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**COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**THE ST. CATHARINES GENERAL HOSPITAL**

**- AND -**

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

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THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into

BETWEEN:

THE ST. CATHARINES GENERAL HOSPITAL  
(hereinafter called "The Hospital")

- and -

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 204  
A.F. of L., - C.I.O. - C.L.C.  
Chartered by Service Employees International Union  
(hereinafter called "The Union")

**ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE**

1.01 It is the intent and purpose of the parties hereto that this Agreement shall:

- (a) protect and continue to improve the interest of the employees and the Hospital;
- (b) provide for the prompt and peaceful adjustment of differences which may arise between employees and the Hospital;
- (c) ensure harmonious and efficient operation of the Hospital as a public service institution intended to provide the adequate hospital and clinical services to the general public; and
- (d) set forth the rates of pay, hours of work and other conditions of employment to be observed by the parties.

**ARTICLE 2 - SCOPE AND RECOGNITION**

2.01 The Hospital recognizes the Union as the bargaining agent for all employees of The St. Catharines General Hospital in St. Catharines, Ontario, save and except supervisors, persons above the rank of supervisor, professional staff, paramedical staff, office, clerical and technical staff, persons covered by subsisting collective agreements and persons regularly employed for not more than twenty-four hours per week.

### **ARTICLE 3 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

3.01 The Union acknowledges that it is the exclusive function of the Hospital to:

- (a) maintain order, discipline and efficiency and to establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the conduct of the employee, which rules and regulations are primarily designed to safeguard the interests of the patients of the Hospital;
- (b) hire, discharge, transfer, promote, demote or discipline employees, provided that a claim of discriminatory promotion, demotion or transfer or a claim that an employee has been discharged or disciplined without just cause may be the subject of a grievance and dealt with as hereinafter provided;
- (c) generally to operate the Hospital in an efficient manner consistent with the obligations of the Hospital to the general public in the community served.

### **ARTICLE 4 - DEFINITIONS**

4.01 Wherever the masculine gender appears in the Agreement it shall be construed as meaning male or female unless the context in the clause requires otherwise.

### **ARTICLE 5 - UNION SECURITY**

#### 5.01 Union Dues

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 claim 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.

#### 5.02 Interview Period

It is mutually agreed that a Union representative shall be given the opportunity of interviewing each new employee for 15 minutes once upon the completion of his probationary period for the purpose of informing such employee of the existence of the Union in the Hospital, and presenting such employee with a copy of the Union Agreement.

#### 5.03 Employee Lists

- (a) The Hospital shall indicate on the Check-Off List each month the names, addresses and Social Insurance Numbers of the persons to be interviewed and shall designate the time and place for each interview, the duration of which shall not exceed ten minutes. The interview shall take place on the Hospital's premises in a room designated by the Hospital, and the employee shall, as a condition of employment, report to this room for interview during the interview period unless sick or on a day off, in which case other arrangements will be made by the Union.
- (b) The Hospital shall supply the Union with a set of seniority lists by departments in January of each year, showing employee's names alphabetically, sex (for information purposes only) and their seniority starting dates and up-to-date information of any interim seniority changes will be available to the Chief Steward at the Human Resources Office during regular day-time hours. In July of each year a list of terminations and hirings will be provided, including changes to those on Long Term Disability.

## ARTICLE 6 - NO STRIKE/LOCKOUT

6.01 The Union agrees that it will not cause, direct or consent to any strike or other collective action on the part of the employees represented by the Union, and that if such action should be taken by employees, the Union will instruct the said employees to return to work and perform their usual duties, and to resort to the Grievance Procedure established herein for the settlement of any complaint or grievance or, in the case of negotiations, to resort to the Hospital Labour Disputes Arbitration Act.

## 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 3 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 Hospital acknowledges the right of the Union to appoint or otherwise select twelve Stewards, each of whom shall be employed in and represent one of the groups of the employees as set out in Schedule "B". One such Steward shall be the Chief Steward. An employee must have completed his probationary period in order to qualify as a Steward or as a Chief Steward.
- (g) Regular monthly meetings between the Grievance Committee and management will be held on a date and time to be mutually arranged between the parties, if required by either party for the consideration of grievances not settled at the Department Director's level of the grievance procedure and for discussion of other matters concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement. The party requesting such meeting shall advise the other party and present an agenda at least five days prior to the scheduled date of such meeting. It is agreed that a General Representative of Local 204

may by mutual agreement between the parties, act as a member of the above Committee.

