

# COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

between

**THE AKLAVIK HOUSING AUTHORITY**

and

**THE PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE OF CANADA**

as represented by its Component:

**The Union of Northern Workers**

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## **ARTICLE 1**

### **PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT**

- 1.01 The purpose of this Agreement is to maintain harmonious and mutually beneficial relationships between the Employer, the employees and the Union, to set forth certain terms and conditions of employment relating to pay, hours of work, employee benefits and general working conditions affecting employees covered by this Agreement and to ensure that all reasonable measures are provided for the safety and occupational health of the employees.
- 1.02 The parties to this Agreement share a desire to improve the quality, to promote well-being and increase the productivity of the employees to the end that the Housing Association will be well and efficiently served. Accordingly, the parties are determined to establish, within the framework provided by law, an effective working relationship at all levels in which members of the Bargaining Unit are employed.

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **TERMINOLOGY**

2.01 For the purpose of this Agreement:

- (a) "Alliance" means the Public Service Alliance of Canada;
- (b) "Allowance" means compensation payable to an employee in addition to his regular remuneration payable for the performance of the duties of his position;
- (c) "Association" means the Aklavik Housing Association;
- (d) "Bargaining Unit" means all employees of Aklavik Housing Association, excluding the Manager or Secretary/Manager, as certified by the Canada Labour Relations Board on August 4, 1983;
- (e) "Continuous employment" means:
  - (i) with reference to reappointment of a lay-off, his employment in the position held by him at the time he was laid off and his employment in the position to which he is appointed shall constitute continuous employment;
  - (ii) where an employee ceases to be employed for a reason other than

dismissal, abandonment of position or rejection on probation and is reemployed within a period of three (3) months, his periods of employment for purposes of sick leave, vacation leave and travel benefits shall be considered as continuous employment with the Housing Association;

- (f) "Casual Employee" means a person employed by the Employer for work of a temporary nature not to exceed six (6) continuous months;
- (g) "Compensatory Leave" means that leave with pay taken in lieu of a cash payment;
- (h) "Day of Rest" in relation to an employee means a day other than a holiday on which that employee is not ordinarily required to perform the duties of his position, other than by reason of his being on leave of absence;
- (i) "Demotion" means the appointment of an employee for reasons of incompetence or incapacity, to a new position for which the maximum pay is less than that of his former position;
- (j) "Dependent" means a person who is the employee's spouse (including common-law), child, step child, adopted child who is under nineteen (19) years of age and dependent upon him/her for support or being nineteen (19) years of age or more and dependent upon him/her by reason of mental or physical infirmity or any other relative of the employee's household who is wholly dependent upon him/her for support by reason of mental or physical infirmity;
- (k) "Employee" means a member of the Bargaining Unit;
- (l) "Employer" means the Aklavik Housing Association;
- (m) "Fiscal Year" means the period of time from April 1 in one year, to March 31 of the following year;
- (n) "Grievance" means a complaint in writing that an employee, group of employees or the Union submits to the Employer, or that the Employer submits to the Union, to be processed through the grievance procedure.
- (o) "Holiday" means the twenty-four (24) hour period commencing at 12 midnight at the beginning of a day designated as a paid holiday in this Agreement;
- (p) "Lay-off" means an employee whose employment has been terminated because of lack of work or lack of funding;

