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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

WEST PARK HOSPITAL
(PART-TIME SERVICE)/

- AND -

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION,
LOCAL 204
A.F. of L., C.I.O., C.L.C.

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WEST PARK HOSPITAL
(Service Part-Time Unit)
(hereinafter referred to as the "**Employer**" or "**Hospital**")

- and -

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 204
(hereinafter referred to as the "**Union**")

ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

1.01 The purpose of this Agreement is to establish an orderly collective bargaining relationship between the Employer and the employees which will not interfere with the successful operation of the West Park Hospital as a public service institution intended to provide adequate hospital and clinical services to the general public.

ARTICLE 2 - SCOPE AND RECOGNITION

2.01 In accordance with the "**Certificate**" and clarity notes issued by the Ontario Labour Relations Board, dated at Toronto on the 13th day of November, 1981 the Hospital **recognizes** the Service Employees Union, Local 204 affiliated with the **A.F. of L., C.I.O., C.L.C.** as the bargaining agent of all employees of West Park Hospital in Metropolitan Toronto regularly employed for not more than twenty-four (**24**) hours per week and students employed during the school vacation period, save and except supervisors, persons above the rank of supervisor, professional medical staff, and registered and graduate nurses, undergraduate nurses, undergraduate pharmacists, student dietitians, paramedical personnel, office and clerical staff, students employed in a co-operative training program and persons covered by subsisting collective agreements.

ARTICLE 3 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

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

- (a) Maintain order, discipline and efficiency, and to establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the health and conduct of employees, which rules and regulations may be primarily designed to safeguard the interests of the patients and other persons in the Hospital or Hospital grounds;
- (b) Hire, discharge, transfer, promote, demote, or discipline employees, provided that a claim of discriminatory promotion, demotion or transfer or a claim that a non-probationary employee has been discharged or disciplined without just and sufficient cause may be the subject of a grievance and dealt with as hereinafter provided;
- (c) To manage, and operate the Hospital in all respects in accordance with its obligations and without restricting the quality of the foregoing to determine the kinds and locations of machines, equipment to be used for any particular job, the allocation and numbers of employees required from time to time, the specific duties to be performed by them, the standards of performance for all employees and all other matters concerning Hospital operations.
- (d) Generally to operate West Park Hospital in a manner consistent with the obligations of the Employer to the general public in the communities served.

ARTICLE 4 - DEFINITIONS

4.01 Temporary Employees

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

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

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

4.02 A regular part-time employee is defined as an employee who makes a commitment to the Hospital to be available for work on a **pre-determined** basis as required and determined by the Hospital and in respect of whom there is a **pre-determined** schedule. A casual part-time employee is defined as an employee whose work is not on a **pre-determined** and scheduled basis, but is on call and is available to work any shift as circumstances demand.

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 claims or liabilities arising or resulting from the operation of this Article.

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

5.02 Interview Period

New employees hired by the Employer shall be required to have an interview with the representative of the Union on completion of the probationary period.

The interview referred to in 5.02 above will take place without a representative of the Employer present, except that, in the event of complaints arising from employees concerning undue pressure by the Union, an Employer representative may be present at subsequent interviews, but not before the matter has been fully discussed with the Union.

5.03 Employee List

The Employer will supply a list of new employees to the Union. The Hospital will supply the Union with the addresses of new employees when they are placed on the check-off list for the first time. Social Insurance Numbers (where available) will also be included.

ARTICLE 6 - NO STRIKE/LOCKOUT

6.01 The Union agrees that it will not cause, direct or consent to any strike, slow-down, sit-down or other like collective action on the part of any of the employees. The Employer agrees that there will be no lock-out of the employees or other similar action for the duration of this agreement.

