date of return to work is not established, shall give her supervisor, or in their absence, the switchboard, 10 hours notice of their intention to return to work. Failure to do so will result in the employee being sent home without pay.

.11 Upon the death of an employee at any age, the family or designated beneficiary of the employee may claim 50% of the sick leave credits accrued to an employee at the date of death.

.12 Employees who retire under the terms of Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan regardless of length of service will be permitted to cash out 50% of their sick leave bank.

.13 The Hospital shall pay the full cost of any medical certificates required of an employee

#### 24.02 Workers' Compensation Benefits and Sick Leave

An employee who is absent from work as a result of an illness or injury sustained at work and who has been awaiting approval of a claim for Workers' Compensation for a period longer than one complete pay period may apply to the Hospital for payment equivalent to the lesser of the benefit she would receive from Workers' Compensation if her claim was approved, or the benefit to which she would be entitled under the short term sick portion of the disability income plan (HOODIP or equivalent plan). Payment will be provided only if the employee provides evidence of disability satisfactory to the Hospital and a written undertaking satisfactory to the Hospital that any payments will be refunded to the Hospital following final determination of the claim by the Workers' Compensation Board. If the claim for workers' compensation is not approved, the monies paid as an advance will be applied towards the benefits to which the employee would be entitled under the short term portion of the disability income plan. Any payment under this provision will continue for a maximum of fifteen (15) weeks.

### **ARTICLE 25 - COMPENSATION**

#### 25.01 Experience Pay

An employee hired by the Hospital with recent and related experience, may claim at the time of hiring on a form supplied by the Hospital consideration for such experience. Any such claim shall be accompanied by verification of previously related experience. The Hospital shall then evaluate such experience during the probationary period. Where, in the Hospital's opinion such experience is relevant, the employee shall be slotted in that step of the wage progression consistent with one (1) year's service for every one (1) year's of related experience in the classification on the completion of the employee's probationary period. It is understood and agreed that this shall not constitute a violation of the wage schedule of the Collective Agreement.

#### 25.02 Promotion to a Higher Classification

An employee who is promoted to a higher rated classification within the bargaining unit will be placed in the range of the higher rated classification so that he shall receive no less an increase in wage rate than the equivalent of one step in the wage rate of his previous classification (provided

that he does not exceed the wage rate of the classification to which he has been promoted).

#### 25.03 Temporary Transfer

When an employee is assigned temporarily to perform the duties and assume the responsibilities of a higher paying position in the bargaining unit for a period in excess of one half of a shift, he shall be paid the rate immediately above his current rate in the higher classification to which he was assigned from the commencement of the shift on which he was assigned the job.

#### 25.04 Job Classification

- (a) When a new classification (which is covered by the terms of this Collective Agreement) is established by the Hospital, the Hospital shall determine the rate of pay for such new classification and notify the local Union of the same within seven (7) days. If the local Union challenges the rate, it shall have the right to request a meeting with the Hospital to endeavour to negotiate a mutually satisfactory rate. Such request will be made within ten (10) days after the receipt of notice from the Hospital of such new occupational classification and rate. Any change mutually agreed to resulting from such meeting shall be retroactive to the date that notice of the new rate was given by the Hospital. If the parties are unable to agree, the dispute concerning the new rate may be submitted to arbitration as provided in the Agreement within fifteen (15) days of such meeting. The decision of the Board of Arbitration (or arbitrator as the case may be) shall be based on the relationship established by comparison with the rates for other classifications in the bargaining unit having regard to the requirements of such classification.
- (b) When the Hospital makes a substantial change during the term of this Agreement in the job content of an existing classification which in reality causes such classification to become a new classification, the Hospital agrees to meet with the Union if requested to permit the Union to make representation with respect to the appropriate rate of pay.
- (c) If the matter is not resolved following the meeting with the Union the matter may be referred to arbitration as provided in the Agreement within fifteen (15) days of such meeting. The decision of the Board of Arbitration (or arbitrator as the case may be) shall be based on the relationship established by comparison with the rates for other classifications in the bargaining unit having regard to the requirements of such classifications.
- (d) The parties further agree that any change mutually agreed to or awarded as a result of arbitration shall be retroactive only to the date that the Union raised the issue with the Hospital.