- (q) "Leave of Absence" means absence from duty with the Employer's permission;
- (r) "Manager" means the Secretary Manager of the Aklavik Housing Association;
- (s) "May" shall be regarded as permissive and "Shall" and "Will" as imperative;
- (t) "Membership Fees" means the fees established pursuant to the By-Laws of the Public Service Alliance of Canada as the fees payable by the members of the Bargaining Unit;
- (u) "Overtime" means work performed by an employee before or after or in excess or outside of his regularly scheduled hours of work;
- (v) "Probation" means a period of six (6) months from the day upon which an employee is first appointed to the Housing Association or a period of three (3) months after an employee has been transferred or promoted. If an employee does not successfully complete his probationary period on transfer or promotion the Employer will make every reasonable effort to appoint him to a position comparable to one from which he was transferred or promoted;
- (w) "Promotion" means the appointment of an employee to a new position, the rate of pay of which exceeds that of his former position;
- (x) "Rates of Pay" means:
  - (i) "weekly rate of pay" means an employee's annual salary divided by **52.176;**
  - (ii) "daily rate of pay" means an employee's weekly rate of pay divided by five (5);
  - (iii) "hourly rate of pay" means an employee's daily rate of pay divided by his regularly scheduled daily hours of work or where an employee is paid by the hour, the rate of pay established by the Employer for his employment.
- (y) "Representative" means an employee who has been elected or appointed as a steward or who represents the Union at meetings with management and who is authorized to represent the Union.

(z) "Transfer" means the appointment of an employee to a new position, that does not constitute a promotion or demotion.

(aa)"Union" means the Public Service Alliance of Canada as represented by its agent the Union of Northern Workers.

(bb)"Week" for the purposes of this Agreement shall be deemed to commence on Monday and terminate at midnight on Sunday.

2.02 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, expressions used in this Agreement:

(a) if defined in the Labour Standards Act or in the Regulations made thereunder, have the same meaning as given to them in that Act; and

(b) if defined in the Interpretation Act, but not defined in the Act mentioned in paragraph (a), have the same meaning as given to them in the Interpretation Act.

2.03 Where the masculine gender is used, it shall be considered to include the feminine gender unless any provision of this Agreement otherwise specifies.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **RECOGNITION**

3.01 The Employer recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining agent for all employees as described in the Certification Order issued by the Canada Labour Relations Board, dated August 4, 1983.

#### **Discrimination**

3.02 The Employer and the Union agree that there shall be no discrimination, interference, restriction or coercion exercised or practised with respect to any employee by reason of age, sex, race, creed, colour, national origin, political or religious affiliation nor by reason of Union membership or activity. Affirmative Action programs will not be deemed to be discriminatory.

### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **APPLICATION**

4.01 The provisions of this Agreement apply to the Union, the employees and the Employer.

- 4.02 The Employer and the Union shall share equally all costs related to the printing and distribution of this Collective Agreement. The Union shall facilitate said printing and distribution.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **SECURITY OF INSTRUMENT**

#### **Future Legislation**

- 5.01 In the event that any law passed by Parliament or the NWT Legislative Assembly renders null and void or alters any provision of this Agreement, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain in effect for the term of the Agreement. When this occurs the Collective Agreement shall be reopened upon the request of either party and negotiations shall commence with a view to finding an appropriate substitute of equal value for the annulled or altered provision.

#### **Conflict of Provisions**

- 5.02 Where there is any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and any policy, direction or other instrument dealing with terms and conditions of employment issued by the Employer, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

## **ARTICLE 6**

### **STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS**

- 6.01 There shall be no lockout by the Employer and no interruption or impeding of work, work stoppage, strike, sit-down, slowdown or any other interference with production by any employee or employees during the life of this Agreement.
- 6.02 Any employee who participates in any interruption or impeding of work, work stoppage, strike, sit-down, slowdown or an other interference with production during the life of this Agreement may be disciplined by the Employer.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **MANAGERIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 7.01 Management shall exercise its rights in a manner that is fair, reasonable and consistent with the terms of this Agreement.



## ARTICLE 8

### RESTRICTION ON OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

- 8.01 An employee can carry on any business or employment outside his regularly scheduled hours of duty without interference from the Housing Association.
- 8.02 Employees are prohibited from carrying on any business or employment outside their regularly scheduled hours of duty when such business or employment is such that:
- (a) a conflict of duties may develop between an employee's regular work and his outside interests; and
  - (b) certain knowledge and information available only to Aklavik Housing Association personnel place the individual in a position where he can exploit the knowledge or information for personal gain.