ARTICLE 7 - UNION REPRESENTATION AND COMMITTEES

7.01 Grievance Committee

- || (a) The **Hospital** will **recognize** a Grievance Committee composed of the Chief Steward and not more than three (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 number of stewards and the areas which they represent, are to be determined locally.
- (g) The steward may only represent those employees coming within a group he/she represents and as set out below:

Nursing - 3
Housekeeping - 1
Dietary - 1
All others - 1

7.03 Not applicable.

7.04 Local Negotiating Committee

- (a) The Hospital agrees to **recognize** a Negotiating Committee comprising of four members to be elected, or appointed from amongst employees in the bargaining unit, who have completed their probationary period.
- (b) Where the Hospital participates in central bargaining, the purpose of the Negotiating Committee shall be to negotiate local issues as defined.
- (c) Where the Hospital does not participate in central bargaining, the purpose of the Negotiating Committee shall be to negotiate a renewal of this Collective Agreement.
- (d) The Hospital agrees that the members of the Negotiating Committee shall suffer no loss of earnings for time spent during their regular scheduled working hours in attending such negotiating meetings with the Hospital up to, but not including, arbitration.
- (e) Nothing in this provision is intended to preclude the Union Negotiating Committee from having the assistance of any representatives of the Union when negotiating with the Hospital.

- (f) The number of employees on the Negotiating Committee shall be determined locally.

ARTICLE 8 - GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Step 1

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

Step 2

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

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

Step 3

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

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

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

8.05 Policy Grievance

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

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

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

8.06 Group Grievance

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

8.07 Discharge Grievance

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 9 - SENIORITY

9.01 Probationary Period

A new employee will be considered on probation until he/she has completed three hundred and thirty-seven and one-half (337 1/2) hours of work. Upon completion of the probationary period he/she shall be credited with seniority equal to three hundred and thirty-seven and one-half (337 1/2) hours. The release or discharge of an employee during the probationary period shall not be subject to a grievance or arbitration and is at the sole discretion of the Hospital.

9.02 Definition of Seniority

Part-time employees will accumulate seniority on the basis of one (1) year's seniority for each 1725 hours worked in the bargaining unit as of 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.

For purposes of accumulation of seniority, transfer of seniority and service, progression on the wage grid and progression on the vacation schedule, all part -**time** employees' service and seniority shall be converted as at October 10, 1986 on the following basis.

Employees' hours of service x 1725 = Converted hours
1950 of service

9.03 Transfer of Service and Seniority

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

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

9.04 Loss of Seniority

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

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

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

9.05 Effective February 28, 1995, Part-time employees shall accrue seniority for a period of eighteen (18) months and service for a period of fifteen (15) weeks if absent due to a disability resulting in W.C.B. benefits, on the basis of what the employee's normal regular hours of work -would have been.

9.06 The Employer will maintain a record of seniority for all part-time employees who are covered by the terms of the Collective Agreement and who have completed their probationary period. The seniority lists, which will be posted, will be prepared by the Employer and will contain the following information:

1. Names of employees.
2. Date of hire of individual employees.
3. Seniority status of each employee based on hours worked.
4. Seniority shall be expressed as provided for in 9.02 above.

9.07 The seniority list shall be posted for a period of thirty (30) calendar days. An employee who wishes to challenge the said list must do so within the said time period after which the seniority list will be deemed to be accurate in all respects and therefore final and will not be subject to any challenge by any employee or the Union.

9.08 The Employer undertakes to provide the Union with seniority listings, but not more than twice each year.

9.09 Both parties agree that the relative **ability** and willingness of an employee shall be the primary consideration in all matters arising out of this section.

9.10 The Employer undertakes to observe this seniority of employees so far as it is practicable to do so having regard for the fact that employees are assisting in the operation of a hospital which must be operated with primary concern for the health and welfare of its patients and other persons in the Hospital or Hospital grounds.

9.11 The Union acknowledges that under these circumstances the Employer's considered **judgement** as to the efficiency or suitability of **any** employee for any particular job must be of prime consideration in the dealing with complaints or grievances arising out of this section and will generally consist of ascertaining that all relevant facts and circumstances have been adequately considered by the Employer. With this understanding the seniority will apply to promotion, demotions, transfers and to reduction of staff.

ARTICLE 10 --JOB SECURITY

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

(b) Staff Planning Committee

In addition to that, and to any other planning committee in the Hospital of a more broadly representational make-up, there shall be immediately established a Staff Planning Committee for the bargaining unit, which shall meet during the term of this agreement every three months, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the parties. It shall be the function of the Staff Planning Committee to consider possible ways and means of avoiding or **minimizing** potential adverse effects upon employees in the bargaining unit, including:

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

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

(iii) identifying vacant positions within the Hospital for which surplus members of the bargaining unit might qualify, or such positions which are currently filled but

which are expected to become vacant within a twelve (12) month period.