- (h) Within the efficient operation of the Hospital the Chief Steward will be kept on day shift,

#### 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, but 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.

#### 7.04 Local Negotiating Committee

- (a) The Hospital agrees to recognize a Negotiating Committee comprising of 5 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) There will not be more than one employee from any one department on the negotiating committee, with the exception of Nursing, where there may be a maximum of three members.

#### 7.05 Nursing Committee

- (a) There shall be a Nursing Committee of three R.P.N.'s and two other nursing classifications each of whom will come from different work areas. The number of Hospital representatives will not exceed the number of Union representatives.
- (b) The Committee shall meet every other month and written agenda shall be exchanged at least five days prior to the meeting. Copies of Minutes will be provided to all Committee members.
- (c) The purpose of the Committee is to promote and provide effective and meaningful communication of information and ideas of concern to both parties relating to nursing care and other matters of mutual concern.
- (d) The Hospital agrees to pay members of the Committee for time spent at such meetings during their scheduled working hours.

### **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 this 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 Director, 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 Director 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 Director, 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 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 (3) 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 (5) working days after he has received the notice of recall, and fails to report to work within ten (10) 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.

#### 9.05 Effect of Absence

Unless otherwise provided in this Collective Agreement:

- (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 (18) months if an employee's absence is due to a disability resulting in W.C.B. benefits or LTD benefits, or for a period of one (1) year if an employee's unpaid absence is due to an illness.

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

#### **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 from the early phases 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 numbers 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

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 six (6) months' written notice of the proposed layoff or elimination of position; and

(ii) provide to the affected employee(s), if any, no less than six (6) 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.

### 10.03 Severance and Retirement Options

#### (a) Severance Pay

Within the lesser of thirty (30) days from the date of notice of layoff or the notice provided above an employee with more than twelve (12) months service with the Hospital who has received notice of layoff of a permanent or long-term nature may resign, forfeiting the right to notice. Such employees will receive the balance of the notice as severance pay.

Note: In accordance with the Mitchnick Board's supplementary award dated February 24, 1997,

notwithstanding Article 10.02, notice for the purposes of severance pay under Article 10.03(a) is to be calculated on the basis of two (2) weeks per year of service to a maximum of 12 weeks. Thus the balance of the notice referred to above will be the balance of up to twelve (12) weeks as applicable.

(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 one (1) week's pay for each year of service with the Hospital to a maximum of twenty-six (26) weeks on the basis of the employee's 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

(i) whose layoff is permanent, or

(ii) 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 one week's 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.

#### 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 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 or 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 the work that the contractor to whom the work is being contracted, and any subsequent such contractor, agrees:

- (1) to employ the employee 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 of 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.

## 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 minimizing 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 Hospital 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 hospital 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 Hospital 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

hereafter. 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 step-parent.

### 15.02 Education Leave

- (a) If required by the Hospital, 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 Hospital 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 Hospital shall pay the full costs associated with the courses.

### 15.03 Jury and Witness Duty

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;
- (b) presents proof of service requiring the employee's attendance;
- (c) deposits with the hospital the full amount of compensation received excluding mileage, travelling and meal allowances and an official receipt thereof.
- (d) 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.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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) The following applies only to employees whose earnings (as defined in the Toronto Humber Memorial Hospital settlement) are less than \$30,000 (LICO) for the calendar year, or such other locally agreed annual period for determining LICO status.

Effective February 28, 1995 an employee who is on pregnancy leave as provided under this Agreement who has applied for and is in receipt of Unemployment Insurance pregnancy benefits pursuant to Section 18 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, shall be paid a supplemental unemployment benefit. That benefit will be the equivalent to the difference between ninety-three percent (93%) of her regular weekly earnings and the sum of her weekly Unemployment Insurance benefits and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the two week Unemployment Insurance waiting period, and receipt by the Hospital of the employee's Unemployment Insurance cheque stub as proof that she is in receipt of Unemployment 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 Unemployment 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.

The following applies only to "non-LICO" employees as defined by the Social Contract Act, 1993.