## ARTICLE 9

### CONSULTATION

- 9.01 The Employer will consult with the Labour Management Committee prior to issuing any directives that are intended to clarify the interpretation or application of the Collective Agreement.

## ARTICLE 10

### ACCESS TO WORK PREMISES

- 10.01 Upon reasonable notice and at reasonable times the Employer shall permit access to its work premises of an accredited representative of the Union.

## ARTICLE 11

### APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE

- 11.01 The Employer acknowledges the right of the Union to appoint employees as representatives. The Union will provide the Employer with the name of its representative and alternates within a reasonable period.

## ARTICLE 12

### TIME OFF FOR UNION BUSINESS

#### Conciliation and Arbitration Hearings

##### Disputes

- 12.01 (a) The Employer will grant leave with pay to one (1) employee representing the Union before a Conciliation or Arbitration Board hearing;

##### Employee called as a Witness

- (b) The Employer will grant leave with pay to an employee called as a witness before a Conciliation or Arbitration Board hearing and leave with pay to an employee called as a witness by the Union.

##### Arbitration Hearing (Grievance)

- 12.02 (a) The Employer will grant leave with pay to an employee who is a party to the grievance which is before an Arbitration Board.

##### Employee who acts as a Representative

- (b) Where operational requirements permit, the Employer will grant leave with pay to the representative of an employee who is a party to the grievance.

##### Employee called as a Witness

- (c) Where operational requirements permit, the Employer will grant leave with pay to a witness called by an employee who is a party to the grievance.
- 12.03 Where an employee and his representative are involved in the process of his grievance and where operational requirements permit, he or they shall be granted reasonable time off:
- (a) when the discussions take place in the Hamlet of Aklavik, leave with pay;  
and
- (b) when the discussions take place outside the Hamlet of Aklavik, leave without pay.

### Contract Negotiation Meetings

12.04 Where operational requirements permit, the Employer will grant leave with pay for two (2) employees for the purpose of attending contract negotiations on behalf of the Union, for the duration of such negotiations.

### Preparatory Contract Negotiation Meetings

12.05 When operational requirements permit, the Employer will grant leave with pay to two (2) employees to attend a reasonable number of preparatory negotiations meetings.

### Meetings between Employee Organizations and Management

12.06 When operational requirements permit, the Employer will grant time off with pay to one (1) employee who is meeting with management on behalf of the Union.

### Employee Organization Executive Council Meetings, Congress and Conventions

12.07 When operational requirements permit, the Employer will grant reasonable leave without pay to a reasonable number of employees to attend executive council meetings and conventions of the Alliance, the Component (Union of Northern Workers), the Canadian Labour Congress and the NWT Federation of Labour.

### Representatives Training Course

12.08 When operational requirements permit, the Employer will grant reasonable leave without pay to employees who exercise the authority of a representative on behalf of the Union, to undertake training related to the duties of a representative.

### Time Off for Representatives

12.09 (1) A representative shall obtain the permission of his immediate supervisor before leaving his work to investigate a grievance, to meet with management for the purpose of dealing with grievances and to attend meetings called by management. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(2) The representative shall make every reasonable effort to report back to his supervisor before resuming his normal duties.

12.10 When operational requirements permit and upon reasonable notice, the Employer will grant leave without pay for one (1) employee:

(a) to participate as a delegate to constitutional conferences or other similar forums mandated by Federal or Territorial legislation; and

(b) to present briefs to commissions, boards and hearings that are mandated by Territorial legislation or the Federal Government.

### **ARTICLE 13**

#### **CHECK OFF**

13.01 The Employer will, as a condition of employment, deduct an amount equal to the amount of Membership Fees from the pay of all employees in the Bargaining Unit.

13.02 The Alliance shall inform the Employer in writing of the Membership Fees to be deducted for each employee within the Bargaining Unit.

13.03 For the purpose of applying Article 13.01, deductions from pay for each employee will occur on a biweekly basis and will apply to the extent that earnings are available. Where an employee does not have sufficient earnings in respect of any biweekly period to permit deduction, the Employer shall not be obligated to make such deductions from subsequent salary.