#### 25.05 Wages and Classification Premiums

Salary rates shown as after one year will be made effective on the first full pay period after the employee's anniversary date. The anniversary date shall be based on an employee's date of

employment, as a full-time employee, or where applicable. on the employee's date of promotion.

## **ARTICLE 26 - RELATIONSHIP**

26.01 Each of the parties hereto agree that there will be no discrimination. interference. restraint or coercion exercised or practiced upon any employee because of membership or lack of membership in the Union which is hereby recognized as a voluntary act on the part of the individual concerned. The Union undertakes to supply the Employer from time to time with the names of Committee members and Union officials with whom the Employer will be doing business.

## **ARTICLE 27 - PAY DAYS**

27.01 The Employer agrees that wages will be paid bi-weekly on Thursday, except when interfered with by the occurrence of a statutory holiday in the regular pay week, in which case the regular pay day may be delayed until Friday.

## **ARTICLE 28 - MEALS**

28.01 It shall be a matter of individual agreement between each employee and the Employer, as to whether the employee takes meals at the Hospital.

28.02 Whenever employees take their meals at the Hospital. a dining room will be provided for such employee's convenience.

28.03 Whenever employees bring their own lunch. a dining room and locker facilities will be provided for their convenience when they are available.

## **ARTICLE 29 - BULLETIN BOARDS**

29.01 The Agreement will provide for bulletin boards whereby the Union may post notices of Union activities on the bulletin board after obtaining proper hospital authoritative signatures on such notice.

## **ARTICLE 30 - STEWARDS BADGES**

30.01 Union stewards will be allowed to wear an identification badge, supplied by the Union, indicating the department for which they are a steward or if they are a Chief Steward.

Such badge shall be compatible in appearance with the uniform and shall be worn with a locking device for safety purposes.



## **ARTICLE 31 - PRINTING OF AGREEMENTS**

31.01 It is agreed that both parties will share equally in the cost of printing the agreements.

## **ARTICLE 32 - FILLING A CLASSIFICATION ON A TEMPORARY BASIS**

32.01 No classification may be filled on a temporary basis from other classifications available until all qualified employees from the classification within that unit, department or ward are exhausted. The Hospital shall not be expected to spend unreasonable time in an attempt to find qualified employees from the classification within that unit, department or ward.

32.02 When the patient census is low on a unit, a part-time R.P.N. or O.R. Technician will be transferred out before a full-time employee.

## **ARTICLE 33 - JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

33.01 The Hospital will supply the Union with available job descriptions four (4) months prior to the expiry of the Collective Agreement. The Hospital shall have the right to amend the job descriptions as long as the Union is informed.

## **ARTICLE 34 - ACCESS TO PERSONNEL FILES**

34.01 Employees in the bargaining unit shall be allowed reasonable access to their personnel file for the purpose of reviewing any evaluations or formal disciplinary letters contained therein. Such request must be made in writing to the Director, Human Resources with at least one (1) week notice. The employee shall review his/her personnel file in the presence of the Director, Personnel & Labour Relations or designate.

## **ARTICLE 35 - REGULAR ATTENDANCE**

35.01 The Employer and the Union recognize that it is the responsibility of each employee to be regular in his attendance at work so that orderly schedules may be maintained.

## **ARTICLE 36 - TERM**

36.01 This agreement shall continue in effect until October 10, 2001 and shall continue automatically thereafter from year to year unless either party gives notice in writing to the other party within 90 days prior to the expiration date that it desires to amend or terminate this agreement.

36.02 In the event of such notification being given as to the amendment of this Agreement, arrangements for negotiations shall be made within fifteen days following such notification.

36.03 This Agreement is to remain in effect during all stages of negotiations and conciliation procedures, as outlined in the Ontario Labour Relations Act, amendments thereto and successors thereof.