Effective on confirmation by the Unemployment Insurance Commission of the appropriateness of the Hospital's Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) Plan, an employee who is on pregnancy leave as provided under this Agreement who has applied for and is in receipt of Unemployment Insurance pregnancy benefits pursuant to Section 18 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, shall be paid a supplemental unemployment benefit. That benefit will be equivalent to the difference between seventy-five percent (75%) of her regular weekly earnings and the sum of her weekly Unemployment Insurance benefits and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the two week Unemployment Insurance waiting period, and receipt by the Hospital of the employee's Unemployment Insurance cheque stub as proof she is in receipt of Unemployment 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 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) The following applies only to employees whose earnings (as defined in the Toronto Humber Memorial Hospital settlement) are less than \$30,000 (LICO) for the calendar year, or such other locally agreed annual period for determining LICO status.

Effective February 28, 1995 an employee who is on parental leave as provided under this Agreement who has applied for and is in receipt of Unemployment Insurance parental benefits pursuant to Section 20 of the Unemployment 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 Unemployment Insurance benefits and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the two week Unemployment Insurance waiting period, and receipt by the Hospital of the employee's Unemployment Insurance cheque stub as proof that she is in receipt of Unemployment 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 Unemployment 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.

The following applies only to "non-LICO" employees as defined by the Social Contract Act, 1993.

Effective on confirmation by the Unemployment Insurance Commission of the appropriateness of the Hospital's Supplemental Unemployment Benefit (SUB) Plan, an employee who is on parental leave as provided under this Agreement who has applied for and is in receipt of Unemployment Insurance parental benefits pursuant to Section 20 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, shall be paid a supplemental unemployment benefit. That benefit will be equivalent to the difference between seventy-five percent (75%) of her regular weekly earnings and the sum of her weekly Unemployment Insurance benefits and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the two week Unemployment Insurance waiting period, and receipt by the Hospital of the employee's Unemployment Insurance cheque stub as proof she is in receipt of Unemployment 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 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 no 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 request will not involve more than four employees at any one time and not more than one employee from any one department.
- (d) No leave of absence will be for a period in excess of two weeks and all such leaves will total not more than eight weeks in any one calendar year.

- (e) 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 days per contract year, subject to the conditions set out above, for the purpose of attending Executive and/or Council meetings.
- (f) With regard to such leave of absence as in (a) above, the Hospital will continue to pay the Employee his regular wages with normal deductions for such period and will invoice the Union for such gross wages. The Union will reimburse the Hospital for such wages paid.

15.08 Personal Leave

- (a) **An** employee may be granted a 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 the normal operations of the Hospital. Except in emergencies, written applications for leave of absence must be made at least four weeks in advance of such leave.
- (b) The Hospital may, in its discretion, grant leave of absence, without pay, and without loss of seniority, to an employee for legitimate personal reasons. All requests for such leaves of absence shall be made in writing.

**ARTICLE 16 - HOURS OF WORK**

16.01 Daily and Weekly Hours of Work

- (a) It is mutually understood that the statement of the normal hours of work herein is not a guarantee that work will be provided, nor that the departmental schedule of hours of work will not be changed as found necessary by the Hospital in the interest of efficiency or economy. The Hospital will not change hours of work on a day to day basis for the purpose of avoiding overtime.
- (b) Effective July 1, 1981 the regular work day shall consist of seven and one-half hours of work exclusive of meal periods;

- (c) the regular work week shall average not more than thirty-seven and one-half hours for each employee during a bi-weekly period;
- (d) no employee shall work more than ten working days in a bi-weekly period without overtime compensation;
- (e) except in the case of an emergency (and exclusive of the effect of an exchange of shifts between two employees for personal convenience), no employee shall be scheduled to work more than seven consecutive days without being given two or more days off work.

16.02 Rest Periods

- (a) The hospital will arrange for each employee two (2) fifteen minute rest periods in each shift, one in each full half scheduled 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

Where employees are required to rotate on the day, evening and/or night shifts, the Hospital will endeavour to arrange shifts such that there will be a minimum of twenty-three hours between the beginning of shifts and change over of shifts and of thirty-nine hours if there is one day off and of sixty-three hours if there are two days off between the change over of shifts.

16.04 Weekends Off

In scheduling shifts the Hospital will endeavour to arrange schedules so as to 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 Hospital and the employees affected and approved by the Union.

16.05      Lunch Period

A minimum of one-half hour, unpaid lunch period, shall be scheduled by the Hospital for each employee at approximately the middle of his shift. If an employee is assigned work during his lunch period, the Hospital will make good any loss he suffers with regard to his time and his meal.