13.04 For the duration of this Agreement, no employee organization, other than Alliance, shall be permitted to have Membership Fees deducted by the Employer from the pay of the employees in the Bargaining Unit.

13.05 The amounts deducted in accordance with Article 13.01, shall be remitted to the Comptroller of the Alliance by cheque within a reasonable period of time after deductions are made and shall be accompanied by particulars identifying each employee and the deductions made on his behalf.

13.06 The Alliance agrees to indemnify and save the Employer harmless against any claim or liability arising out of the application of this Article, except for any claim or liability arising out of an error committed by the Employer.

13.07 The Employer agrees to identify annually on each employee's T-4 slip the total amount of Membership Fees deducted for the preceding year.

### **ARTICLE 14**

#### **INFORMATION**

14.01 (1) The Employer agrees to provide the Union once per month of change occurring in the Bargaining Unit, with the name, address, job title, rate of pay and social insurance number of all employees in the Bargaining Unit. The Union shall be notified of employees not paying Union dues due to leave and

the type of leave.

(2) The Employer shall indicate which employees have been recruited or transferred and those employees who have been struck off strength during the period reported.

- 14.02 The Employer shall provide each employee with a copy of the Collective Agreement.
- 14.03 The Employer agrees to provide each new member of the Bargaining Unit with a copy of the Collective Agreement upon his appointment.
- 14.04 If requested by an Employee, the Employer and the Union will share the costs of providing a translated copy of the Collective Agreement. Should any dispute arise between versions of the Collective Agreement, the English version shall govern.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **PROVISION OF BULLETIN BOARD SPACE AND OTHER FACILITIES**

- 15.01 The Employer shall provide bulletin board space in each location, clearly identified for exclusive Union use, for the posting of notices pertaining to elections, appointments, meeting dates, news items and social and recreational affairs.
- 15.02 The Employer shall make available to Union specific locations on the premises, for the placement of bulk quantities of literature of the Union.
- 15.03 Upon reasonable notice and when the space is available, the Employer shall make available to the Union and the members of the Bargaining Unit a suitable meeting room for each local or branch, to be used from time to time for the conducting of business relating to the Bargaining Unit.
- 15.04 The Employer will deliver any mail originating from the Union addressed to members, in accordance with the Employer's normal internal mail distribution system.
- 15.05 At the reasonable discretion of the Manager, the present policy of permitting reasonable access for employees to utilize Housing Association facilities or equipment, excluding vehicles, outside of business hours will continue.

## ARTICLE 16

### DESIGNATED PAID HOLIDAYS

16.01 (1) The following days are Designated Paid Holidays for employees covered by this Collective Agreement:

- (a) New Year's Day;
- (b) Good Friday;
- (c) Easter Monday;
- (d) The day fixed by proclamation of the Governor in Council for the celebration of the Birthday of the Sovereign;
- (e) Aboriginal Day;
- (f) Canada Day;
- (g) The first Monday in August or another day fixed by order of the Commissioner of the NWT;
- (h) Labour Day;
- (i) The day fixed by Order of the Commissioner as a general day of Thanksgiving;
- (j) Remembrance Day;
- (k) Christmas Day;
- (l) Boxing Day;
- (m) One (1) additional day when proclaimed by an Act of Parliament as a National Holiday;
- (n) One (1) or more additional days when proclaimed by the Mayor of the Hamlet of Aklavik.

(2) Where the Commissioner of the NWT agrees to provide the majority of employees in any community with time off in support of a community function, those employees who are unable to take advantage of the time off subject to operational requirements, employees will be granted time off with pay.

(3) Article 16.01 does not apply to an employee who is absent without pay on both the working day immediately preceding and the working day following the Designated Paid Holiday, except with the approval of the Employer.

#### Holiday Falling on a Day of Rest

16.02 When a Designated Paid Holiday coincides with an employee's day of rest, the Designated Paid Holiday shall be moved to the employee's first working day following his day of rest.

