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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN :

SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE  
(hereinafter called the "Hospital")  
OF THE FIRST PART

- and -

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL, 1.0N  
(hereinafter called the "Union")  
OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the Ontario Labour Relations Board did on the 15th day of January 1963, certify the Union as the bargaining agent for certain employees of the Hospital.

AND WHEREAS the parties hereto have agreed to enter into a collective bargaining agreement upon the terms hereinafter set forth.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH:

**ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE**

1.01 The purpose of this Agreement is to establish mutually satisfactory relations between the Hospital and the employees concerned, and to provide machinery for the prompt and equitable disposition of grievances, and to establish and maintain satisfactory working conditions, hours of work and wages for all the employees who are subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 2 - SCOPE AND RECOGNITION**

See the Local Provisions Appendix L2

**ARTICLE 3 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

See the Local Provisions Appendix L3

**ARTICLE 4 - DEFINITIONS**

4.01 Temporary Employees

Employees may be hired for a specified term, not to exceed six (6) months, to replace an employee on leave or to perform a special non-recurring task. This term may be extended a

further six (6) months on mutual agreement of the Union, employee and Hospital or by the Hospital on its own up to 12 months where the leave of the person extends that far. The period of employment of such persons will not exceed the absentee's leave. The release or discharge of such persons shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration.

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

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

## **ARTICLE 5 - UNION SECURITY**

### **5.01 Union Dues**

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.

The Hospital will provide each employee with a T-4 supplementary slip showing the dues deducted in the previous year for income tax purposes where such information is available or becomes readily available through the Hospital's payroll system.

## 5.02 Interview Period

The Hospital agrees that a Union representative shall be given the opportunity of interviewing each new employee once, upon completion of the employee's probationary period, for the purpose of informing such employee of the existence of the Union in the Hospital. The Hospital shall advise the Union from time to time as to the names of the persons to be interviewed and the time and place for each such interview, the duration of which shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The interview shall take place on the Hospital's premises in a room designated by the Employer, and the employees shall be instructed to report to this room for interview during the interview period.

## 5.03 Employee Lists

Dues deducted shall be remitted to the Secretary Treasurer of the local Union on or before the 25th day, if possible, but not later than the last day of the month in which they were deducted. In remitting such dues, the Hospital shall provide a list of employees from whom deductions were made and their work site (if the bargaining unit covers more than one site) and the employee's social insurance number. The list shall also include deletions and additions from the preceding month highlighting new hires, resignations, terminations, new unpaid leave of absence of greater than one (1) month and returns from leaves of absence. If the hospital agrees to provide the union with the information in an electronic format, the parties will meet to discuss the format in **which the information will be set out.** The Hospital also agrees to provide the Union with employee addresses on an annual basis. The Union agrees to keep the Hospital harmless from any claims against it by an employee which arise out of any deduction or information provided under this Article.

5.04 The parties hereto agree that any employee of the Hospital covered by this Agreement may become a member of the Union if he wishes to do so, and may refrain from becoming a member of the Union if he so desires.

5.05 The Hospital agrees that no employee shall in any manner be discriminated against or coerced, restrained or influenced on account of membership or non-membership in the Union.

5.06 The Union agrees it will not discriminate against, coerce or restrain any employee because of his membership or non-membership, his activity or his lack of activity in the Union and recognizes that membership in the Union is a voluntary act on the part of the employee concerned.

5.07 The Union will not engage in Union activities during the working hours or hold meetings at any time on the premises of the Hospital without the permission of the Administrator.

## ARTICLE 6 - NO STRIKE/LOCKOUT

- 6.01 (a) In view of the orderly procedure established by this Agreement for the settling of disputes and the handling of grievances, the Union agrees that, during the lifetime of this Agreement, there will be no strike, picketing, slowdown or stoppage of work, either complete or partial, and the Hospital agrees that there will be no lockout.
- (b) The Hospital shall have the right to discharge or otherwise discipline employees who take part in or instigate any strike, picketing, stoppage or slowdown, but a claim of unjust discharge or treatment may be the subject of a grievance and dealt with as provided in Article 8.
- (c) Should the Union claim that a cessation of work constitutes a lockout, it may take the matter up with the Hospital as provided in Step No. 3 of Article 8.
- (d) The Union further agrees that it will not involve any employee of the Hospital or the Hospital itself, in any dispute which may arise between any other employer and the employees of such other employer.

## ARTICLE 7 - UNION REPRESENTATION AND COMMITTEES

See Local Provisions Appendix L7 - Number of Stewards

### 7.01 Grievance Committee

- (a) The Hospital will recognize a Grievance Committee composed of the Chief Steward and not more than 8 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.

#### 7.03 Central Bargaining Committee

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.

It is understood and agreed that the maximum number of Union Central Negotiating Committee members entitled to payment under this provision shall be eight (8), and in no case will more than one (1) employee from a hospital be entitled to such payment.

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 eight (8) Hospitals accordingly.

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

It is understood that this clause does not apply to a hospital that is not participating in Central Bargaining.

#### 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) The number of employees on the Negotiating Committee shall be determined locally.

#### 7.05 Labour Management Committee

Where the parties mutually agree that there are matters of mutual concern and interest that would be beneficial if discussed at a Labour-Management Committee Meeting during the term of this Agreement, the following shall apply.

**An** equal number of representatives of each party as mutually agreed shall meet at a time and place mutually satisfactory. A request for a meeting hereunder will be made in writing prior to the date proposed and accompanied by an agenda of matters proposed to be discussed, which shall not include matters that are properly the subject of grievance or negotiations for the amendment or renewal of this agreement.

**Any** representative(s) attending such meetings during their regularly scheduled hours of work shall not lose regular earnings as a result of such attendance.

It is understood that joint meetings with other Labour-Management Committees in the Hospital may be scheduled concerning issues of mutual interest if satisfactory to all concerned.

It is agreed that the topic of the utilization of full-time and part-time staff is an appropriate topic for the Labour-Management Committee. The committee shall have access to work schedules and job postings upon request.

Where two or more agreements exist between a Hospital and SEIU the Committee may be a joint one representing employees under both agreements, unless otherwise agreed.

## **ARTICLE 8 - GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION**

8.01 For the purposes 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 (a) 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.

### **(b) Discipline**

The Hospital agrees that, in considering the imposition of any disciplinary penalty including discharge, no weight will be given to letters of warning in respect of matters which occurred more than one (1) year prior to the date of the matter under current consideration, except in circumstances where disciplinary action on related matters has occurred within one (1) year period.

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. The Union and the Hospital may meet to discuss the grievance at a time and place suitable to both parties. Failing settlement then:

#### Step 2

Within five (5) days following the decision in the immediately preceding step, the grievance shall be submitted in writing to the Director of Personnel.

A meeting will then be held between the Director of Personnel of the Hospital 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 2, 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 2 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 2 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(a) 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 2 is given, the grievance shall be deemed to have been abandoned.

- (b) The parties agree that it is their intent to resolve grievances without recourse to arbitration, wherever possible. Therefore, notwithstanding (a) above, the parties may, upon mutual agreement, engage the services of a mediator in an effort to resolve the grievance and may extend the time limits for the request for arbitration. The parties will share equally the fees and expenses, if any, of the mediator.

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(a) 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.

- (b) Notwithstanding (a) above, the parties may, upon mutual agreement, agree to a sole arbitrator who shall proceed by way of mediation-arbitration. The party making the request shall do so in writing and at the same time, it shall propose the name of a sole arbitrator. Within five (5) calendar days thereafter, the other party shall agree in writing or propose an alternate name(s). If there is no agreement within ten (10) calendar days, the Minister of Labour shall have the power to effect such appointment upon application thereto by the party invoking the arbitration procedure. Once appointed, the sole arbitrator shall have all powers as set out in Section 50 of the *Labour Relations Act* including the power to impose a settlement and to limit evidence and submissions.

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 ,throughall 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 (45) days of work within any twelve calendar months. Upon completion of the probationary period he shall be credited with seniority equal to forty-five working days. With the written consent of the Hospital, the probationary employee, and the President of the Local Union or designate, such probationary period may be extended. Any extension agreed to will be in writing and will specify the length of the extension. The release or discharge of an employee during the probationary period shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration.