16.06      Wash-Up Time

Each Employee shall be granted five minutes of wash-up time immediately prior to the end of each shift. This is not intended to mean that an employee will leave a task in an unfinished state in order to take advantage of this privilege. In case of abuse this privilege may be withdrawn.

16.07      Daylight Savins Time to Standard Time

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 change from Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time and vice versa.

16.08      Schedules

Schedules shall be posted for a five week period. The Hospital will not change the schedule unless by mutual agreement or in case of emergency.



## ARTICLE 17 - PREMIUM PAYMENT

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

For the purposes 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)

Authorized time worked in excess of the normal daily hours or normal bi-weekly hours of the Hospital or except in the case of emergency, on an employee's regularly scheduled day off, shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half times the employee's basic hourly straight time rate of pay, provided no overtime premium will be paid on an exchange of shifts mutually agreed to between two employees where approved by the Hospital.

### 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) hours 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 the Hospital 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) Employees who work overtime will not be required to take time off in regular hours to make up for overtime worked, but may take time off equivalent to overtime by mutual arrangements.

- (b) 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). 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 Not applicable.

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, no 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 \$70.00 per year in a lump sum payment in the first pay period of November of each year.

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 Hospital 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 holidays with pay for regular full-time employees: New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Victoria Day, Dominion Day, Civic Holiday, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, 2nd Monday in November, Christmas Day, Boxing Day and 3rd Monday in February provided that:

- (a) he works as scheduled on his last scheduled day preceding the holiday and on his first scheduled day following the holiday unless excused in writing by the Director of Human Resources, and
- (b) he works any time in the fifteen day period beginning seven days before the holiday and ending seven days after the holiday. The only exception to compliance with this section 20.01(b) shall be if the period falls within an employee's vacation.

In section 20.01 (a) and (b) "holiday" means, for an employee, the day he is given off under Sections 20.01(c) and (e).

- (c) a regular full-time employee who is required to work on a Paid Holiday as specified in Section 20.01 shall be paid at time and one-half for all such work performed and, at the discretion of the Hospital, be given either:
  - (i) one day off at regular rate, or
  - (ii) an extra day's pay at regular rate,within thirty days of the said holiday or within the schedule cycle, whichever period is the longer.
- (d) 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.

- (e) 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 one additional day **off** in lieu thereof within thirty days **of** the said holiday or within the schedule cycle, whichever is the longer.
- (f) **An** employee who is absent on a Paid Holiday after being posted to work, forfeits all pay **for** that day unless absence is due to illness, in which case he is to receive straight time pay for the holiday.
- (g) a Paid Holiday will be observed on the third Monday in February or in the event that Heritage Day or some other day is proclaimed as a Statutory Holiday by the Government **of** the Province of Ontario, such day shall be substituted for the third Monday in February.

## **ARTICLE 21 - VACATIONS**

### 21.01 Entitlement and Calculation of Payment

Subject to maintaining any superior conditions concerning entitlement, vacation entitlement shall be as follows:

- (a) **An** employee who has completed less than one (1) year of continuous service as of September 30th shall be entitled to two (2) weeks' annual vacation. Payment for such vacation shall be prorated in accordance with his/her service.
- (b) **An** employee who has completed one (1) year but less than three (3) years of continuous service as of September 30th shall be entitled to two (2) weeks' annual vacation with pay.
- (c) **An** employee who has completed three (3) years but less than eight (8) years of continuous service as of September 30th shall be entitled to three (3) weeks' annual vacation with pay.
- (d) **An** employee who has completed eight (8) years but less than fifteen (15) years of continuous service as **of**

September 30th shall be entitled to four (4) weeks' annual vacation with pay.

- (e) Effective in the vacation year where the date for determining vacation entitlement falls on or after October 11, 1990 the service requirement for three (3) weeks vacation shall be two (2) or more years of full-time continuous service and four (4) weeks vacation shall be five or more years of full-time service.
- (f) **An** employee who has completed fifteen (15) years but less than twenty-five (25) years of continuous service as of September 30th shall be entitled to five (5) weeks' annual vacation with pay.
- (g) **An** employee who has completed twenty-five (25) or more years of continuous service as of September 30th shall be entitled to six (6) weeks annual vacation with pay.
- (h) 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 of the Effect of Absence provision.

**21.02**      Approved Leave of Absence During Vacation

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Personal leaves of absence shall not be granted during the months of July and August.