16.03 When a Designated Paid Holiday for an employee is moved to another day under the provisions of Article 16.02:

(a) work performed by an employee on the day from which the Designated Paid Holiday was moved shall be considered as work performed on a day of rest; and

(b) work performed by an employee on the day to which the Designated Paid Holiday was moved, shall be considered as work performed on a Designated Paid Holiday.

16.04 When the Employer requires an employee to work on a Designated Paid Holiday as part of his regularly scheduled hours of duty or as overtime when he is not scheduled to work, he shall be paid in addition to the pay that he would have been granted had he not worked on the holiday:

(a) one and one-half (1½ X) times his hourly rate for the first four (4) hours worked; and

(b) twice (2 X) his hourly rate for hours worked in excess of four (4) hours.

16.05 Where a day that is a Designated Paid Holiday for an employee falls within a period of leave with pay, the Designated Paid Holiday shall not count as a day of leave.

16.06 At the request of the employee and where the operational requirements of the Employer permit, an employee shall not be required to work both Christmas and New Year's Day.

## **ARTICLE 17**

### **LEAVE - GENERAL**

17.01 When the employment of an employee who has been granted more vacation, sick leave or special leave with pay than he has earned is terminated, the employee shall be considered to have earned that amount of leave with pay granted to him, provided that:

(a) an employee's employment is terminated by his death;

(b) an employee's employment is terminated by lay-off instituted at any time after he has completed one (1) year or more of continuous employment.

17.02 During the month of April in each year, the Employer shall inform each employee in the Bargaining Unit in writing of the balance of his special, sick, vacation leave and time off with pay credits, as of the 31st day of March.

17.03 If, at the end of the fiscal year, an employee's entitlement to vacation leave with pay includes a fractional entitlement of less or more than one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) day the entitlement shall be increased as follows:

(a) to a half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) day if the fractional entitlement is less than one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) day;

(b) to a full day if the fractional entitlement is more than one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) day.

## **ARTICLE 18**

### **VACATION LEAVE**

#### **Accumulation of Vacation Leave**

18.01 (1) For each month of a fiscal year in which an employee receives ten (10) days pay, he shall earn Vacation Leave at the following rates:

(a) one and one-quarter ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ ) days each month until the month in which the anniversary of the second (2nd) year of continuous service is completed;

(b) one and two-thirds ( $1\frac{2}{3}$ ) days each month commencing in the month after completion of two (2) years of continuous service and ending in the month that seven (7) years of continuous service is completed;

(c) two and one-twelfth ( $2\frac{1}{12}$ ) days each month commencing in the month after completion of seven (7) years of continuous employment and ending in the month that fifteen (15) years of continuous employment is completed;

(d) two and one-half ( $2\frac{1}{2}$ ) days each month commencing in the month after completion of fifteen (15) years of continuous employment and ending in the month that twenty (20) years of continuous employment is completed;

(e) two and eleven-twelfth ( $2\frac{11}{12}$ ) days each month commencing in the month after completion of twenty (20) years of continuous employment.

(2) (a) The accumulated service for permanent employees shall be counted for the improved vacation leave entitlements in paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of Section (1) of this Article.

(b) Part-time employees shall be paid six (6), eight (8), ten (10) or twelve (12) percent of their total earnings in the fiscal year, in accordance with their



accumulated service in lieu of vacation leave to which they would otherwise be entitled.

### Granting of Vacation Leave

18.02 (1) In granting vacation leave with pay to an employee, the Employer shall make every reasonable effort:

- (a) to schedule vacation leave for all employees in the fiscal year in which it is earned;
- (b) not to recall an employee to duty after he has proceeded on vacation leave;
- (c) to grant the employee his vacation leave during the fiscal year in which it is earned, at a time specified by the employee;
- (d) (i) to grant the employee vacation leave for at least up to five (5) consecutive weeks depending upon his vacation entitlements, when so requested by the employee; and
  - (ii) to grant employees their vacation leave preference and where as between two or more employees who have expressed a preference for the same period of vacation leave, length of service with the Housing Association will prevail;
  - (iii) where the operational requirements are such that an employee is not permitted to take his vacation leave during the months of June to September inclusive in one fiscal year, consideration **will** be given to his being granted his vacation leave during the months of June to September in the next fiscal year;
- (e) to grant the employee his vacation leave when specified by the employee if the period of vacation leave is less than a week, providing the employee gives the Employer reasonable advance notice.