Composition and Meetings

The Committee shall be comprised of equal 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 of Lay-off

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Hospital bears the onus of demonstrating that the foregoing conditions have been met in the event of a dispute. The Hospital shall also reasonably accommodate

any reassigned employee who may experience a personal hardship arising from being reassigned in accordance with this provision.

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

Note: Where a proposed lay-off 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 lay-off.

10.03 Severance and Retirement Options

(a) Severance Pay

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

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

(b) Retirement Allowance

Prior to issuing notice of lay-off 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 lay-off under Article **10.02(a)** (ii).

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

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

(c) A full-time employee who has completed one year of service and

(i) whose lay-off 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 the 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 employee(s) 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 **HSTAP**, 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 Lay-off and Recall

- (a) In the event of lay-off, 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 lay-off shall have the right to either:
 - (i) accept the lay-off; 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 lay-off 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 lay-off 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 purpose 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 lay-off 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 lay-off or notice of lay-off shall be given preference for temporary vacancies which are expected to exceed (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 lay-off.
- (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 lay-off 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 lay-off commenced.

(k) A laid off employee shall retain the rights of recall for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of lay-off.

10.06 Benefits on Lay-off

In the event of a lay-off 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 lay-off 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 either 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 or the Request for Transfer procedure provided herein has been complied with, and arrangements have been made to assign the employee selected to fill the vacancy to the job. No grievance may be filed concerning such temporary arrangements.

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

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

ARTICLE 12 - NO CONTRACTING OUT

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

12.02 Notwithstanding the foregoing, the hospital may contract out work usually performed by members of the bargaining unit without such contracting-out constituting a breach of this provision if the

hospital provides 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 employees thus displaced from the hospital; and
2. in doing so to stand, with respect to that work, in the place of the hospital for the purposes of the hospital's collective agreement with the Union, and to execute an agreement with the Union 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 maybe **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 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) 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.
- (b) The use of volunteers to perform bargaining unit work shall not be expanded beyond the extent of existing practice as of June 1, 1986.

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 employer will assume the cost of tuition and travel. There shall be no reduction in wage or salary rates during the training period of any such employee. Training shall be given during the hours of work whenever possible and may extend for up to six **(6)** months.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 15 - **LEAVES** OF ABSENCE

15.01 Bereavement Leave

An employee who notifies the Hospital as soon as possible following a bereavement will be granted up to three (3) consecutive days off without loss of his/her regular pay for all scheduled hours from the date of death up to and including the date of the funeral of a member of **his/her** 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.

Where an employee is unable, due to distance of travel, to attend the funeral of a member of his/her immediate family as defined in the Collective Agreement, he/she shall be entitled to leave for mourning on the day of the funeral without loss of regular straight time earnings to which he/she would otherwise have been entitled to on that day.

15.02 Education Leave

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

15.03 Not applicable

15.04 Pregnancy Leave

- (a) Pregnancy leave will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Standards Act, except where amended in this provision. The service requirement for eligibility for pregnancy leave shall be thirteen (13) weeks of continuous service.
- (b) The employee shall give written notification at least two (2) weeks in advance of the date of commencement of such leave and the expected date of return. At such time she shall also furnish the Hospital with the certificate of a legally qualified medical practitioner stating the expected birth date.
- (c) The employee shall reconfirm her intention to return to work on the date originally approved in subsection (b) above by written notification received by the Hospital at least two (2) weeks in advance thereof.
- (d) An employee who is on pregnancy leave as provided under this Agreement who has applied for and is in receipt of Employment Insurance pregnancy benefits pursuant to Section 22 of the Employment Insurance Act, shall be paid a supplemental unemployment benefit. That benefit will be equivalent to the difference between ninety-three percent (93%) of her regular weekly earnings and the sum of her weekly Employment Insurance benefits and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the two-week Employment Insurance waiting period, and receipt by the Hospital of the employee's Employment Insurance cheque stub as proof that she is in receipt of Employment Insurance pregnancy benefits, and shall continue while the employee is in receipt of such benefits for a maximum period of fifteen (15) weeks. The employee's regular weekly earnings shall be determined by multiplying her regular hourly rate on her last day worked prior to the commencement of the leave times her normal weekly hours plus any wage increase or salary increment that she would be entitled to if she were not on pregnancy leave.