21.03 Vacation Lists

- (a) Vacation preference lists shall be posted no later than March 1st in each year and shall remain posted until April 1st in order to give employees an opportunity to record their vacation period preferences. Following review and approval by Department Directors, final vacation lists shall be posted in all Departments by April 20th of each year, and will not be changed unless by mutual agreement.
- (b) The Hospital will consider the wishes of employees in order of seniority provided that a leave of absence for vacation purposes has not been granted in the current vacation year, in which event such an employee shall have the last choice of vacation dates. The final right to determine vacation time is vested in the Hospital to ensure efficient operation of the Hospital, and where the skills of two employees meet the requirements of the Hospital, seniority shall govern. Once vacation lists are posted, there shall be no change in vacation assignment without consultation with the employee affected.
- (c) All vacation must be taken by December 31st of the qualifying year.
- (d) **An** employee who has successfully bid for a job posting under the job posting procedure who transfers from one department to another and where vacation schedules have been completed for that year, may not exercise his seniority rights for vacation purposes for that year.
- (e) Vacation pay shall be paid to all employees who request in advance of their vacation. Vacation allowance paid will be for those days the employee is on vacation in subsequent pay periods.
- (f) Vacation Advance slips will be presented to employees who must sign it in order to receive their vacation pay prior to going on vacation.

## 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 Liberty Health 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 Liberty Health 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). Effective the first of the month after ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by both parties coverage will include vision care (maximum \$90.00 every 24 months) as well as a hearing aid allowance (lifetime maximum \$500.00/per individual) and the deductible will be \$15.00 (single) and \$25.00 (family).

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 Liberty Health #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. Effective the first of the month following the date of ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement by both parties, the Hospital's contribution to the Dental Plan will be 75%.

(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

- (a) The Hospital undertakes to contribute to the Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan on such basis as may be determined from time to time by the Plan.
- (b) All present employees enrolled in the Hospital's pension plan shall maintain their enrollment in the plan 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 where eligible in accordance with its terms and conditions.

## ARTICLE 23 - INJURY AND DISABILITY

### 23.01 Workers' Compensation Injury

In the case of an accident which will be compensated by the Workers' Compensation Board, the Hospital will pay the employee's wages for the day of accident.

### 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

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.

24.02 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.

24.03 Effective February 1st, 1968 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 supplement payment for sick leave days under the new program or paragraph 5 below which would otherwise be at less than full wages.

24.04 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.

24.05 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.

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

24.07 Unemployment Insurance Rebate

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

24.08 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.

24.09 An employee who is absent due to illness or accident for a period of longer than seven consecutive days and whose date of return has not been established shall give the Hospital at least twenty-four hours' notice of intention to return to work.

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

24.10 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

- (a) The Hospital agrees that wages shall be paid on a regular pay day each two weeks except when interfered with by the occurrence of a Paid Holiday. In this case regular pay day may be delayed one day.
- (b) Employees will be paid during working hours on the regular pay day, except when interfered with by regular days off, in which case pay cheques will be available on the day prior to regular pay day if requested.
- (c) Employees who are on the night shift ending at 0700 hours on pay day will be able to receive their pay cheques before going off duty if they have previously made such a request.
- (d) Every effort will be made to meet these requests in (b) and (c) above, but the Hospital will not be held responsible if the cheques are not available due to circumstances beyond its control.

**ARTICLE 26 - R.P.N. CERTIFICATE**

26.01 A Registered Practical Nurse is required to present to the Director of Nursing her current Certificate of competence by February 15th of each year. Should the Certificate not have been produced by February 15th, that employee will be re-classified as a Non-Registered Nursing Assistant paid at the maximum rate until such time as she produces her Certificate of Competence.

26.02 The Hospital supports utilizing RPN's for the skills which the Hospital requires them to perform in the areas involved.



The Hospital agrees to provide education for current RPN's for the additional skills which the Hospital requires them, within a specific deadline, to perform.