(2) The Employer shall make every reasonable effort to reply to the request for vacation leave submitted by the employee, within five (5) days after the request has been received in writing. Where the Employer has proposed to deny the vacation leave requested by the employee, the Employer shall provide the employee with the reasons, in writing, for such denial of vacation leave.

18.03 Where in respect of any period of vacation leave, an employee:

- (a) is granted special leave, when there is a death in his immediate family as

defined in Article 19; or

(b) is granted special leave with pay because of illness in the immediate family as defined in Article 19; or

(c) is granted sick leave on production of a medical certificate;

the period of vacation leave so displaced shall either be added to the vacation period if requested by the employee and approved by the Employer or reinstated for use at a later date.

### Carry Over Provisions

18.04 Employees are not permitted to carry over more vacation leave credits than can be earned in one (1) fiscal year. Vacation leave credits exceeding a one (1) year entitlement will be liquidated in cash in the month of April.

### Recall from Vacation Leave

18.05 When during any period of vacation leave an employee is recalled to duty, he shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses, as normally defined by the Employer, that he incurs:

(a) in proceeding to his place of duty;

(b) in respect of any nonrefundable deposits or prearrangements associated with his vacation;

(c) in returning to the place from which he was recalled, if he immediately resumes vacation upon completing the assignment for which he was recalled;

after submitting such accounts as are normally required by the Employer.

18.06 The employee shall not be considered as being on vacation leave during any period in respect of which he is entitled under Article 18.05 to be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred by him.

### Leave when Employment Terminates

18.07 Where an employee dies or otherwise terminates his employment:

(a) the employee or his estate shall, in lieu of earned but unused vacation leave, be paid an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying the number of days of earned but unused vacation leave by the daily rate of

pay applicable to the employee, immediately prior to the termination of his employment; or

(b) employer shall grant the employee any vacation leave earned but not used by him before the employment is terminated by lay-off, if the employee so requests.

- 18.08 (1) An employee whose employment is terminated by reason of a declaration that he abandoned his position, is entitled to receive the payment referred to in Article 18.07. If after reasonable efforts, the Employer is unable to locate the employee within thirty (30) days of termination, his entitlement shall lapse.
- (2) Excluding extenuating circumstances, an employee will be deemed to have abandoned his position if he has not contacted his Employer within a two (2) week period.

#### Vacation Travel Assistance

- | 18.09 (1) All employees, except casual employees, taking vacation leave are entitled to transportation assistance once each fiscal year. All employees with six (6) or more years of employment are entitled to transportation assistance twice in each fiscal year.
- (2) Notwithstanding Article (1) above, an employee shall not receive transportation assistance under this Article during his first six (6) months of employment with the Housing Association.
- (3) Transportation assistance shall be prorated for employees working less than full-time hours.
- (4) For the first (1st) VTA, transportation assistance shall be provided to employees and their dependents. For the second (2nd) VTA (where applicable) transportation assistance shall be provided to employees only.
- (5) Dependents under age two (2) shall not receive transportation assistance.
- (6) Transportation assistance shall be in cash, equal to the return airfare Aklavik to Edmonton calculated on the following basis:
- (a) 1st VTA - 7 day excursion rate;
- (b) 2nd VTA - 7 day excursion rate.
- (7) Where travel is by means other than scheduled or chartered aircraft a transportation allowance equivalent to the cost involved in 18.09 (6) (a) or (b).

(8) This benefit shall apply to the employee's dependents or spouse, where the employee has declared in a statement that this benefit is not provided to their spouse from any other source.