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

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

- (e) Credits for service and seniority shall accumulate for a period of up to seventeen (17) weeks while an employee is on pregnancy leave on the basis of what the employees normal regular hours of work would have been.
- (f) The Hospital will continue to pay its share of the contributions of the pension plan in which the employee is participating, for a period of up to seventeen (17) weeks while the employee is on pregnancy leave.

The Hospital will also continue to pay the Percentage in Lieu of Benefits, and will register these benefits as part of the Supplemental Unemployment Insurance Benefit Plan with the Canada Employment Insurance Commission.

- (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 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 parental leave shall be thirteen (13) weeks of continuous service.
- (b) An employee, who qualifies for parental leave, other than an adoptive parent, shall give written notification at

least two (2) weeks in advance of the date of commencement of such leave and the expected date of return.

- (c) An employee who is an adoptive parent shall advise the Hospital as far in advance as possible of having qualified to adopt a child, and shall request the leave of absence, in writing, upon receipt of confirmation of the pending adoption. If because of late receipt of confirmation of the pending adoption, the employee finds it impossible to request the leave of absence in writing, the request may be made verbally and subsequently verified in writing.

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

- (d) An employee shall reconfirm his or her intention to return to work on the date originally approved in subsection (b) above by written notification received by the Hospital at least two (2) weeks in advance thereof.
- (e) An employee who is on parental leave as provided under this Agreement who has applied for and is in receipt of Employment Insurance parental benefits pursuant to Section 23 of the Employment Insurance Act, shall be paid a supplemental unemployment benefit. That benefit will be equivalent to the difference between ninety-three percent (93%) of her regular weekly earnings and the sum of her weekly Employment Insurance benefits and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the two-week Employment Insurance waiting period, and receipt by the Hospital of the employee's Employment Insurance cheque- stub as proof that she is in receipt of Employment Insurance parental benefits and shall continue while the employee is in receipt of such benefits for a maximum period of ten (10) weeks. The employee's regular weekly earnings shall be determined by multiplying her regular hourly rate on her last day worked prior to the commencement of the leave times her

normal weekly hours plus any wage increase or salary increment that she would be entitled to if she were not on parental leave.

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

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

- (f) Credits for service and seniority shall accumulate for a period of up to eighteen (18) weeks while an employee is on parental leave on the basis of what the employee's normal regular hours of work would have been.
- (g) The Hospital will continue to pay its share of the contributions of the pension plan in which the employee is participating, for a period of eighteen (18) weeks while the employee is on parental leave.

The Hospital will also continue to pay the Percentage in Lieu of Benefits for a period of up to 10 weeks. The Hospital will register these benefits as part of the Supplemental Unemployment Insurance Benefit Plan with the Canada Employment Insurance Commission.

- (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 Not applicable

15.07 Union Leave

- (a) The Hospital shall grant leave of absence without pay to employees to attend Union conventions, seminars, education classes or other Union business provided that

such leave will not interfere with the efficient operation of the Hospital.

- (b) In requesting such leave of absence for an employee or employees , the Union must give at least twenty-one (21) days clear notice in writing to the Hospital.
- (c) The cumulative total leave of absence, the number of employees that may be absent at any one time from any one area, and the number of days of absence shall be as provided elsewhere in the current local sections of the Agreement (unless altered by local negotiations).
- (d) It is understood the leave of absence shall be for no longer than a two week period and will not be requested for more than three (3) occasions in one calendar year. Where leave of absence for Union business is requested it is understood that the Union will not request leave of absence for more than four (4) employees at any one time, and the Union shall be responsible for payment of wages during the time of absence.

In addition to the leave of absence set out above members of the Union executive board and/or council employed by the Hospital will be entitled to an additional cumulative leave of absence without pay not to exceed ten (10) days per contract year, subject to the conditions set out above, for the purpose of attending executive and/or council meetings.