36.04 Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in the event the parties to this Agreement agree to negotiate for its renewal through the process of central bargaining, either party to this Agreement may give notice to the other party of its desire to bargain for amendments on local matters proposed for incorporation in the renewal of this Agreement not earlier than six (6) calendar months nor later than three (3) calendar months prior to the normal termination date of this Agreement. Upon receipt of such notice by one party from the other, both parties will meet within fifteen (15) days thereafter for the purpose of bargaining on local matters.

In the event the parties to this Agreement agree to negotiate for its renewal through the process of central bargaining, it is agreed that one representative from the bargaining unit shall be entitled to a leave of absence to attend either the central negotiations (including caucuses) or only the central union caucuses (including reasonable travelling time).

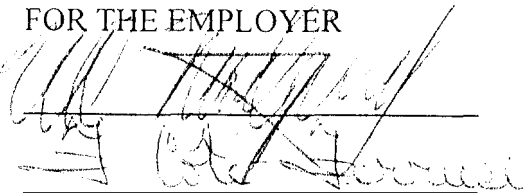
It is understood and agreed that the leave of absence for attendance at such caucuses shall not be more than one day exclusive of reasonable travel time for each scheduled negotiation session between the central negotiating committee.

Leave for attendance at the central union caucuses shall be subject to the same terms and conditions for leave for attendance at negotiations under the provisions of the Collective Agreement.

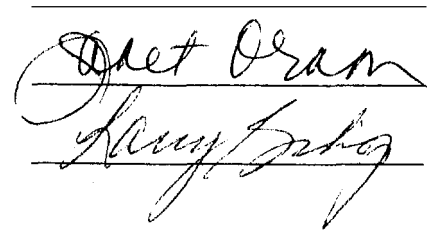
It is understood and agreed that local matters means those matters which have been determined by mutual agreement between the Central Negotiating Committees respectively representing each of the parties to this Agreement as being subjects for local bargaining directly between the parties to this Agreement. It is also agreed that local bargaining shall be subject to such procedures as may be determined by mutual agreement between the Central Negotiating Committees referred to above.

DATED at Welland this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1999.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

  
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## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

The Hospital agrees to continue its present policy of hand tool replacement for maintenance staff when such tools are shown to be broken or stolen during the performance of their work.

## LETTER OF AGREEMENT

The Hospital and the Union agree that members of the bargaining unit who are transferred or promoted outside the bargaining unit shall have the right to return to their former position within one hundred and twenty (120) days of transfer and shall be given full credit for seniority established at time of transfer from the bargaining unit provided that:

- (1) such return will not result in the lay-off of another employee within that bargaining unit
- (2) such employee voluntarily continues paying union dues to the bargaining unit during the first one hundred and twenty (120) days.

## LIABILITY INSURANCE

Upon request of the Local Union, and with reasonable notice, the Hospital will provide a union representative the opportunity to read the provisions of the insurance policy or policies as to employee liability insurance coverage for the classifications of employees represented by the Union.

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

The Hospital agrees to pay Mr. Robert Ryan twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month in addition to his regular hourly rate for special duties performed while working as a Morgue Attendant.

This amount is payable for each month worked and is not to be included in any calculation for other benefits including vacation pay.

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### Re: Shift Premium

This letter shall be attached to and form part of the collective agreement.

This letter is to confirm the parties understanding that:

1. The 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. shift would not be eligible for shift premium payment.



2. In the event that a Hospital is continuing to pay a shift premium for the 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. shift, the practice will terminate on
3. Hospitals who were paying a shift premium on the 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. shift under a former provision will not make any retroactive deduction from the date of effecting the change to October 11, 1987.