(9) In order to receive the vacation travel assistance, an employee must be proceeding on vacation leave and be travelling outside the Hamlet.

### Travel Time

18.10 (1) Subject to 18.09, every employee who is proceeding on vacation leave and who is requesting Vacation Travel Assistance shall be granted, once in each fiscal year, in addition to his vacation leave, subject to 18.10(2) travel time with pay for the time required for the return journey between Aklavik and his destination. The amount of travel time to which an employee is entitled is determined in the following manner:

(a) Where the employee travels by air outside of the Hamlet, his travel leave shall be two (2) days.

(b) Where the employee travels by means other than air travel, his travel leave shall be six (6) days.

(2) An employee's travel time entitlement will be granted within the established limit when at least an equal number of days annual leave are liquidated in conjunction with an application for travel time. In cases where a designated paid holiday falls within the period of annual leave, it shall be considered as a day of liquidated leave for determining the entitlement of travel time.

(3) Notwithstanding Article (1), an employee shall not be granted travel time under this Article during his first six (6) months of employment with the Housing Association.

18.11 As of April 1st of each year, an employee may be advanced vacation leave days to a maximum of that which can be earned in the current fiscal year.

## **ARTICLE 19**

### **SPECIAL LEAVE**

#### Credits

19.01 An employee shall earn special leave credits up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) days at the following rates:

(a) one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) day for each calendar month in which he received pay for at

least ten (10) days; or

(b) one-quarter (1/4) day for each calendar month in which he received pay for less than ten (10) days.

As credits are used, they may continue to be earned up to the maximum.

**19.02** For the purposes of this Article, immediate family is defined as an employee's father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, common-law spouse, child, step child, adopted child, grandparent, grandchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law and any relative permanently residing in the employee's household or with whom the employee permanently resides.

(1) The Manager shall grant special leave earned with pay for a period of up to five (5) consecutive working days:

(a) when there is a death in the employee's immediate family;

(b) when an employee is to be married.

(2) The Manager may grant an employee special leave with pay for a period of up to five (**5**) consecutive working days:

(a) (i) where a member of the immediate family becomes ill (not including childbirth) and the employee is required to care for his dependents or for the sick person;

(ii) where a member of the immediate family residing outside the employee's community of residence becomes seriously ill;

(b) where special circumstances not directly attributable to the employee prevent his reporting to duty, including:

(i) serious household or domestic emergencies;

(ii) a general transportation tie-up caused by weather if the employee makes every reasonable effort to report for duty;

(c) serious community emergencies, where the employee is required to render assistance;

(d) in the event of the death of the employee's son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law;

(e) in circumstances which are of general value to the Housing Association,

such as where the employee:

- (i) takes an examination which will improve his position or qualifications in the Housing Association;
- (ii) attends his University Convocation, if he has been continuously employed for at least one (1) year;
- (iii) attends a course in civil defense training or Reserve Forces training;
- (iv) requires a medical examination for enlistment in the Canadian Forces or in connection with a veteran's treatment program.

19.03 Special leave in excess of five (5) consecutive working days for the purposes enumerated in Article 19.02 may be granted by the Manager.

19.04 An employee shall be granted special leave with pay up to a maximum of one (1) working day on the occasion of the birth of his child. An employee shall be granted special leave with pay up to a maximum of one (1) working day on the occasion of the adoption of a child. This leave may be divided into two (2) parts and taken on separate days. Under special circumstances, the Employer may extend this period to a maximum of three (3) working days.

#### Advance of Credits

19.05 Where an employee has insufficient credits to permit the granting of special leave within the meaning of this Article, leave up to a maximum of five (5) days, may at the discretion of the Employer be granted, subject to the deduction of such advance leave from any special leave credits subsequently earned.

#### Casual Leave

19.06 Employees may be granted casual leave with pay to a maximum of two (2) hours. Such leave will not be unreasonably denied.