15.08 Personal Leave

Employees who are on leave of absence will not be engaged in gainful employment while on such leave, and if an employee does engage in gainful employment while on such leave of absence, he will forfeit all seniority rights and privileges contained in this agreement.

ARTICLE 16 - HOURS OF WORK

16.01 Daily and Weekly Hours of Work

- (a) The following provisions designated regular hours on a daily shift and regular daily shifts over the Employer's

working schedule shall not be construed to be a guarantee of the hours of work to be done on each shift or during each shift schedule.

- (b) The normal work day shall consist of seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours not including a one-half (1/2) hour unpaid meal break. Such hours shall be worked in accordance with schedules and shifts as determined by the Employer.

16.02 Rest Periods

- (a) Where employees, are required to be on duty continuously for an unbroken period in excess of four (4) hours, the Employer agrees to allow such employee fifteen (15) minutes relief at the end of the first three (3) hour period, and fifteen (15) minutes at the end of the second three (3) hour period without reduction in pay and without increasing the regular working hours.
- (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 Not applicable

16.04 Scheduling

- (a) Schedules for regular part-time employees shall be posted two weeks in advance and shall cover a two week period.
- (b) The Hospital agrees that it will not require an employee to work a schedule of more than seven (7) consecutive shifts without his/her consent.
- (c) Employees shall be scheduled at least every third weekend off save and except where such employees are by agreement, scheduled to work consecutive weekends.
- (d) Generally employees will not be required to work more than two shifts.
- (e) Overtime on Weekend

An employee will receive time and one-half her regular straight time hourly rate for all hours worked on a

fourth and subsequent consecutive weekend save and except where:

(i) such weekend has been worked by the employee to satisfy specific days off requested by such employee; or

(ii) such employee has requested weekend work; or,

(iii) such weekend is worked as the result of the exchange of shifts with another employee; or,

(iv) such weekend is worked as a result of the application of the Christmas Day and New Year's provisions of 20.05 of the Collective Agreement (Full-time Unit).

ARTICLE 17 - PREMIUM PAYMENT

17.01 Definition of Regular Straight Time Rate of Pay

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

17.02 Overtime Premium

Employees shall be entitled to payment of time and one-half the employee's basic straight time hourly rate for all **authorized** overtime work in excess of seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours in a tour of duty or in excess of the average full-time hours of work over the period scheduled by the Hospital. Such period for this purpose shall not exceed two (2) weeks.

It is understood and acknowledged that the Hospital has the right to require employees to perform reasonable **authorized** overtime work.

Call-back shall not be considered as hours worked for purposes of this Article.

Overtime premium will not be duplicated nor pyramided nor shall other premiums be duplicated nor pyramided nor shall the same hours worked be counted as part of the normal work week and also as hours for which the overtime premium is paid.

Overtime payment for hours worked will not apply as a result of the following:

- (a) An exchange of shifts by two employees and which exchange must first have the approval of the Department Head or designate as provided for below.
- (b) A change from Standard Time to Daylight Saving Time and vice versa.

Employees may be allowed to exchange shifts. Where two (2) or more employees wish to exchange shifts they must submit a written request to their Department Head or designate. The granting of the request will be at the sole discretion of the Department Head or designate. Overtime payment **will** not be paid to any employees that may be affected by such exchange of shifts.

17.03 Reportins Pay

Employees who report for work at the starting time of their scheduled shifts save and except employees who are scheduled for four (4) hours or less, not having previously been advised not to report, shall be guaranteed at least four (4) hours of work, or, if no work is available, shall be paid for at least four (4) hours time, at the employee's applicable straight time hourly rate of **pay**. Employees who are scheduled for four (4) hours or less will be guaranteed one-half of their scheduled hours. This provision shall not apply in the following circumstances:

- (a) When an employee who has been off work does not notify his/her Department Head or designate of his/her intention to return to work twenty-four (24) hours in advance of his/her return;
- (b) When an employee fails to keep the Hospital advised of a telephone number that can be used for the purpose of leaving a message;
- (c) When work is not available due to circumstances that are beyond the reasonable control of the Hospital.

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 Not applicable.

17.06 Shift Premium

Retroactive to October 11, 1987 employees shall be paid a shift premium of forty-five cents (45 cents) per hour for all hours worked where the majority of their scheduled hours fall between 1500 and 0700 hours.