### 9.02 Definition of Seniority

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

Seniority will operate on a bargaining unit wide basis.

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

### 9.03 Transfer of Service and Seniority

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

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

### 9.04 Loss of Seniority

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

- (a) employee quits;
- (b) employee is discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the grievance and arbitration procedure;
- (c) employee is absent from scheduled work for a period of three or more consecutive working days without notifying the Hospital of such absence and providing a reason satisfactory to the Hospital;

- (d) employee fails to return to work upon the expiration of a leave of absence or utilizes a leave of absence for a purpose other than that for which it was granted;
- (e) employee has been laid off for twenty-four (24) months;
- (f) employee fails upon being notified of a recall to signify his intention to return within five working days after he has received the notice of recall, and fails to report to work within ten working days after he has received the notice of recall;

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

#### 9.05 Effect of Absence

- (a) It is understood that during an approved unpaid absence not exceeding 30 continuous days or any approved absence paid by the Hospital, both seniority and service will accrue.
- (b) During an unpaid absence exceeding 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 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.

Effective October 11, 2002, the Hospital will continue to pay its share of the premiums up to thirty (30) months while an employee is in receipt of WSIB or LTD benefits.

Such payment shall also continue while an employee is on sick leave (including the Employment Insurance Period) to a maximum of thirty (30) months from the time the absence commenced.

- (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 during maternity or adoption leave or 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.

Effective October 11, 2002, seniority shall accrue for a period of thirty (30) months if an employee's absence is due to a disability resulting in WSIB or LTD benefits or while an employee is on sick leave (including the Employment Insurance Period).

See Local Provisions Appendix L9 - Seniority Lists

#### **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

shall be deemed to be work time for which the representative(s) shall be paid by the Hospital at his or her regular or premium rate as may be applicable. 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.

It is understood that all of the above shall be completed in a timely manner.

#### 10.02 Notice

- (a) In the event of a proposed layoff at the Hospital of a permanent or long term nature or the elimination of a position within the bargaining unit, the Hospital shall:
  - (i) provide the Union with no less than five (5) months' written notice of the proposed layoff or elimination of position; and
  - (ii) provide to the affected employee(s), if any, who will be laid off with no less than five (5) months' written notice of layoff, or pay in lieu thereof.

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

- (b) A layoff shall not include a reassignment of an employee from her or his classification or area of assignment who would otherwise be entitled to notice of layoff provided:
- (i) the reassignment of the employee is to an appropriate permanent job with the employer having regard to the employee's skills, abilities, 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.

#### 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 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 HQOPP 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 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 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 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 7% 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 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 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 five (5) 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 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 and .02 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 .02, and selection shall be made in accordance with Article .03 above.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The use of volunteers to perform bargaining unit work shall not be expanded beyond the extent of existing practice as of June 1, 1986.

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**

- (a) 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.

#### **13.05 RPN Utilization**

The Hospital and the Union shall meet to discuss the issues of RPN scope of practice and skill utilization.

See Local Provisions Appendix L13

### **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 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 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 working days off, without loss of regular pay for regularly scheduled hours, in conjunction with the death 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. The Hospital, in its discretion, may extend such leave with or without pay. Where an employee does not qualify under the above-noted conditions, the Hospital may, nevertheless, grant a paid bereavement leave. For the purpose of bereavement leave, the relationships specified in the preceding clause are deemed to include a common-law spouse and a partner of the same sex.

### **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 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.

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

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

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

#### 15.04 Pregnancy Leave

- (a) Pregnancy leave will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Insurance Act, except where amended in this provision. The service requirement for

eligibility for pregnancy leave shall be thirteen (13) weeks of continuous service.

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

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

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

- (e) Credits for service and seniority shall accumulate for a period of up to seventeen (17) weeks while an employee is on pregnancy leave.

- (f) The Hospital will continue to pay its share of the contributions of the subsidized employee benefits, including pension, in which the employee is participating for a period of up to seventeen 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 Insurance Act, except where amended in this provision. The service requirement for eligibility for parental leave shall be thirteen (13) weeks of continuous service.
- (b) **An** employee, who qualified for parental leave, other than an adoptive parent, shall give written notification at least two (2) weeks in advance of the date of commencement of such leave and the expected date of return.
- (c) **An** employee who is an adoptive parent shall advise the Hospital as far in advance as possible of having qualified to adopt a child, and shall request the leave of absence, in writing, upon receipt of confirmation of the pending adoption. If, because of late receipt of confirmation of the pending adoption, the employee finds it impossible to request the leave of absence in writing, the request may be made verbally and subsequently verified in writing.

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

- (d) **An** employee shall reconfirm his or her intention to return to work on the date originally approved in subsection (b) above by written notification received by the Hospital at least two (2) weeks in advance thereof.
- (e) **An** employee who is on parental leave as provided under this Agreement who has applied for and is in receipt of Employment Insurance parental benefits pursuant to Section 23 of the Employment Insurance Act, shall be paid a supplemental unemployment benefit. That benefit will be equivalent to the difference between ninety-three percent (93%) of her regular weekly earnings and the sum

of her weekly Employment Insurance benefits and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following completion of the two-week Employment Insurance waiting period, and receipt by the Hospital of the employee's Employment Insurance cheque stub as proof that she is in receipt of Employment Insurance parental benefits, and shall continue while the employee is in receipt of such benefits for a maximum period of ten (10) weeks. The employee's regular weekly earnings shall be determined by multiplying her regular hourly rate on her last day worked prior to the commencement of the leave times her normal weekly hours plus any wage increase or salary increment that she would be entitled to if she were not on parental leave.

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

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

- (f) Credits for service and seniority shall accumulate for a period of up to thirty-five (35) weeks after the parental leave began, if the employee also took pregnancy leave, and thirty-seven (37) weeks after the parental leave began otherwise, 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 thirty-five (35) weeks after the parental leave began, if the employee also took pregnancy leave, and thirty-seven (37) weeks after the parental leave began otherwise, while the employee is on parental leave.
- (h) Subject to any changes to the employee's status which would have occurred had he or she not been on parental leave, the employee shall be reinstated to his or her former duties, on the same shift in the same department, and at the same rate of pay.

#### 15.06 Full-Time Union Office

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

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

#### 15.07 Union Leave

- (a) The Hospital shall grant leave of absence without pay to employees to attend Union conventions, seminars, education classes or other Union business provided that such leave will not interfere with the efficient operation of the Hospital.
- (b) In requesting such leave of absence for an employee or employees, the Union must give at least twenty-one (21) days clear notice in writing to the Hospital.
- (c) The cumulative total leave of absence, the number of employees that may be absent at any one time from any one area, and the number of days of absence shall be as provided elsewhere in the current local sections of the Agreement (unless altered by local negotiations).
- (d) 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.

See Local Provisions Appendix L15

#### 15.08 Pre-Paid Leave Plan

The Hospital agrees to introduce a pre-paid leave program, funded solely by the employee subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) The plan is available to employees wishing to spread four (4) years' salary over a five (5) year period, in accordance with Part LXVIII of the Income Tax Act Regulations, Section 6801, to enable them to take a one (1) year leave of absence following the four (4) years of salary deferral.
- (b) The employee must make written application to the Hospital at least six (6) months prior to the intended commencement date of the program (i.e. the salary deferral portion), stating the intended purpose of the leave.
- (c) The number of employees that may be absent at any one time shall be determined between the local parties. The year for purposes of the program shall be September 1 of one year to August 31 the following year or such other



twelve (12) month period as may be agreed upon by the employee, the local Union and the Hospital.