DATED AT WELLAND this *10<sup>th</sup>* day of *Dec* 19*87*

FOR THE WELLAND COUNTY GENERAL  
HOSPITAL

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FOR SERVICE EMPLOYEES  
INTERNATIONAL UNION,  
LOCAL 204

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APPENDIX "A"

Effective April 1, 1996

Classification	Step 1 Hourly	Step 2 Hourly	Step 3 Hourly
Dietary Helper	14.469	14.708	
Housekeeping Helper	14.828	15.069	
Laundry Helper	14.751	14.990	
Cafeteria Helper	14.469	14.708	
Diet Aide	14.469	14.708	
N. C. N. A. & H.C.A. (E.C.U.)	14.913	15.153	
S.P.D. Aide	14.830	15.071	
O.R. Aide	14.752	14.991	
E.O.R. Aide	14.469	14.708	
Physio Aide	14.830	15.071	
Cleaner	14.469	14.708	
Cleaner/Potwasher	14.469	14.708	
Stores Porter	14.637	14.877	
Laundry Porter	14.637	14.877	
Laundry Presser	14.469	14.708	
Sewing Machine Operator	14.752	14.991	
Cook	14.752	14.991	
Orderly	14.981	15.225	
Rehab Assistant	14.981	15.225	
Psychiatric Attendant	14.981	15.225	
R.P.N.	18.405	18.547	18.701
Pharmacy Assistant	15.117	15.258	15.413
Registered Ortho Orderly	15.117	15.258	15.413
O.R. Technician	18.407	18.550	18.705
S.P.D. Porter	14.629	14.866	
X-Ray, Physio, OR Porter	14.629	14.866	
Laundry Washer	14.752	14.991	
Recreation Coordinator	17.426	17.669	
Morgue Attendant	15.031	15.275	
Vegetable Preparer	14.469	14.708	
Truck Driver Porter	14.685	14.923	
Maintenance A	16.647	16.901	
Incinerator Operator	15.437	15.684	
Gardener	17.432	17.688	
Carpenter, Painter	18.017	18.273	
Electrician, Plumber & Millwright	19.040	19.297	

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<b>Classification</b>	<b>Step 1 Hourly</b>	<b>Step 2 Hourly</b>	<b>Step 3 Hourly</b>
Dietary Helper	14.614	14.855	
Housekeeping Helper	14.976	15.220	
Laundry Helper	14.899	15.140	
Cafeteria Helper	14.614	14.855	
Diet Aide	14.614	14.855	
N. C. N. A. & H.C.A. (E.C.U.)	15.062	15.305	
S.P.D. Aide	14.978	15.222	
O.R. Aide	14.900	15.141	
E.O.R. Aide	14.614	14.855	
Physio Aide	14.978	15.222	
Cleaner	14.614	14.855	
Cleaner/Potwasher	14.614	14.855	
Stores Porter	14.783	15.026	
Laundry Porter	14.783	15.026	
Laundry Presser	14.614	14.855	
Sewing Machine Operator	14.900	15.141	
Cook	14.900	15.141	
Orderly	15.131	15.377	
Rehab Assistant	15.131	15.377	
Psychiatric Attendant	15.131	15.377	
R.P.N.	18.589	18.732	18.888
Pharmacy Assistant	15.268	15.411	15.567
Registered Ortho Orderly	15.268	15.411	15.567
O.R. Technician	18.591	18.736	18.892
S.P.D. Porter	14.775	15.015	
X-Ray, Physio, OR Porter	14.775	15.015	
Laundry Washer	14.900	15.141	
Recreation Coordinator	17.600	17.846	
Morgue Attendant	15.181	15.428	
Vegetable Preparer	14.614	14.855	
Truck Driver Porter	14.832	15.072	
Maintenance A	16.813	17.070	
incinerator Operator	15.591	15.841	
Gardener	17.606	17.865	
Carpenter, Painter	18.197	18.456	
Electrician. Plumber & Millwright	19.230	19.490	