#### **ARTICLE 27 - TRANSFERS TO A NEW CLASSIFICATION**

27.01 When an employee transfers to a new classification in another department, all previous experience gained in that new classification with this Hospital within the preceding twelve months will be included in the calculations for determining movement up the salary grid. It is understood and agreed that this shall not constitute a variation of the wage schedule in the Collective Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 28 - ASSIGNMENT TO A LOWER CLASSIFICATION**

28.01 Assignment of an employee to a lower rated classification shall be avoided, but may occur in a lay-off of staff, inability to perform his previous job due to sickness or accident, or at the wish of the employee under a permanent transfer. In which case:

- (a) if an employee is then receiving a rate that is higher than the twelve month rate of the job to which he is transferred, he shall be paid such twelve month rate of the job to which he is transferred; or
- (b) if an employee is then receiving a rate that is lower than the twelve month rate of the job to which he is transferred, he shall continue to receive the same rate of pay as that for his previous job and shall spend only such length of time on this rate as is required of him to complete a total of twelve months on such job including any past experience on such job. He shall then be advanced through the rates for the job group as provided in Schedule "A".

#### **ARTICLE 29 - REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT WORK**

29.01 The Hospital and the Union jointly recognize that it is the responsibility of each employee to be regular in his attendance at work so that orderly schedules may be maintained without requiring overtime or causing undue inconvenience to other employees.

29.02 Unjustified irregularity of attendance or lateness on the part of any employee shall render him liable for disciplinary action, which may range from equivalent monetary deduction up to dismissal from employment for flagrant or habitual violations of this rule.

#### **ARTICLE 30 - BULLETIN BOARDS**

30.01 The Hospital will provide bulletin boards for the posting of Union notices. All such notices shall be submitted by the Union to the Director of Human Resources before posting.

#### **ARTICLE 31 - AGREEMENTS**

31.01 The Hospital and the Union will share the cost of printing the contract on an equal basis.

#### **ARTICLE 32 - RELATIONSHIP**

32.01 Each of the parties hereto agrees 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.

#### **ARTICLE 33 - DURATION**

33.01 This Agreement shall continue in effect until October 10th, 1995 and shall remain in effect year to year thereafter unless either party gives the other party written notice of termination or desire to amend the Agreement.

33.02 In the event of such notification being given as to the amendment of the Agreement, negotiations between the parties shall begin within fifteen days following such notification.

33.03 If, pursuant to such negotiations, an agreement is not reached prior to the current expiration date, this Agreement shall be automatically extended until consummation of a new Agreement or completion of the conciliation or arbitration procedures as prescribed under the Ontario Labour Relations Act and/or the Ontario Labour Disputes Arbitration Act.

33.04 (a) 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 calendar months nor later than three 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 days thereafter for the purpose of bargaining on local matters.

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.

(b) 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 travel time).

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

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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Hospital and the Union have caused their presents to be executed by their duly authorized representatives at St. Catharines, Ontario on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1998.

THE ST. CATHARINES GENERAL HOSPITAL

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 204

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LETTERS OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
THE ST. CATHARINES GENERAL HOSPITAL

AND

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION  
LOCAL 204

- (1) Following an opening inventory for staff new to the Maintenance Department, the Hospital will continue to replace tool-box tools used by such employees which can be shown to have been stolen or irreparably damaged during the course of hospital work. Such tools will be replaced at the discretion of the Hospital by tools of reputable quality.
- (2) The Hospital will comply with all reasonable requests from the Union to provide Job Descriptions for bargaining unit employees.

(3) LETTER OF INTENT

Re: 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 classification of employees represented by the Union.

- (4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of the collective agreement the parties agree without prejudice that there are a number of classifications which are "entry level" in our collective agreement. The Hospital has determined that the entry level positions are Housekeeping Aide and Porter, Dietary Helper and Dish and Pot Washer, Linen Pick-up, General Hand and Linen Sorter.

Should a vacancy be posted for one of these seven classifications, the Hospital will be interviewing only the most senior applicant. If the most senior applicant cannot perform the job due to physical ability, then the next senior applicant will be interviewed until a selection is made. All other applicants will be advised

as to who the successful applicant was for the posted position.

Notwithstanding Article 10.14, the classifications of Linen Sorter, General Hand, Dietary Helper and House-keeping Aide shall be considered identical for layoff purposes.

(5) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Re: Shift Premium

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 payments.
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.