- (d) Where there are more applications than spaces allotted, seniority shall govern.
- (e) During the four (4) year of salary deferral, 20% of the employee's gross annual earnings will be deducted and held for the employee and will not be accessible to the employee until the year of the leave or upon withdrawal from the plan.
- (f) The manner in which the deferred salary is held shall be at the discretion of the Hospital.
- (g) All deferred salary, plus accrued interest, if any, shall be paid to the employee at the commencement of the leave or in accordance with such other payment schedule as may be agreed upon between the Hospital and the employee.
- (h) All during the four (4) year of salary deferral benefits shall be kept whole. During the year of the leave, seniority shall accumulate. Service for the purpose of vacation and salary progression and other benefits will be retained but will not accumulate during the period of the leave. The employee shall become responsible for the full payment of premiums for any health and welfare benefits in which the employee is participating. Contributions to the Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan will be in accordance with the Plan. The employee will not be eligible to participate in the disability income plan during the year of the leave.
- (i) **An** employee may withdraw from the plan at any time during the deferral portion provided three (3) months notice is given to the Hospital. Deferred salary, plus accrued interest, if any, will be returned to the employee within a reasonable period of time.
- (j) If the employee terminates employment, the deferred salary held by the Hospital plus accrued interest, if any, will be returned to the employee within a reasonable period of time. In case of the employee's death, the funds will be paid to the employee's estate.
- (k) The Hospital will endeavour to find a temporary replacement for the employee as far in advance as practicable. If the Hospital is unable to find a suitable replacement, it may postpone the leave. The Hospital will give the employee as much notice as is reasonably possible. The employee will have the option of remaining in the Plan and rearranging the leave at a mutually agreeable time or of withdrawing from the plan and having the deferred salary, plus accrued interest, if any, paid out to the employee within a reasonable period of time.

- (1) The employee will be reinstated to his or her former position unless the position has been discontinued, in which case the employee shall be given a comparable job.
- (m) Final approval for entry into the pre-paid leave program will be subject to the employee entering into a formal agreement with the Hospital in order to authorize the Hospital to make the appropriate deductions from the employee's pay. Such agreement will include
  - (i) A statement that the employee is entering the prepaid leave program in accordance with this Article of the collective agreement.
  - (ii) The period of salary deferral and the period for which the leave is requested.
  - (iii) The manner in which the deferred salary is to be held.

The letter of application from the employee to the Hospital to enter the prepaid leave program will be appended to and form part of the written agreement.

## **ARTICLE 16 - HOURS OF WORK**

### **16.01 Daily and Weekly Hours of Work**

The normal working day for all full-time employees shall consist of seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours, excluding the meal period. The said seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours shall be completed within a nine-hour period after commencing work.

### **16.02 Rest Periods**

- a) All employees will be allowed two rest periods per day of fifteen minutes duration at a time to be determined by the Hospital 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 Time Off Between Shifts**

In the case of departments 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 (23) hours between the beginning of shifts and change over of shifts and of thirty-nine (39) hours if there is one (1) day off and of sixty-three (63) hours if there are two (2) days off between the changeover of shifts.

See Local Provisions Appendix L16 - Schedules

## 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 work performance in excess of seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours in a day or 75 hours in a bi-weekly period will be counted as overtime work and will be paid for at the rate of time and one-half an employee's regular rate of pay. The hourly rate of pay for the purpose of this clause shall be arrived at by dividing the bi-weekly pay by seventy-five (75). When averaging hours over a two-week period, that two-week period shall be the same two weeks as the pay period.

### 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 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.

Effective October 11, 2002, this amount shall be increased to \$2.50 per hour.

### 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 their regular shift at the rate of time and one-half after which they shall revert back to the regular shift.

- (b) Call back pay shall cover all calls within the minimum four (4) hour period provided for under (a). If a second call takes place after four (4) hours have elapsed from the time of the first call, it shall be subject to a second call back premium, but in no case shall an employee collect two call back premiums within one such four (4) hour period, and to the extent that a call back overlaps and extends into the hours of this 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 1/2 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.

This amount shall be increased to fifty-five (\$.55) cents effective November 16, 2001, sixty (\$.60) cents effective October 11, 2002, and sixty-five (\$.65) cents effective October 11, 2003.

#### **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**

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.

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 undertaking.

#### 17.09 Paid Time to Working Time

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

The foregoing shall also apply in cases of short term leaves of absence for Union business approved by the Hospital under the applicable provisions of the Collective Agreement where payment is made to the employee by the Union.

#### 17.10 Weekend Premium

Effective October 11, 1992 an employee shall be paid a weekend premium of forty-five cents (\$0.45) per hour for each hour worked between 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.

The weekend premium shall increase to fifty-five (55) cents effective November 16, 2001, sixty (60) cents effective October 11, 2002, and sixty-five (65) cents effective October 11, 2003.

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

17.12 It is understood and agreed that the employees shall work overtime when requested by the Hospital.

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

### **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.

- (b) **An** employee shall be provided with a meal allowance of \$5.00 to reimburse him/her for meal expenses incurred while travelling in an ambulance, provided the travel time covers a meal period.

#### 18.02 Uniform Allowance

See the Local Provisions Appendix L 18

#### 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

See the Local Provisions Appendix L 19.

#### 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, 2002 on that date for each subsequent year, the Hospital will provide \$80.00 (eighty) dollars per year to each full-time employee who is required by the Hospital to wear safety foot wear during the course of their duties.

## ARTICLE 20 - PAID HOLIDAYS

See Local Provisions Appendix L20 - Designated Holidays

- (a) 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.
- (b) **An** employee who is required to work on a recognized holiday shall receive in addition to any holiday pay for which he otherwise qualifies under this Article, either
  - (i) one and a half times his basic straight time hourly rate of pay for time worked on such holiday, or
  - (ii) time off with pay equivalent to (i)
- (c) **An** employee who qualifies for a lieu day will be granted such lieu day within sixty (60) days following the date on which the holiday was observed. Such lieu day may be scheduled in conjunction with a scheduled weekend off, or days off, at a mutually agreeable time between the employee and his/her immediate supervisor.

20.02 In general employees will alternate with each other in being absent from work on a holiday; for instance, an employee having Christmas Day off may not be allowed off on New Year's Day.

20.03 Employee's preference will be carefully considered before posting of schedules, provided there is no delay in stating the preference.

20.04 If any of the above-mentioned holidays occur on an employee's regular day off or during his vacation period, the employee will receive an additional day off with pay; or payment for the holiday in lieu thereof, but the additional day shall not be added to the period of vacation of the employee unless with the consent of the head of the department.

20.05 To qualify for holiday pay, an employee must have worked the full regularly scheduled shift immediately preceding and the full regularly scheduled shift immediately succeeding the holiday. In the event an employee is prevented from working the said shift immediately preceding and immediately succeeding such holiday by reason of illness authenticated by medical certificate or any authorized absence e.g. bereavement, union business, etc., such employee shall qualify for consideration as above.

20.06 The employee may celebrate his birthday with a day off by mutual agreement with the Supervisor at any time within 60 days of the actual date.

### 20.07 Clarification of a Paid Holiday

The shifts classified as a Paid Holiday is that in which the majority of the hours worked fall within the actual paid holiday.

#### 10.08 Holiday Overtime

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.

20.09 Employees who are scheduled to work the weekend with a period holiday will have the first option to work the holiday, providing work is available on the holiday.

### ARTICLE 21 - VACATIONS

#### 21.01 Entitlement and Calculation of Payment

- (a) Subject to maintaining any superior conditions concerning entitlement, vacation entitlement shall be as follows:

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

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

**An** employee who has completed two (2) years but less than five (5) years of continuous service as of June 30 in any year shall be entitled to three (3) weeks' annual vacation with pay.

**An** employee who has completed five (5) years but less than fifteen (15) years of continuous service as of June 30 in any year shall be entitled to four (4) weeks' annual vacation with pay.

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

**An** employee who has completed twenty-five (25) or more years of continuous service as of June 30 in any year shall be entitled to six (6) weeks' annual vacation with pay. Effective October 11, 2002 an employee who has completed twenty-three (23) or more years of continuous service as of June 30 shall be entitled to six (6) weeks' annual vacation with pay.



Effective October 11, 2003, the following Supplementary Vacation is banked on the employee's anniversary date and taken prior to the next supplementary vacation date:

**An** employee who has completed thirty (30) years of continuous service as of June 30 shall be entitled to an additional five (5) days vacation with pay.