17.07 Responsibility Outside the Bargaining Unit

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

17.08 Not applicable.

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 2400 hours Friday to 2400 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

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.

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 in the opinion of the Executive Director of the Hospital, it is deemed advisable for hygienic reasons to require employees to wear uniforms while on duty, such uniforms will be supplied by the employer provided that the employee shall be liable for loss or damage to the said uniform not arising from the employee's duties. This article will apply only to those classifications currently supplied by the employer.

18.03 Transportation Allowance

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

ARTICLE 19 - HEALTH AND SAFETY

19.01 Accident Prevention - Health and Safety Committee

- (a) The Employer and the Union agree that they mutually desire to maintain standards of safety and health in the

Hospital in order to prevent accidents, injury and illness.

- (b) **Recognizing** its responsibilities under the applicable legislation, the Hospital agrees to accept as a member of its Accident Prevention - Health and Safety Committee at least one (1) 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 (1) calendar year from the date of appointment which may be renewed for further periods of one (1) 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 practice with respect to the provision of protective clothing and safety devices to employees. At the same time, the Hospital agrees to meet directly with a representative of the Union or through the Accident Prevention Committee to discuss the need for any additional protective clothing or equipment.

ARTICLE 20 - HOLIDAYS

20.01(a)	New Year's Day	Civic Holiday
	Good Friday	Labour Day
	Easter Monday	Thanksgiving Day
	Victoria Day	Christmas Day
	Dominion Day	Day after Christmas
		Third Monday in February

- (b) Employees who work on any of the above designated days will be paid at time and one-half of their regular straight time rate of pay for all hours worked.

20.02 For the purposes of this Article, a holiday shall begin with the shift commencing at **11:00** p.m. on the day preceding the holiday and will continue to include such subsequent shift which ends before midnight on the day of the holiday.

20.03 An employee will be granted one (1) additional holiday for a total of twelve (12). This additional holiday shall be on the anniversary of the employee's birthday or within thirty (30) days of such date. In the event that heritage day or some other day is proclaimed as a statutory holiday by the government, such day shall replace the additional holiday. The anniversary of a birthday holiday is not a premium pay holiday.

ARTICLE 21 :- VACATIONS

21.01 Part-time Vacation Pay

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

A part-time employee who has completed less than 5,175 hours of continuous service as of June 30 shall receive 4% of gross earnings.

A part-time employee who has completed 5,175 hours but less than 13,800 hours of continuous service as of June 30 shall receive 6% of gross earnings.

Effective in the vacation year where the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital falls on or after October 11, 1989, the service requirement for 6% of gross earnings shall be 3450 hours of continuous service.

A part-time employee who has completed 13,800 hours but less than 25,875 hours of continuous service as of June 30 shall receive 8% of gross earnings.

Effective in the vacation year where the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital falls on or after October 11, 1989, the service requirement for 8% of gross earnings shall be 10,350 hours of continuous service.

Effective in the vacation year where the date for determining vacation entitlement falls on or after October 11, 1990, the service requirement for 8% of gross earnings shall be 8625 hours of continuous service.

A part-time employee who has completed 25,875 hours but less than 43,125 hours of continuous service as of June 30 shall receive 10% of gross earnings.

A part-time employee who has completed 43,125 hours of continuous service or more as of June 30 shall receive 12% of gross earnings.

For the purpose of this Article, gross earnings include, in part, percentage in lieu of benefits and exclude vacation pay.

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

21.02 The present practice of paying vacation pay in each pay period will remain in effect.

21.03 (a) All requests by Nursing Personnel for vacation during the peak period 1st June - 30th September should be submitted to the Service/Department Manager concerned by 1st March each year. All vacation requests will be processed and the employee notified by 15th April, after which date further preference will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis rather than by seniority within the unit where the employee works. Due to the necessity of allowing as many staff as possible off over the Christmas and New Year's holidays, vacation arrangements are not possible for staff employed in the Nursing Department. All requests by Nursing Personnel for vacation during the non-peak period should be submitted to the Service/Department Manager concerned six (6) weeks in advance of the proposed vacation period.