FOR THE HOSPITAL

*John Doyle*  
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FOR THE UNION

*Mary Goodell*  
*John McKeon*  
*Bill Graves*  
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## ST. CATHARINES GENERAL HOSPITAL

## SCHEDULE "A"

	Oct. 11/93		Oct. 11/94	
	Base	Max.	Base	Max.
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES				
Aide	14.324	14.558	14.467	14.704
Needleworker	14.324	14.558	14.467	14.704
Porter	14.324	14.558	14.467	14.704
Project Porter	14.700	14.938	14.847	15.087
MAINTENANCE				
Journeyman	18.892	19.145	19.081	19.336
Maintenance A	17.469	17.721	17.644	17.898
Maintenance B	17.166	17.416	17.338	17.590
Maintenance C	16.163	16.415	16.325	16.579
Groundskeeper	16.486	16.741	16.651	16.908
FOOD SERVICES				
Cook	16.023	16.274	16.183	16.437
Storekeeper	14.558	14.793	14.704	14.941
Cook's Helper	14.521	14.758	14.666	14.906
Dish & Pot Washer	14.324	14.558	14.467	14.704
Dietary Helper	14.324	14.558	14.467	14.704
LAUNDRY				
Washer	14.605	14.843	14.751	14.991
Linen Pick-up	14.324	14.558	14.467	14.704
Presser	14.324	14.558	14.467	14.704
Linen Worker	14.324	14.558	14.467	14.704
General Hand	14.324	14.558	14.467	14.704
Linen Sorter	14.324	14.558	14.467	14.704
LABORATORY				
Lab Attendant	14.882	15.122	15.031	15.273
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT				
Printer	16.481	16.745	16.646	16.912
Storekeeper	16.486	16.741	16.651	16.908
C.S.R. Aide	14.882	15.122	15.031	15.273
REHABILITATION SERVICES				
Physiotherapy Aide	14.324	14.558	14.467	14.704

NURSING

Orderly 1st Class	14.833	15.073	14.981	15.224
Orderly 2nd Class	14.521	14.758	14.666	14.906
Orderly 3rd Class	14.324	14.558	14.467	14.704
O.R., Labour/Delivery Aide	14.324	14.558	14.467	14.704
Ward Aide	14.324	14.558	14.467	14.704
Ward Secretary	14.882	15.122	15.031	15.273

	October 11/93			October 11/94		
	Base	1 Year	2 Years	Base	1 Year	2 Years
R.P.N.	15.979	16.119	16.274	16.139	16.280	16.437

These rates apply only to "LICO" employees as defined by the Social Contract Act, 1993.



ST. CATHARINES GENERAL HOSPITAL,

SCHEDULE "B"

	Oct. 11/93		Oct. 11/94	
	Base	Max.	Base	Max.
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES				
Aide	14.182	14.414	14.182	14.414
Needleworker	14.182	14.414	14.182	14.414
Porter	14.182	14.414	14.182	14.414
Project Porter	14.554	14.790	14.554	14.790
MAINTENANCE				
Journeyman	18.705	18.955	18.705	18.955
Maintenance A	17.296	17.546	17.296	17.546
Maintenance B	16.996	17.244	16.996	17.244
Maintenance C	16.003	16.252	16.003	16.252
Groundskeeper	16.323	16.575	16.323	16.575
FOOD SERVICES				
Cook	15.864	16.113	15.864	16.113
Storekeeper	14.414	14.647	14.414	14.647
Cook's Helper	14.377	14.612	14.377	14.612
Dish & Pot Washer	14.182	14.414	14.182	14.414
Dietary Helper	14.182	14.414	14.182	14.414
LAUNDRY				
Washer	14.460	14.696	14.460	14.696
Linen Pick-up	14.182	14.414	14.182	14.414
Presser	14.182	14.414	14.182	14.414
Linen Worker	14.182	14.414	14.182	14.414
General Hand	14.182	14.414	14.182	14.414
Linen Sorter	14.182	14.414	14.182	14.414
LABORATORY				
Lab Attendant	14.735	14.972	14.735	14.972
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT				
Printer	16.318	16.579	16.318	16.579
Storekeeper	16.323	16.575	16.323	16.575
C.S.R. Aide	14.735	14.972	14.735	14.972
REHABILITATION SERVICES				
Physiotherapy Aide	14.182	14.414	14.182	14.414

**NURSING**

Orderly <b>1st</b> Class	<b>14.686</b>	<b>14.924</b>	<b>14.686</b>	<b>14.924</b>
Orderly <b>2nd</b> Class	<b>14.377</b>	<b>14.612</b>	<b>14.377</b>	<b>14.612</b>
Orderly 3rd Class	<b>14.182</b>	<b>14.414</b>	<b>14.182</b>	<b>14.414</b>
O.R., Labour/Delivery Aide	<b>14.182</b>	<b>14.414</b>	<b>14.182</b>	<b>14.414</b>
Ward Aide	<b>14.182</b>	<b>14.414</b>	<b>14.182</b>	<b>14.414</b>
Ward Secretary	<b>14.735</b>	<b>14.972</b>	<b>14.735</b>	<b>14.972</b>