**An** employee who has completed thirty-five (35) years of continuous service as of June 30 shall be entitled to an additional five (5) days vacation with pay.

To clarify, every employee who has attained their 30th or 35th anniversary date as of the effective date of this provision shall be entitled to have the full five days' vacation banked.

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.

- (b) RPN's who have completed one (1) year but less than five (5) years of continuous service as of June 30 in any year shall be entitled to three (3) weeks' annual vacation with pay.

#### 21.02 Approved Leave of Absence During Vacation

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

Serious illness is defined as an illness which requires the employee to receive on-going medical care and/or treatments resulting in either hospitalization or which would confine the employee to their residence or to bed rest for more than three days.

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.

Where an employee's scheduled vacation is interrupted due to a bereavement, the employee shall be entitled to bereavement leave in accordance with Article 15.01. The portion of the employee's vacation which is deemed to be bereavement leave under the above provisions will not be counted against the employee's vacation credits.

21.03 All normal deductions made from an employee's pay will be made from vacation pay.

21.04 Vacation may not be accumulated from one year to the next and in any event all vacations must be taken by June 30 of the year **following which it became due.**

21.05 All vacation periods will be arranged with an employee's Department Head, with consideration being given to the employee's Ashes on a seniority basis and the needs of the department.

Vacation preference shall be made by April 15 and vacation schedules posted by May 15 of each year.

21.06 Vacations with pay will be granted in accordance with the following:

Vacation periods, calculation of pay, continuous service and pay distributions will be based on a vacation fiscal year. This fiscal year will be from July 1 to June 30. **An** employee's vacation pay will be paid not later than the last payroll working day before the employee's 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 premium towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under the Blue Cross Semi-Private Plan or comparable coverage with another carrier.
- (b) The Hospital agrees to contribute seventy-five percent (75%) of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under the amended Blue Cross Extended Health Care benefits or comparable coverage with another carrier providing for \$10.00 (single) and \$20.00 (family) deductible, providing the balance of monthly premiums are paid by the employee through payroll deductions. In addition to the standard benefits, effective the first deduction date the month after the award coverage will include vision care (maximum of \$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).

**Effective November 16, 2001, hearing aid allowance to increase to five hundred (\$500.00) dollars every 36 months.**

Effective December 1, 2001, the vision care shall increase to \$150.00 every 24 months.

Existing provisions 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 ninety (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.
- (d) The Hospital agrees to contribute seventy-five percent (75%) of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under the Blue Cross #9 Dental Plan or comparable coverage with another carrier (based on the current ODA fee schedule as it may be updated from time to time) providing the balance of the monthly premium is paid by the employee through payroll deduction. Effective December 1, 2001, Dental recall including preventative services is every nine (9) months; Blue Cross rider #2 (or equivalent) [complete and partial dentures] at 50/50 co-insurance to \$1000 annual maximum; and Blue Cross rider #4 (or equivalent) [crowns, bridgework, and repairs to same] at 50/50 co-insurance to \$1000 annual maximum.

(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.

22.02 Change of Carrier

A copy of all current master policies of the benefits referred to in this article shall be provided to the union.

It is understood that the Hospital may at any time substitute another carrier for any plan (other than OHIP) provided the benefits conferred thereby are substantially the same. Before making such a substitution, the Hospital shall notify the Union to explain the proposed change and to ascertain the views of the employees. Upon a request by the Union, the Hospital shall provide to the Union, full specifications of the benefit programs contracted for and in effect for employees covered herein.

## 22.03 Pension

All present employees enrolled in the Hospital's pension plan shall maintain their enrolment 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, enrol in the plan when 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 employer will pay the employee's wages for the day.

### 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 1992 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 January 1, 1983 the existing accumulating sick leave plan shall be terminated and any provisions relating to such plan shall be null and void except as to those provisions relating to payout of unused sick leave benefits which are specifically dealt with hereinafter.

Existing sick leave credits for each employee shall be converted to a sick leave bank to the credit of the employee at the

then current per diem rate of pay based on his regular straight time hourly rate. The "sick leave bank" shall be utilized to:

- (a) Supplement payment for sick leave days under the new program or Article 24.05 below which would otherwise be at less than full wages and,
- (b) where a payout provision existed under the former sick leave plan in the Collective Agreement, payout on termination of employment shall be that portion of any unused sick leave dollars under the former conditions relating to payout.
- (c) Where, as of the effective date of transfer, an employee does not have the required service to qualify for payout on termination, his existing sick leave credits as of that date shall nevertheless be converted to a sick leave bank in accordance with the foregoing and he shall be entitled, on termination, to that portion of any unused sick leave dollars providing he subsequently achieves the necessary service to qualify him for payout under the conditions relating to such payout.
- (d) Where a payout provision existed under the former sick leave plan in the Collective Agreement, an employee who has accumulated sick leave credits and is prevented from working for the Hospital on account of an occupational illness or accident that is recognized by the Workers' Compensation Board as compensable within the meaning of the Workers' Compensation Act, the Hospital, on application from the employee, will supplement the award made by the Workers' Compensation Board for loss of wages to the employee by such amount that the award of the Workers' Compensation Board for loss of wages, together with the supplementation of the Hospital, will equal one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's net earnings to the limit of the employee's accumulated sick leave credits. Employees may utilize such sick leave credits while awaiting approval of a claim for Workers' Compensation.

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.

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

.09 Pay for Medical Certificates

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

- 24.08 (a) In order to qualify for sick leave pay, except where sent home by the Hospital on account of illness, employees must inform their supervisor or in the supervisor's absence, the switchboard operator as soon as possible. The parties agree that should sufficient notice of a shift cancelled by an employee not be provided, i.e. at least four (4) hours prior to the start of an evening or night shift and two (2) hours prior to a day shift, the employee will not be paid for the missed shift.
- (b) It is understood that the Hospital has the right to require confirmation or proof in the form of a medical certificate that an employee was unable to attend work due to illness or injury before payment of sick leave is granted. The Hospital has the right to evaluate such medical certificate and request further information to be provided if the information in the medical certificate is inadequate. Such certificates will provide the estimated duration of the absence. The parties agree that it is the responsibility of the employee to provide such certification as requested, and failing production, the parties agree that such absence shall be considered leave without pay. The Hospital shall pay the full cost of any medical certificates required of an employee.
- (c) Time off for sickness is deemed to be leave of absence, and if not properly notified under subsection 24.08(a), is absence without leave under Section 9.04.
- (d) Sick time is paid according to the allowance in this Agreement under Section 24.01.
- (e) On the day before a leave of absence due to sickness in excess of three days expires, the employee must either apply for further leave of absence or inform the department head that he will return to work on an agreed upon date. If an employee returns to work after such sick leave without giving twenty-four hours' notice of his ability to return to work, his commencing shift may be delayed twenty-four hours.

- (f) If the employee does not apply for leave of absence, or for an extension of leave of absence for sickness and fails to return to work on the agreed date, he will be deemed to have resigned under Section 9.04.

24.09 Any employee who commences an action to recover for loss of damages arising out of the negligence or wrongful act of a third party and where such employee recovers a sum in respect of the cost of sick benefits, he shall forthwith pay the sum recovered to the Hospital.

24.10 Workers' Compensation Benefits and Sick Leave (Full-time)

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 benefit 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) years 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 and provide details at least fourteen (14) days prior to posting. 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

See the local provisions appendix L5

**ARTICLE 26 Not Applicable**

**ARTICLE 27 - EDUCATION FUND**

27.01 If the local union indicates to the Hospital that a special assessment of \$0.03 per hour for union education applies to all bargaining unit members, the Hospital agrees to deduct this assessment.

Such assessment along with a listing of employees will be paid on a quarterly basis into a trust fund established and administered by the applicable SEIU Local Union for this purpose.

**ARTICLE 28 - PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

28.01 The following provision will be effective the date of ratification and will expire on October 9, 2004.

The parties agree that patient care is enhanced if concerns relating to professional practice, patient acuity, fluctuating workloads and fluctuating staffing are resolved in a timely and effective manner.