(b) All other personnel should submit requests for vacation during the peak period (1 June - 30 September) to their respective supervisor by 1 March of each year.

ARTICLE 22 - BENEFITS FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

22.01 A part-time employee shall receive in lieu of all fringe benefits (being those benefits to an employee, paid in whole or part by the Hospital, as part of direct compensation or otherwise, including holiday pay save and except salary, vacation pay, standby pay, call back pay, reporting pay, responsibility allowance, jury and witness duty, bereavement pay, and maternity supplemental unemployment benefits) an amount equal to 14% of his/her regular straight time hourly rate for all straight time hours paid.

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

23.01 Not applicable.

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** - PROGRESSION ON THE WAGE GRID

24.01 Collective Agreements currently containing a part-time wage grid shall continue such wage grids in effect. Effective October 10, 1986 employee shall progress on such grid on the basis that 1725 hours worked equals one (1) year of service.

Where, however, part-time employees are on a single rate structure, the full-time wage grid shall apply and progression through the grid shall be in accordance with the foregoing.

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

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.

For the purposes of this Article, a shift will be deemed to be seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours.

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 classifications.

- (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

The Employer agrees for the duration of this Agreement to maintain the job classifications set out in Schedule A and to pay not less than the rate of -wages set opposite said classification in accordance with Schedule "A" appended hereto.

ARTICLE 26 - RELATIONSHIP

26.01 Each of the parties hereto agrees that there will be no discrimination, intimidation, interference, restraint, or coercion exercised or practised upon any employee because of his or her union or non-union membership, or his or her activity or lack of activity in connection therewith since union membership is hereby **recognized** as a voluntary act upon the part of the individual concerned.

26.02 It is further agreed that solicitation of members, collection of dues or other union activity will not be allowed to interfere with employees' performance of duties.

26.03 The employees will be paid on a **bi-weekly** basis every second Thursday and their monies will be deposited in their Bank Account. Employees will be provided with a statement of their earnings and their **bi-weekly** deductions.

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

Whenever employees take their meals at the Hospital, a dining room will be provided for such employees' convenience and all employees are encouraged to use it.

Whenever employees bring their own lunch a dining room and locker facilities to store it will be provided for their convenience.

ARTICLE **27** - ACCIDENTAL BREAKAGE

27.01 Employees are not to be held liable for accidental breakage of dishes during the course of their employment except those who are habitual offenders in this respect, who may be charged a reasonable amount for breakage due to carelessness or negligence.

ARTICLE **28** - BULLETIN BOARDS

28.01 The Employer will provide bulletin board space in areas designated by the Hospital for the purposes of posting notices regarding meetings and other matters restricted to Union activity. All such notices must be signed by an officer of the Local Union and submitted to the Executive Director of the Hospital or other person designated by that individual for approval prior to being posted.

ARTICLE **29** - CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCE FOR NURSING PERSONNEL

29.01 Registered Practical Nurses are required to obtain and file their Certificates of Competence with the Employee Relations Department by the **31st** of January of each year failing which they will be **re-classified** as Client Care Attendants. If said Certificate is not produced by February **15th** of the same year, the

employee will be suspended without pay pending production of the Certificate of Competence.

Should an **R.P.N.** have her Certificate of Competence rescinded by the College of Nurses for any reason other than non- payment of fees, she will be terminated from the employment of the Hospital.

29.02 All new employees hired as Registered Practical Nurses (pending) must write and file proof of registration within three (3) calendar months of employment, failing which they will be terminated. Upon production of proof of registration, the **R.P.N.** (pending) will be reclassified as **R.P.N.** effective from the date of writing the **R.P.N.** examinations or date of hire whichever is the later date.

ARTICLE **30** - **WELFARE** OF PATIENTS AND EMPLOYEES

30.01 Both parties agree that it is essential to the successful operation of the Hospital, and the welfare of the patients and employees, that employees follow promptly all orders given them within the scope of authority of the person giving them.

ARTICLE **31** - RULES AND REGULATIONS

31.01 The Union undertakes and agrees that the Union and the employees will respect and abide by the Employer's rules, regulations and practices, which may be in force from time to time, and are not contrary to this Agreement.