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Effective October 11, 2011

Classification	Step 1 Hourly	Step 2 Hourly	Step 3 Hourly
Dietary Helper	14.687	14.929	
Housekeeping Helper	15.051	15.296	
Laundry Helper	14.973	15.216	
Cafeteria Helper	14.687	14.929	
Diet Aide	14.687	14.929	
N. C. N. A. & H.C.A. (E.C.U.)	15.137	15.381	
S.P.D. Aide	15.053	15.298	
O.R. Aide	14.975	15.217	
E.O.R. Aide	14.687	14.929	
Physio Aide	15.053	15.298	
Cleaner	14.687	14.929	
Cleaner/Potwasher	14.687	14.929	
Stores Porter	14.857	15.101	
Laundry Porter	14.857	15.101	
Laundry Presser	14.687	14.929	
Sewing Machine Operator	14.975	15.217	
Cook	14.975	15.217	
Orderly	15.206	15.454	
Rehab Assistant	15.206	15.454	
Psychiatric Attendant	15.206	15.454	
R.P.N.	18.682	18.826	18.982
Pharmacy Assistant	15.345	15.488	15.645
Registered Ortho Orderly	15.345	15.488	15.645
O.R. Technician	18.684	18.829	18.987
S.P.D. Porter	14.849	15.090	
X-Ray, Physio, OR Porter	14.849	15.090	
Laundry Washer	14.975	15.217	
Recreation Coordinator	17.688	17.935	
Morgue Attendant	15.257	15.505	
Vegetable Preparer	14.687	14.929	
Truck Driver Porter	14.906	15.148	
Maintenance A	16.898	17.155	
Incinerator Operator	15.669	15.920	
Gardener	17.694	17.954	
Carpenter, Painter	18.288	18.548	
Electrician, Plumber & Millwright	19.326	19.587	
Surgical Services Worker	15.051	15.296	
Restorative Care Aide	15.137	15.381	

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**Effective April 1, 1998**

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Step 1 Hourly</b>	<b>Step2 Hourly</b>	<b>Step3 Hourly</b>
Dietary Helper	14.834	15.078	
Housekeeping Helper	15.202	15.449	
Laundry Helper	15.123	15.368	
Cafeteria Helper	14.834	15.078	
Diet Aide	14.834	15.078	
N. C. N. A. & H.C.A. (E.C.U.)	15.288	15.535	
S.P.D. Aide	15.204	15.451	
O.R. Aide	15.125	15.369	
E.O.R. Aide	14.834	15.078	
Physio Aide	15.204	15.451	
Cleaner	14.834	15.078	
Cleaner/Potwasher	14.834	15.078	
Stores Porter	15.006	15.252	
Laundry Porter	15.006	15.252	
Laundry Presser	14.834	15.078	
Sewing Machine Operator	15.125	15.369	
Cook	15.125	15.369	
Orderly	15.358	15.609	
Rehab Assistant	15.358	15.609	
Psychiatric Attendant	15.358	15.609	
R.P.N.	18.869	19.014	19.172
Pharmacy Assistant	15.498	15.643	15.801
Registered Ortho Orderly	15.498	15.643	15.801
O.R. Technician	18.871	19.017	19.177
S.P.D. Porter	14.997	15.241	
X-Ray, Physio, OR Porter	14.997	15.241	
Laundry Washer	15.125	15.369	
Recreation Coordinator	17.865	18.114	
Morgue Attendant	15.410	15.660	
Vegetable Preparer	14.834	15.078	
Truck Driver Porter	15.055	15.299	
Maintenance A	17.067	17.327	
Incinerator Operator	15.826	16.079	
Gardener	17.871	18.134	
Carpenter, Painter	18.471	18.733	
Electrician, Plumber & Millwright	19.519	19.783	
Surgical Services Worker	15.202	15.449	
Restorative Care Aide	15.288	15.535	