In the event that an employee or group of employees, covered under the Regulated Health Professions Act (RHPA), are assigned a workload which is inconsistent with proper patient care, they shall express their concerns to their supervisor. The employee shall complete a "Workload Review Form" which shall be provided to the supervisor and to the Union. The Workload Review Form will be attached as an Appendix to the collective agreement.

**ARTICLE 29 DURATION**

29.01 Renewal

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in the event the parties to this agreement agree to negotiate for its renewal through the process of central bargaining, either party to this agreement may give notice to the other party of its desire to bargain for amendments on local matters proposed for incorporation in the renewal of this agreement not earlier than six (6) calendar months nor later than three (3) calendar months prior to the normal

termination date of this agreement. Upon receipt of such notice by one party from the other, both parties will meet within fifteen (15) days thereafter for the purpose of bargaining on local matters.

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.

29.02 Term

This agreement shall continue in effect until October 10, 2004 and shall continue automatically thereafter from year to year unless either party gives notice in writing to the other party within 90 days prior to the expiration date that it desires to amend or terminate this agreement.

**Article 30 Miscellaneous Items**

See Local Provisions Appendix L30

SIGNED AT NEWMARKET THIS 23 DAY OF Sept. 2005

FOR THE UNION

Jennifer Biso

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## EXTENDED SHIFT ARRANGEMENTS

### BETWEEN

### SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

### AND

### SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION

The local parties hereby agree, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Labor, that extended shifts will be implemented under the following terms and conditions. In all other respects the Collective Agreement shall apply.

All eligible full-time and regular part-time staff on a unit/department that is considering extended shift schedules will be given an opportunity to vote on the proposed schedule. The parties will jointly supervise such vote, which shall be held by secret ballot.

Where 75% of those employees eligible to vote have voted in favour of extended shifts, the new schedule will be implemented on a six-month trial basis and will be reviewed by both parties. This Model Agreement shall form part of the Collective Agreement between the parties herein, and shall apply to the employees described in Article 1 of the Model Agreement.

#### Article 1 - Work Unit and Employees Covered

(Detailed and specific description of department and employees covered)

#### Article 2 - Probation

2.1 It is understood that a new employee working extended shifts will be considered on probation until he/she has completed three hundred and thirty-seven and one-half (337 1/2) hours of work  
• (45 x 7.5hours = 337.5).

In all other respects the terms of probation will be in accordance with the collective agreement.

#### Article 3 - Hours of Work

3.1 The normal or standard extended workday shall be \_\_\_\_\_ hours per day.

3.2 (Detailed description with an attached schedule where appropriate.)

### 3.3 (Where applicable)

Failure to provide \_\_\_\_\_ hours between the end of an employee's scheduled shift and the commencement of such employee's next scheduled shift shall result in payment of one and one-half (1 ½) times the employee's regular straight time hourly rate for only those hours which reduce the \_\_\_\_\_ hour period.

Where the \_\_\_\_\_ hour period is reduced as a result of an approved change of shift(s) requested by the employee(s), such premium payment shall not apply.

### Article 4 - Scheduling

(Scheduling conditions to be determined locally (i.e. weekends off, consecutive shifts worked, etc.)

### Article 5 - Overtime

5.1 Overtime shall be defined as being all hours worked in excess of the normal or standard extended workday, as set out in Article 3.1 of the Model Agreement.

5.2 For purposes of overtime the hours of work per week shall be averaged over \_\_\_\_\_ (weekly/pay-periods).

### Article 6 - Rest and Meal Periods

6.1 Employees shall be entitled to relief periods during the shift on the basis of fifteen (15) minutes for each 3.75 hours worked.

6.2 (The length of the meal period to be determined locally).

### Article 7 - Sick Leave and Long-Term Disability

The short-term sick plan will provide payment for the number of hours of absence according to the scheduled shift up to a fifteen (15) week total of 562.5 hours. All other provisions of the existing plan shall be maintained.

### Article 8 - Paid Holidays

(Applicable to Full-time Employees Only)

8.1 Holiday pay will be computed on the basis of the employee's regular straight time hourly rate of pay times the normal or standard work day as set out in the "Daily and Weekly Hours of Work" provision of the Local collective agreement (Article 16).

8.2 **An** employee required to work on any of the designated holidays listed in the collective agreement shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1 1/2 ) his regular straight time rate of pay

for all hours worked on such holiday (0001h to 2400h of the holiday). In addition, he will receive a lieu day off with pay in the amount of his regular straight time hourly rate of pay times seven and one-half (7 ½ ) hours, except in those hospitals which have a different standard work day in which case holiday pay will be based on the standard or normal daily hours in that hospital.

#### Article 9 - Vacation

##### 9.1 (Applicable to Full-time only)

Vacation entitlement as set out in the collective agreement will be converted to hours on the basis of the employee's normal work week.

##### 9.2 (Applicable to Part-time only)

As set out in the collective agreement.

#### Article 10 - Temporary Transfers

10.1 In Article 25.03 of the collective agreement, replace "for a period in excess of one-half a shift" with "in excess of 3.75 hours" for extended tours.

#### Article 11 - Responsibility Allowance Outside the Bargaining Unit

In Article 17.07 of the collective agreement replace "in excess of one-half of a shift" with "after 3.75 hours" for extended hours.

#### Article 12 - Termination

12.1 Either party may, on written notice of \_\_\_\_\_ (days/weeks) to the other party, terminate the Agreement for and reason.

SIGNED AT NEWMARKET THIS 23 DAY OF Sept 2005.

FOR THE UNION-

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FOR THE HOSPITAL

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**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 classifications of employees represented by the Union.

WORKLOAD REVIEW FORM

Employees to complete every section

Date/Time of Occurrence

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Site/Location \_\_\_\_\_

Department/Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Work Being Performed

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of Staff on Duty \_\_\_\_\_ Usual Number of Staff on Duty \_\_\_\_\_

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I/we the undersigned, believe that I was/we were given an assignment that was excessive or inconsistent with quality patient care and/or created an unsafe working environment for the following reasons. (Provide brief description of problem/assignment below):

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To correct this problem, I/we recommended:

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Name/Title of Immediate Supervisor Notified .

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Date/Time of Notification

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Response

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Signature of Employee(s) & Printed Name(s) on Line Below:

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I/we do not agree with the resolution of my concern

## Letter of Intent

### RE: The Utilization of RPN Skills

The parties agree to form a joint provincial task force. The task force will be composed of equal numbers of representatives of the Service Employees International Union and the Ontario Hospital Association. The task force will make its decisions by consensus. The mandate of the task force will be to study and make recommendations to the participating hospitals regarding the utilization of RPN skills. The task force will:

- Meet within 6 months of the ratification of the Memorandum of Settlement.
- Secure advice and participation from such professional practice researchers and other (e.g. College of Nurses) as the Task Force deems appropriate.
- Identify resources required by the task force to complete their study including exploring jointly any funding required for these resources.
- The task force will be co-chaired by a hospital representative and a representative from SEIU.
- The task force will identify the timelines for conducting their study and will also conclude timelines for the recommendations to be made by the task force.
- The task force recommendations will be presented in the form of a report to the participating hospitals and locals.
- The final recommendations from the joint task force will be presented to the Human Resources Committee of the OHA.
- The parties also agree to jointly undertake reviewing the study and recommendations with the Ontario Nurses Association.
- Nothing in this Letter of Understanding should be construed as precluding the local parties from entering into discussions with respect to RPN scope of practice and utilization of RPN skills.



SIGNED AT NEWMARKET THIS 23 DAY OF Sept 2005

**FOR THE UNION**

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## Letter of Intent

### Re: Joint Benefits Review Committee

The central parties agree to meet in a joint committee to be established pursuant to this letter of intent. The committee will meet to discuss the following:

- Topic of and make recommendations regarding modified work and HOODIP within a 6-month period;
- Entitlement and costs associated with the insured benefit coverage provided to active and retired employees; and
- Where possible, review and evaluate the findings of other committees established to discuss benefits.

The Committee will make recommendations to their respective Central Bargaining Teams prior to the commencement of the next round of bargaining.

SIGNED AT NEWMARKET THIS 23 DAY OF Sept 2005.