	Base	1 Year	2 Years	Base	1 Year	2 Years
<b>R.P.N.</b>	<b>15.821</b>	<b>15.959</b>	<b>16.113</b>	<b>15.821</b>	<b>15.959</b>	<b>16.113</b>

These rates apply only to "non-LICO" employees as defined by the Social Contract Act, 1993.

WAGE IMPLEMENTATION NOTE

In order to comply with the requirements of the Social Contract Act, 1993 and the award, employees eligible to be paid as per Wage Schedule "A" are those employees whose earnings (as defined in the Toronto Humber Memorial Hospital settlement) are less than \$30,000 (LICO) for the calendar year, or such other locally agreed annual period for determining LICO status. Employees determined as "non-LICO" will be paid as per Wage Schedule "B".

If, at the end of the calendar year it is determined that a "non-LICO" employee's earnings as per the LICO definition were less than \$30,000 annually, the employee shall receive a retroactive wage payment to the extent that the total of the items included for the purposes of earnings under the LICO definition, including wages, does not exceed \$30,000 for the calendar year.

If, at the end of the calendar year it is determined that a "LICO" employee's earnings as per the LICO definition were greater than \$30,000 annually, such employee shall repay to the Hospital the overpayment of wages received in the calendar year to the extent that to do so does not reduce annual LICO earnings below \$30,000. The Hospital may recover the money by payroll deduction, and the employee and the Union agree that this repayment is hereby consented to, for the purposes of the Employment Standards Act.

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Schedule "A"

The following notes are applicable in all stages of Schedule "A".

\*The "BASE" rate is the starting rate and the "MAX" rate is the rate following twelve months on the job, except the Journeyman classification where the "MAX" rate is the rate following six months on the job.

A Laboratory Attendant shall not work less than 25% of his time in the Morgue and be available for service over weekends shall receive a premium of twenty-five dollars per month. The Laboratory Attendant, upon completing and passing the Certified Morgue Attendants' Course, shall receive an additional ten dollars per month.

One full-time Printer shall be classified as "lead hand" and shall be paid an additional premium of \$0.45 per hour.

The classification of Cook shall receive Responsibility Pay in the amount of thirty-five cents per hour at any time when an Apprentice Cook is on duty in the kitchen.

Notwithstanding paid holidays, if there is more than one Cook scheduled to work on the same shift, only the senior cook shall be paid the premium.

The full-time Printer classified as Lead Hand shall be paid a premium of \$0.45 per hour. Should a central rate for Lead Hand be negotiated which is higher than \$0.45 per hour, then the Lead Hand Printer will receive such higher premium.

Schedule "B"

UNION STEWARDS - REPRESENTATION

Two Stewards - RPN's  
One Steward - Non-Registered Nursing Assistants  
One Steward - Ward Secretaries  
One Steward - Laundry  
One Steward - Floor Kitchens  
One Steward - Dietary Kitchen  
One Steward - Orderlies

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One Steward - Housekeeping - Male Employees  
One Steward - Housekeeping - Female Employees  
One Steward - Maintenance  
One Steward - Central Service

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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

Pursuant to the award of the Mitchnick board dated November 18, 1992, the Board will remain seized of any dispute between the parties regarding the implementation of Article 10.01 and 10.04 while the terms of this collective agreement remain in effect.

Signed at Toronto this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 199 .

FOR THE PARTICIPATING LOCAL UNION

FOR THE PARTICIPATING  
HOSPITALS

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Local 478

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Local 183

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Local 268

SEE ORIGINAL SIGNED AGREEMENT

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

In accordance with past practice, Nursing personnel designated as "critical care staff" by the Hospital are required to be certified at the Basic Cardiac Support Level and re-certified annually. Critical care staff who receive the required CPR in-house instruction for re-certification on their own time shall be paid at straight time for the time spent receiving instruction, Our expectation for staff not designated as critical care is that they must be able to perform C.P.R. in accordance with their professional standards.

Dated at St. Catharines, Ontario *March 12'98*

FOR THE HOSPITAL

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