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<b>Classification</b>	<b>Step 1 Hourly</b>	<b>Step2 Hourly</b>	<b>Step3 Hourly</b>
Dietary Helper	14.982	15.229	
Housekeeping Helper	15.354	15.603	
Laundry Helper	15.274	15.522	
Cafeteria Helper	14.982	15.229	
Diet Aide	14.982	15.229	
N. C. N. A. & H.C.A. (E.C.U.)	15.441	15.690	
S.P.D. Aide	15.356	15.606	
O.R. Aide	15.276	15.523	
E.O.R. Aide	14.982	15.229	
Physio Aide	15.356	15.606	
Cleaner	14.982	15.229	
Cleaner/Potwasher	14.982	15.229	
Stores Porter	15.156	15.405	
Laundry Porter	15.156	15.405	
Laundry Presser	14.982	15.229	
Sewing Machine Operator	15.276	15.523	
Cook	15.276	15.523	
Orderly	15.512	15.765	
Rehab Assistant	15.512	15.765	
Psychiatric Attendant	15.512	15.765	
R.P.N.	19.058	19.204	19.364
Pharmacy Assistant	15.653	15.799	15.959
Registered Ortho Orderly	15.653	15.799	15.959
O.R. Technician	19.060	19.207	19.369
S.P.D. Porter	15.147	15.393	
X-Ray, Physio, OR Porter	15.147	15.393	
Laundry Washer	15.276	15.523	
Recreation Coordinator	18.044	18.295	
Morgue Attendant	15.564	15.817	
Vegetable Preparer	14.982	15.229	
Truck Driver Porter	15.206	15.452	
Maintenance A	17.238	17.500	
Incinerator Operator	15.984	16.240	
Gardener	18.050	18.315	
Carpenter, Painter	18.656	18.920	
Electrician, Plumber & Millwright	9.714	19.981	
Surgical Services Worker	5.354	15.603	
Restorative Care Aide	5.441	15.690	
Stores Analyst	5.512	15.765	

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<b>Classification</b>	<b>Step 1 Hourly</b>	<b>Step 2 Hourly</b>	<b>Step 3 Hourly</b>
Dietary Helper	15.132	15.381	
Housekeeping Helper	15.508	15.759	
Laundry Helper	15.427	15.677	
Cafeteria Helper	15.132	15.381	
Diet Aide	15.132	15.381	
N. C. N. A. & H.C.A. (E.C.U.)	15.595	15.847	
S.P.D. Aide	15.510	15.762	
O.R. Aide	15.429	15.678	
E.O.R. Aide	15.132	15.381	
Physio Aide	15.510	15.762	
Cleaner	15.132	15.381	
Cleaner/Potwasher	15.132	15.381	
Stores Porter	15.308	15.559	
Laundry Porter	15.308	15.559	
Laundry Presser	15.132	15.381	
Sewing Machine Operator	15.429	15.678	
Cook	15.429	15.678	
Orderly	15.667	15.923	
Rehab Assistant	15.667	15.923	
Psychiatric Attendant	15.667	15.923	
R.P.N.	19.249	19.396	19.558
Pharmacy Assistant	15.810	15.957	16.119
Registered Ortho Orderly	15.810	15.957	16.119
O.R. Technician	19.251	19.399	19.563
S.P.D. Porter	15.298	15.547	
X-Ray, Physio, OR Porter	15.298	15.547	
Laundry Washer	15.429	15.678	
Recreation Coordinator	18.224	18.478	
Morgue Attendant	15.720	15.975	
Vegetable Preparer	15.132	15.381	
Truck Driver Porter	15.358	15.607	
Maintenance A	17.410	17.675	
Incinerator Operator	16.144	16.402	
Gardener	18.231	18.498	
Carpenter, Painter	18.843	19.109	
Electrician, Plumber & Millwright	19.911	20.181	
Surgical Services Worker	15.508	15.759	
Restorative Care Aide	15.595	15.847	
Stores Analyst	15.667	15.923	