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Letter of Intent

RE: standardization committee

The central parties agree to establish a committee that will meet and confirm the contents of a standard format within 90 days of ratification. Where the parties are unable to reach agreement on any issue regarding standardization, the parties shall seek the assistance of a mediator.

SIGNED AT NEWMARKET THIS 23 DAY OF Sept 2008.

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Letter of Intent

Re: Staff Planning Committee and Charney Board

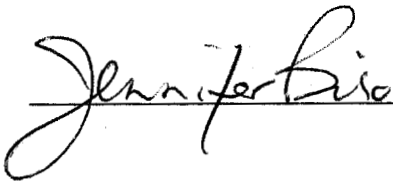
The parties agree that in the event of a dispute between the parties regarding the implementation of Article 10.01 and 10.04, the matter may be submitted to a Board of Arbitration chaired by one of L. Davie, or G. Charney or such others as determined by the committee referenced below. The Chair shall be appointed on a rotating basis giving due consideration to availability.

The parties agree that in order to address process and implementation issues regarding the application of Article 10.01 and 10.04, a joint Committee will be established between the Union and the participating hospitals to discuss and reach agreement on improvements to the existing process. In reviewing the existing process the Committee will be giving consideration to the interest of both parties in a timely resolution to disputes.

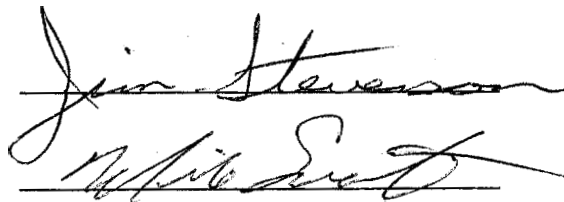
The Committee will meet within 90 days of ratification to commence discussions and it is understood that the work of the Committee will be completed within 120 days of the ratification date.

SIGNED AT NEWMARKET THIS 23 DAY OF Sept. 2005

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the party of the First Part has hereby  
affixed its corporate seal under the hands of its proper officers,  
and the Party of the Second Part has **caused its** proper officers to  
affix their signatures on the day and year first above written.

Dated at Newmarket this 23 day of September 2005.

FOR THE HOSPITAL

Jim Stevenson  
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## **LOCAL PROVISIONS APPENDIX L**

### **ARTICLE L2 SCOPE and RECOGNITION**

2.01 The Hospital recognizes the Union as the sole collective bargaining agent for all its employees at Newmarket, Ontario, save and except professional medical staff, registered nurses, graduate nurses and undergraduate nurses (R.N.), graduate pharmacists, undergraduate pharmacists, graduate dietitians, student dietitians, technical personnel, supervisors, foremen, persons above the rank of supervisor or foreman, chief engineer, office staff and persons regularly employed for not more than twenty- four hours per week.

### **ARTICLE L3 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

3.01 The Union acknowledges that it is the exclusive function of the Hospital to hire, promote, demote, transfer and suspend employees and also the right of the Hospital to discipline or discharge any employee for cause, provided that a claim by an employee who has acquired seniority that he has been discharged or disciplined without reasonable cause may be the subject of a grievance and dealt with as hereinafter provided.

3.02 The Union further recognizes the right of the Hospital to operate and manage the Hospital in all respects in accordance with its commitments and its obligations and responsibilities. The right to decide on the number of employees needed by the Hospital at any time, the right to use modern methods, machinery and equipment, and jurisdiction over all operations, building and equipment in the Hospital at Newmarket, Ontario, are solely and exclusively the responsibility of the Hospital. The Hospital also has the right to make and alter from time to time rules and regulations to be observed by the employees, but before altering any such rules, the Employer will discuss same with the Union Grievance Committee and give them an opportunity of making representations with regard to such proposed alterations. The Hospital agrees that any such rules shall not conflict with the provisions of this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE L7 GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**

The committee shall consist of the chief steward and not more than 8 employees.

Not more than three (3) members of the Grievance Committee shall meet with Management at any one time.

All members of the Grievance Committee shall be regular employees of the Hospital who have acquired seniority.

## **towards**

The Hospital will recognize a Chief Steward and two (2) stewards from each of the following departments of the Hospital; Food Services, Housekeeping, Material Management, Maintenance, Engineering and Ambulance. There shall be three (3) stewards from the Nursing Department.

The Chief Steward will be allowed from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday of each week to conduct union business.

The Hospital agrees to permit stewards to wear an approved stewards' identification badge while on duty.

## **ARTICLE L9**

### Seniority Lists

Seniority lists will be revised every six months and a copy will be provided to the Chief Steward and the Union Office. Employees will be permitted to examine the seniority list in the Personnel Office at any reasonable time.

## **ARTICLE L13**

### Utilization of RPN skills:

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

(ii) The Hospital agrees to provide education for current RPN's for the additional skills which the Hospital requires them to perform.

## **ARTICLE 15 - UNION LEAVE**

This leave of absence shall be for not more than two (2) employees at any one time and will be limited to one employee from any one Department. No such leaves of absence shall be for a period in excess of one week each, and total a period of more than three weeks in any Agreement year.

## **ARTICLE L16 - HOURS OR WORK**

### 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 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.

Insofar as it is practicable do so, for those employees who are presently scheduled off work every second weekend, the practice will continue.

16.05 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.

16.06(a) It is agreed that the intent of this Agreement is to provide as far as possible, work schedules for full-time employees with five work days in each week and ten work days in each two weeks, with the time off in each being given wherever possible, on consecutive days. It is further agreed that the arrangements of the work schedule is governed by the efficient operation of the Hospital, and by the decision of the Hospital as to the number of staff required to be on duty at any one time.

Where practicable, employees' work schedules will be posted two weeks in advance of the schedules becoming effective. Employee requests for specific days off must, except in case of emergency, be submitted to the Department Head one week in advance of the normal posting date of the schedule concerned.

- (b) Once posted, employees' work schedules shall not be altered without the mutual Agreement of the Department Head and the employee(s) concerned, provided that in respect of a shift exchange requested and signed by employees concerned and approved by the Department Head, the Hospital will not be responsible or liable for overtime rate claims nor for any infringement of this



Article which might accrue or arise consequent upon such an exchange of shifts.

- (c) The Hospital may allow an exchange of shifts at the request of two (2) employees provided that its approval is obtained in advance and that no additional cost to the Hospital results from such exchange of shifts.
- (d) Changes to the posted work schedule shall be brought to the attention of the employee. Where less than sixteen (16) hours' notice is given personally to the employee, time and one-half (1 1/2) of the employee's regular straight time hourly rate will be paid for all hours worked on the first shift of the new schedule.
- (f) An 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.

#### **ARTICLE L18 - ALLOWANCES**

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.

#### **ARTICLE L 19 HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- (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.

#### **ARTICLE L20 - PAID HOLIDAYS**

(a) The recognized holidays with pay for this Agreement shall be:

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| New Year's Day   | Christmas Day             |
| Good Friday      | Boxing Day                |
| Victoria Day     | Second Monday in February |
| Canada Day       | First Monday in June      |
| Civic Holiday    | Employee's Birthday       |
| Labour Day       |                           |
| Thanksgiving Day |                           |

It is further agreed that in the event 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 second Monday in February holiday provided for under this Collective Agreement as the Hospital and the Union may agree upon.

Due to the nature of the services necessary in a Hospital many of the employees may be required to work on these holidays.

#### ARTICLE L25 WAGES AND CLASSIFICATIONS

- (a) During the lifetime of this Agreement the Hospital agrees to pay and the Union agrees to accept the scale of wages as set out in Schedule "A" attached hereto, which is hereby made a part of this Agreement.
- (b) Each Hospital Orderly II who has completed twelve continuous months of employment from the date on which he was so classified by the Hospital and who has performed his duties satisfactorily during the period of his employment will be given an opportunity to take an examination prescribed by the Hospital.

Upon successful completion of the examination the employee will be promoted to Orderly I. His salary when he is promoted shall be the Orderly I salary immediately above that which he was receiving in his previous classification and his anniversary date for the purpose of determining his entitlement to subsequent salary increases shall be the date of his promotion to Orderly I. The employee may be permitted to take the examination prior to the completion of the prescribed period of service at the discretion of the Hospital, if his experience and ability are such as to indicate that he could be expected to be successful.