ARTICLE **32** - PRINTING

32.01 The Union and the Hospital will share equally the costs of printing this Agreement.

ARTICLE **33** - DURATION

33.01 Term

This Agreement shall continue in effect until October **10, 2001** and shall remain in effect from year to year thereafter unless either party gives notice in writing to the other party within

ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date that it desires to amend or terminate this Agreement.

33.02 Renewal

Either party may, on ten (10) clear **days'** notice, require the other party to enter into negotiations for the renewal or modification, of the Agreement within the period of three (3) calendar months prior to the **expiry** date, and both parties shall thereupon enter into such negotiations in good faith and make every reasonable effort to secure an Agreement.

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

33.03 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 Committee referred to above.

SIGNED at Toronto, Ontario this 5TH day of JUNE 2000 .

FOR THE HOSPITAL

FOR THE UNION

Berg
Jean Rushworth

Rensie Bromfield
A. Turner

AT/LL

SCHEDULE "A"

S.E.I.U. SALARY SCALES

OCTOBER 11, 1999

Classification	<u>Start</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	
C.S.R. Assistant	15.187	15.521	
Cleaner	15.187	15.521	
Cook's Helper	15.673	16.021	
Dietary Assistant	15.187	15.521	
Dishwasher	15.187	15.521	
Grounds Service Worker	15.327	15.672	
Housekeeping Attendant	15.187	15.521	
Linen Room Helper	15.187	15.521	
Client Care Attendant	15.719	16.028	
Personal Care Attendant	15.196	15.522	
Storekeeper	15.719	16.028	
Transporter	15.150	15.471	
Unit Assistant	15.187	15.521	
Sewing Machine Operator	15.187	15.521	
Driver	15.673	16.021	
Cook I	19.320	19.686	
Cook II	19.320	19.686	
Maintenance Worker	17.192	17.512	
Rehab Assistant	20.100	20.423	
Comm. Disorders Asst.	19.320	19.686	
RPN	20.109	20.258	20.423
Electrician	20.100	20.423	
Plumber	19.616	19.938	
Systems Mechanic	20.707	21.027	

Note: Personal Care Attendants employed in the Gage Transitional Living 'Centre who, in addition to their regular duties, are assigned in-charge responsibilities on a shift basis will be afforded a responsibility allowance of 40 cents per hour for each completed shift. It is understood that an employee must be so assigned for the entire shift in order to qualify for this allowance.

SCHEDULE "A"

S.E.I.U. SALARY SCALES

OCTOBER 11, 2000

<u>Classification</u>	Start	1 Year	
C.S.R. Assistant	15.491	15.83	
Cleaner	15.491	15.83	
Cook's Helper	15.986	16.34	
Dietary Assistant	15.491	15.83	
Dishwasher	15.491	15.83	
'Grounds Service Worker	15.634	15.99	
Housekeeping Attendant	15.491	15.83	
Linen Room Helper	15.491	15.83	
Client Care Attendant	16.03	16.35	
Personal Care Attendant	15.50	15.83	
Storekeeper	16.034	16.35	
Transporter	15.453	15.78	
Unit Assistant	15.491	15.83	
Driver	15.986	16.34	
Cook I	19.707	20.08	
Cook II	19.707	20.08	
Maintenance Worker	17.536	17.86	
Rehab Assistant	20.502	20.830	
Comm. Disorders Asst.	19.707	20.080	
RPN	20.511	20.66	20.83
Electrician	20.502	20.83	
Plumber	20.008	20.34	
Systems Mechanic	21.121	21.45	

Note: Personal Care Attendants employed in the Gage Transitional Living Centre who, in addition to their regular duties, are assigned in-charge responsibilities on a shift basis will be afforded a responsibility allowance of 40 cents per hour for each completed shift. It is understood that an employee must be so assigned for the entire shift in order to qualify for this allowance.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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

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

Signed at Toronto this 5TH day of JUNE 2000.

FOR THE PARTICIPATING LOCAL UNION

FOR THE PARTICIPATING HOSPITALS

Lansie Bromfield
Local 204

Berg

Local 478

Jean Lustwork

Local 183

Local 777

Local 532

Local 268

SEE ORIGINAL, SIGNED AGREEMENT