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<b>Classification</b>	<b>Step 1 Hourly</b>	<b>Step2 Hourly</b>	<b>Step3 Hourly</b>
Dietary Helper	15.283	15.535	
Housekeeping Helper	15.663	15.917	
Laundry Helper	15.581	15.834	
Cafeteria Helper	15.283	15.535	
Diet Aide	15.283	15.535	
N. C. N. A. & H.C.A. (E.C.U.)	15.751	16.005	
S.P.D. Aide	15.665	15.920	
O.R. Aide	15.583	15.835	
E.O.R. Aide	15.283	15.535	
Physio Aide	15.665	15.920	
Cleaner	15.283	15.535	
Cleaner/Potwasher	15.283	15.535	
Stores Porter	15.461	15.715	
Laundry Porter	15.461	15.715	
Laundry Presser	15.283	15.535	
Sewing Machine Operator	15.583	15.835	
Cook	15.583	15.835	
Orderly	15.824	16.082	
Rehab Assistant	15.824	16.082	
Psychiatric Attendant	15.824	16.082	
R.P.N.	19.441	19.590	19.754
Pharmacy Assistant	15.968	16.117	16.280
Registered Ortho Orderly	15.968	16.117	16.280
O.R. Technician	19.444	19.593	19.759
S.P.D. Porter	15.451	15.702	
X-Ray, Physio, OR Porter	15.451	15.702	
Laundry Washer	15.583	15.835	
Recreation Coordinator	18.406	18.663	
Morgue Attendant	15.877	16.135	
Vegetable Preparer	15.283	15.535	
Truck Driver Porter	15.512	15.763	
Maintenance A	17.584	17.852	
Incinerator Operator	16.305	16.566	
Gardener	18.413	18.683	
Carpenter, Painter	19.031	19.300	
Electrician, Plumber & Millwright	20.110	20.383	
Surgical Services Worker	15.663	15.917	
Restorative Care Aide	15.751	16.005	
Stores Analyst	15.824	16.082	



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<b>Classification</b>	<b>Step 1 Hourly</b>	<b>Step 2 Hourly</b>	<b>Step 3 Hourly</b>
Dietary Helper	15.589	15.846	
Housekeeping Helper	15.976	16.235	
Laundry Helper	15.893	16.151	
Cafeteria Helper	15.589	15.846	
Diet Aide	15.589	15.846	
N. C. N. A. & H.C.A. (E.C.U.)	16.066	16.325	
S.P.D. Aide	15.978	16.238	
O.R. Aide	15.895	16.152	
E.O.R. Aide	15.589	15.846	
Physio Aide	15.978	16.238	
Cleaner	15.589	15.846	
Cleaner/Potwasher	15.589	15.846	
Stores Porter	15.770	16.029	
Laundry Porter	15.770	16.029	
Laundry Presser	15.589	15.846	
Sewing Machine Operator	15.895	16.152	
Cook	15.895	16.152	
Orderly	16.140	16.404	
Rehab Assistant	16.140	16.404	
Psychiatric Attendant	16.140	16.404	
R.P.N.	19.830	19.982	20.149
Pharmacy Assistant	16.287	16.439	16.606
Registered Ortho Orderly	16.287	16.439	16.606
O.R. Technician	19.833	19.985	20.154
S.P.D. Porter	15.760	16.016	
X-Ray, Physio, OR Porter	15.760	16.016	
Laundry Washer	15.895	16.152	
Recreation Coordinator	18.774	19.036	
Morgue Attendant	16.195	16.458	
Vegetable Preparer	15.589	15.846	
Truck Driver Porter	15.822	16.078	
Maintenance A	17.936	18.209	
Incinerator Operator	16.631	16.897	
Gardener	18.781	19.057	
Carpenter, Painter	19.412	19.686	
Electrician, Plumber & Millwright	20.512	20.791	
Surgical Services Worker	15.976	16.235	
Restorative Care Aide	16.066	16.325	
Stores Analyst	16.140	16.404	

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This letter shall be attached to and form part of the collective agreement.

Pursuant to the award of the Adams board dated October 5, 1999, in the event of any dispute between the parties regarding the implementation of Article 10.01 and 10.04, the matter shall be referred to a Board of Arbitration chaired by G. Charney and nominees J. Sack and R. Filion.

Signed at Toronto this            day of            199 .

FOR THE PARTICIPATING LOCAL UNION

FOR THE PARTICIPATING  
HOSPITALS

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