**An** employee who fails to pass such examination and who continues to perform his duties satisfactorily will be given a second opportunity to take such an examination not later than six months following the date on which he was first examined. If he should fail to pass the examination on the second attempt, the Hospital shall have the option of terminating his service.

- (c) **An** R.P.N. is required to present to the Director of Nursing or her designee before February 15th of each year her current certificate of competence. Failure to provide proof of certification by the above date, will result in reclassification to rate of non-certified R.P.N. (less \$30). Reinstatement to the status of R.P.N. shall be effective the first pay period following the date of presentation of proof of certification as above.
- 26.02(a) Each employee shall conform to the timekeeping requirements of the Hospital. Failure to do so may be the cause for disciplinary action.
- (b) Employees desiring to leave the Hospital premises prior to the normal quitting time, exclusive of meal periods must obtain permission from the Department Head before leaving their work. Employees arriving late will be penalized.

- (c) Employees must report to their respective supervisors in uniform, at the commencement of their shifts, and remain in uniform for the full working shift.
- 26.03 (a) The Hospital undertakes to instruct all members of its supervisory staff to co-operate with the stewards in the carrying out of the terms and requirements of this Agreement.
- (b) The Union undertakes to secure from its officers, stewards and members their co-operation with the Hospital and with all persons representing the Hospital in any supervisory capacity.
- 26.04 (a) The Hospital agrees that wages shall be paid on the regular pay day every two weeks except when interfered with by the occurrence of a statutory or civic holiday.
- In this case, the regular pay day shall be advanced one day. The bi-weekly pay shall be computed by multiplying the monthly rate by twelve and dividing by twenty-six.
- (b) Employees will be paid during working hours and usually during the last shift worked on the regular pay day. Any alleged shortage in an employee's pay cheque will be corrected within one payroll working day after it has been reported and substantiated.

## ARTICLE L30 MISCELLANEOUS

### Bulletin Boards

- (a) The Hospital will provide bulletin boards in mutually satisfactory locations for the convenience of the Union in posting notices of Union activity. All such notices must be signed by the proper officer of the Local Union and be submitted to the Administrator, or his authorized representative for approval before being posted. Keys to the board or boards are to be in the custody of the Administrator.
- (b) Each employee shall conform to the timekeeping requirements of the Hospital. Failure to do so may be the cause for disciplinary action.
- (c) Employees desiring to leave the Hospital premises prior to the normal quitting time, exclusive of meal periods must obtain permission from the Department Head before leaving their work. Employees arriving late will be penalized.
- (d) Upon successful completion of the examination the employee will be promoted to Orderly I. His salary when he is promoted shall be the Orderly I salary immediately above that which he **was** receiving in his previous classification and his anniversary date for the purpose

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- (g) Employees desiring to leave the Hospital premises prior to the normal quitting time, exclusive of meal periods must obtain permission from the Department Head before leaving their work. Employees arriving late will be penalized.
- (h) Employees must report to their respective supervisors in uniform, at the commencement of their shifts, and remain in uniform for the full working shift.
- (i) The Hospital undertakes to instruct all members of its supervisory staff to co-operate with the stewards in the carrying out of the terms and requirements of this Agreement.
- (j) The Union undertakes to secure from its officers, stewards and members their co-operation with the Hospital and with all persons representing the Hospital in any supervisory capacity.
- (k) The Hospital agrees that wages shall be paid on the regular pay day every two weeks except when interfered with by the occurrence of a statutory or civic holiday.' In this case, the regular pay day shall be advanced one day. The bi-weekly pay shall be computed by multiplying the monthly rate by twelve and dividing by twenty-six.

- (1) Employees will be paid during working hours and usually during the last shift worked on the regular pay day. Any alleged shortage in an employee's pay cheque will be corrected within one payroll working day after it has been reported and substantiated.

Printing of Agreement

- (m) The Hospital will pay 50% of the cost of printing the collective labour agreement. Arrangements for the printing will be made jointly by the Hospital and the Union.
- (n) When an employee is transferred at his own request or by the Hospital for the employee's benefit so as to avoid laying him or her off, then the employee shall immediately be paid the one year rate of the classification to which he or she is transferred and shall progress within the scale for that job classification according to length of service within the classification subsequent to the date of transfer.
- (o) When an employee is transferred from a higher-rated job classification to a lower-rated job classification for the convenience of the Hospital and the ease of its operation, he or she shall continue to be paid as though they were employed in the job classification in which they were previously working, unless the final rate in the new classification is higher than in the former classification in which they were previously working, in which case the employee shall retain his or her attained rate, but progress in the wage scale according to length of service in the new classification.
- (p) Accurate job descriptions will be made available to each employee.

# SCHEDULE "A"

## SEIU - SERVICE FULL-TIME

### JOB CLASSIFICATION AND WAGES

| Classification                   | Effective Date | Start | 6 months | 1 year | 2 years | 3 years |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| Dietary Aide                     | Oct.11/01      | 15.92 |          | 16.06  | 16.22   |         |
| Housekeeping/<br>Cleaner         | Oct.11/02      | 16.40 |          | 16.56  | 16.72   |         |
| Porter                           | Oct.11/03      | 16.89 |          | 17.06  | 17.21   |         |
| Service Asst.                    | Oct.11/01      | 16.33 |          | 16.49  | 16.63   |         |
|                                  | Oct.11/02      | 16.82 |          | 16.98  | 17.13   |         |
|                                  | Oct.11/03      | 17.32 |          | 17.49  | 17.64   |         |
| Cook/Baker                       | Oct.11/01      | 16.63 |          | 16.76  | 16.94   |         |
|                                  | Oct.11/02      | 17.13 |          | 17.26  | 19.45   |         |
|                                  | Oct.11/03      | 17.64 |          | 17.78  | 17.97   |         |
| Decontam Worker<br>Or Inst. Tech | Oct.11/01      | 16.13 |          | 16.28  | 16.44   |         |
|                                  | Oct.11/02      | 16.61 |          | 16.77  | 16.93   |         |
|                                  | Oct.11/03      | 17.11 |          | 17.27  | 17.44   |         |
| RPN OR Tech                      | Oct.11/01      | 19.72 |          | 19.85  | 20.06   |         |
|                                  | Oct.11/02      | 20.31 |          | 20.45  | 20.66   |         |
|                                  | Oct.11/03      | 20.92 |          | 21.06  | 21.28   |         |
| RPN Non - Reg.                   | Oct.11/01      | 19.54 |          |        |         |         |
|                                  | Oct.11/02      | 20.13 |          |        |         |         |
|                                  | Oct.11/03      | 20.74 |          |        |         |         |
| Maint. Mechanic                  | Oct.11/01      | 18.46 | 18.79    |        |         |         |
|                                  | Oct.11/02      | 19.01 | 19.35    |        |         |         |
|                                  | Oct.11/03      | 19.58 | 19.93    |        |         |         |
| MAINT. PAINTER<br>PRINTER        | Oct.11/01      | 19.26 | 19.58    |        |         |         |
|                                  | Oct.11/02      | 19.84 | 20.17    |        |         |         |
|                                  | Oct.11/03      | 20.43 | 20.77    |        |         |         |
|                                  |                |       |          |        |         |         |

| Classification           | Effective Date | Start | 6 Months | 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 years |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
|                          |                |       |          |        |         |         |
|                          |                |       |          |        |         |         |
| Engineer III.            | Oct.11/01      | 19.74 | 20.06    |        |         |         |
|                          | Oct.11/02      | 20.33 | 20.66    |        |         |         |
|                          | Oct.11/03      | 20.94 | 21.28    |        |         |         |
|                          |                |       |          |        |         |         |
| Maint. Journeymen        | Oct.11/01      | 21.04 | 21.36    |        |         |         |
| Licensed Eng. III/Maint. | Oct.11/02      | 21.67 | 22.00    |        |         |         |
| Journeyman.              | Oct.11/03      | 22.32 | 22.66    |        |         |         |
|                          |                |       |          |        |         |         |
| Bio-Med Tech.            | Oct.11/01      | 23.01 |          |        |         |         |
|                          | Oct.11/02      | 23.70 |          |        |         |         |
|                          | Oct.11/03      | 24.41 |          |        |         |         |
|                          |                |       |          |        |         |         |
| RPN OR Tech.             | Oct.11/01      | 19.72 |          | 19.85  | 20.06   |         |
|                          | Oct.11/02      | 20.31 |          | 20.45  | 20.66   |         |
|                          | Oct.11/03      | 20.92 |          | 21.06  | 21.28   |         |
|                          |                |       |          |        |         |         |
| RPN NON - REG            | Oct.11/01      | 19.54 |          |        |         |         |
|                          | Oct.11/02      | 20.13 |          |        |         |         |
|                          | Oct.11/03      | 20.74 |          |        |         |         |
|                          |                |       |          |        |         |         |
| Main Mechanic            | Oct.11/01      | 18.46 | 18.79    |        |         |         |
|                          | Oct.11/02      | 19.01 | 19.35    |        |         |         |
|                          | Oct.11/03      | 19.58 | 19.93    |        |         |         |
|                          |                |       |          |        |         |         |
|                          |                |       |          |        |         |         |
| PRINTER                  |                |       |          |        |         |         |
|                          | Oct.11/02      | 19.84 | 20.17    |        |         |         |
|                          | Oct.11/03      | 20.43 | 20.77    |        |         |         |
|                          |                |       |          |        |         |         |
| Storeperson              | Oct.11/01      | 16.22 |          | 16.42  | 16.55   |         |
|                          | Oct.11/02      | 16.71 |          | 16.91  | 17.05   |         |
|                          | Oct.11/03      | 17.21 |          | 17.42  | 17.56   |         |
|                          | Mar.30/03      | 17.62 |          | 17.83  | 17.97   |         |



| -----  | Effective Date | Start | 6 Months | 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 years |
|--|----------------|-------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| Engineer III   | Oct.11/01      | 19.74 | 20.06    |        |         |         |
|  | Oct.11/02      | 20.33 | 20.66    |        |         |         |
|  | Oct.11/03      | 20.94 | 21.28    |        |         |         |
| Maint.<br>Journeymen<br>Licensed<br>Eng.111/Maint.<br>Journeyman | Oct.11/01      | 21.04 | 21.36    |        |         |         |
|  | Oct.1//02      | 21.67 | 22.00    |        |         |         |
|  | Oct.11/03      | 22.32 | 22.66    |        |         |         |
| Bio-Med Tech.  | Oct.11/01      | 23.01 |          |        |         |         |
|  | Oct.11/02      | 23.70 |          |        |         |         |
|  | Oct.11/03      | 24.41 |          |        |         |         |
| Sr. Bio-Med Tech.  | Oct. 11/02     | 25.76 |          |        |         |         |
|  | Oct. 11/03     | 26.53 |          |        |         |         |
| OR Room Attd.  | Oct.11/01      | 17.00 |          | 17.17  | 17.34   |         |
| Procedure Aide   | Oct.11/02      | 17.51 |          | 17.69  | 17.86   |         |
|  | Mar.30/03      | 17.91 |          | 18.09  | 18.26   |         |
|  | Oct.11/03      | 18.45 |          | 18.63  | 18.81   |         |
| SPD Tech.  | Oct.11/01      | 17.00 |          |        |         |         |
| SPD Tech. 1 & 11   | Oct.11/01      | 16.44 | 17.00    | 17.17  | 17.34   |         |
| Combined Aug 4/02  | Aug. 4/02      | 16.93 | 17.51    | 17.69  |         |         |
|  | Mar. 30/03     | 17.33 | 17.91    | 18.09  |         |         |
|  | Oct. 11/03     | 17.85 | 18.45    | 18.63  |         |         |
| Sr. Ortho. Tech  | Oct.11/01      | 23.18 |          | 23.94  | 24.71   |         |
|  | Oct.11/02      | 23.88 |          | 24.66  | 25.45   |         |
|  | Oct.11/03      | 24.59 |          | 25.40  | 26.21   |         |
| Ortho. tegh  | Oct.11/01      | 20.06 |          | 20.92  | 21.78   |         |
|  | Oct.11/02      | 20.66 |          | 21.55  | 22.43   |         |
|  | Oct.11/03      | 21.28 |          | 22.19  | 23.11   |         |
| Inventory Cl.  | Oct.11/01      | 18.50 | 18.87    | 19.25  | 19.64   | 20.07   |
|  | Oct.11/02      | 19.06 | 19.44    | 19.83  | 20.23   | 20.67   |
|  | Oct.11/03      | 19.63 | 20.02    | 20.42  | 20.84   | 21.29   |

Notes:

1. Porters who may be required to transport cash and/or collecting laboratory samples by truck from other institutions will be paid twenty (0.20) cents an hour for the time spent in the performance of such duties.
2. RPN hired without their registration will be paid eighteen (0.18) cents per hour less than the RPN start rate until they receive their registration.

## MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING

1. Re: Southlake Regional Health Centre

Ambulance Department

Extended Tours/Compressed Work Week

1. Vacation

Vacation time will be based on hours.

1 Week = 37.5 hours  
2 Weeks = 75.0 hours  
3 Weeks = 112.5 hours  
4 Weeks = 150.0 hours  
5 Weeks = 225.0 hours

2. Statutory Holidays

It is agreed that extended tours/compressed work week will not result in additional payout by the Hospital.

3. Court Appearance/Jury Duty

as per contract

4. Bereavement Leave

as per contract

5. Sick Time

Sick time will be based on hours.

i.e. employee scheduled to work 12 hours will receive 12 hours at sick time as per Agreement

employee scheduled to work 6 hours will receive 6 hours at sick time as per Agreement

6. Shift Premium

Will be paid on all non day shift hours

ie: Shift commencing at 19:00 hours and terminating at 07:00

7. Overtime

Overtime will be paid on all hours worked above regular scheduled hours.

8. Hours of Work

The number of hours per week prescribed shall be computed as a weekly average over one (1) year. For the one (1) year averaging period, the hours of work are as follows:

- 1950 hours, which corresponds to a 37 1/2 hour week

2 Re: Uniform Allowance

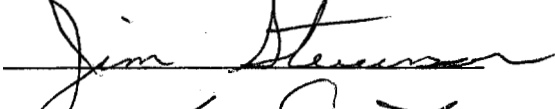

This Letter of Understanding is attached to and forms part of the Collective Agreement.

A uniform allowance of \$70.00 per year will be provided to full-time R.P.N.'s. This payment will be paid in a lump sum in the first period of November of each year.

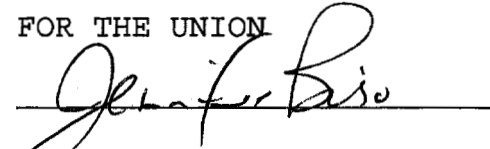

All other Service members who are required to wear a uniform by the Hospital will be supplied with up to five uniforms as needed. Service members will launder their own uniforms.

Signed at Newmarket this 23 day of Sept. 2005

FOR THE HOSPITAL

FOR THE UNION









LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE NEWMARKET

FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME SERVICE

AND

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 1.0N

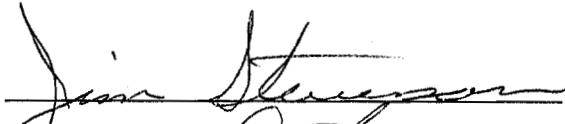
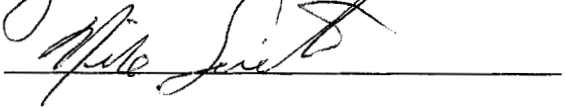
The parties agree to be bound by the decision of the Local issues Arbitration Board (Kaplan) with respect to the following local issues:

1: The Registered Practical Nurses rate of pay.

Once the award is issued the terms will be implemented as per the award and be deemed to form part of this collective agreement.

Dated at Newmarket, this 23 day of Sept. 2005

SOUTHLAKE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTRE

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 1.0N