#### Quarantine

19.07 Employees shall be granted special leave with pay for time lost through quarantine, when the employee provides the Employer with a medical certificate to that effect.

### **ARTICLE 20**

#### **SICK LEAVE**

#### Credits

- 20.01 An employee shall earn sick leave credits at the rate of one and one-quarter (1¼) days for each calendar month for which he receives pay for at least ten (10) days.
- 20.02 (1) Subject to the remainder of this Article, all absences on account of illness on a normal working day shall be charged against an employee's accumulated sick leave credits except:
- (a) when the period of absence is two (2) hours or less there shall be no charge;
  - (b) when the period of absence is more than two (2) hours but less than six (6) hours, one-half (½) day shall be charged;
  - (c) when the period of absence is six (6) hours or more, one (1) full day shall be charged.
- (2) An employee shall make every reasonable effort to call in or sick leave will not be approved.
- 20.03 Unless otherwise informed by the Employer, an employee must sign a statement stating that because of this illness or injury he was unable to perform his duties:
- (a) if the period of leave requested does not exceed three (3) working days; and
  - (b) if in the current fiscal year, the employee has not been granted sick leave of more than nine (9) days wholly on the basis of statements signed by him.
- 20.04 An employee is required to produce a certificate from a qualified medical practitioner, certifying that such employee is unable to carry out his duties due to illness:
- (a) for sick leave in excess of three (3) working days;
  - (b) for any additional sick leave in a fiscal year when in the same fiscal year the employee has been granted sick leave on more than nine (9) days wholly on the basis of the statements signed by him.
- 20.05 Where leave of absence without pay is authorized for any reason or an employee is laid off because of lack of work and the employee returns to work upon expiration of such leave of absence or lay-off, he shall earn sick leave credits for each month in which he worked at least ten (10) days and shall retain any unused sick leave existing at the time of lay-off or commencement of leave

without pay.

- 20.06 In circumstances where sick leave would be authorized but the employee has insufficient or no sick leave credits, at the discretion of the Employer, he shall be granted sick leave in advance to a limit of eight (8) days which shall be charged against future credits as earned. If the employee dies before authorized unearned sick leave has been liquidated, no recovery shall be made from the employee's estate.
- 20.07 An employee is not eligible for sick leave with pay for any period during which he is on leave of absence without pay or under suspension.
- 20.08 When an employee is granted sick leave with pay and injury-on-duty leave is subsequently approved for a concurrent period, there shall be no charge against his sick leave credits for the period of concurrency.

#### Transportation to a Medical Centre - Travel Time

- 20.09 Every employee who is proceeding to a medical centre shall be granted leave of absence with pay, which is not to be charged against his sick leave credits for the lesser of three (3) days or the actual time taken to travel from his post to a medical centre and return.

#### Transportation to a Medical Centre

- 20.10 Employees who are required to travel to a medical centre shall apply for funding for this purpose from the applicable level of government. In the event that the employee is required to pay the one hundred dollar (\$100.00) deductible, this amount will be reimbursed to the employee by the Employer.
- 20.11 At the end of the fiscal year, any sick days in excess of twelve (12) earned during the fiscal year but not used may be converted to annual leave. These days converted to vacation leave must be used as vacation leave and are not cashable.

### **ARTICLE 21**

#### **OTHER TYPES OF LEAVE**

##### Court Leave

- 21.01 Subject to (c) below, leave of absence with pay shall be given to every employee, other than an employee on leave of absence without pay or under suspension, who is required:



- (a) to serve on a jury or jury selection;
- (b) by subpoena or summons to attend as a witness in any proceeding held:
  - (i) in or under the authority of a court or justice or before a grand jury;
  - (ii) before a court, judge, justice, magistrate or coroner;
  - (iii) before the Senate or House of Commons of Canada or a committee of the Senate or House of Commons, otherwise than in the performance of the duties of his position;
  - (iv) before a legislative council, legislative assembly or house of assembly or any committee thereof that is authorized by law to compel the attendance of witnesses before it;
  - (v) before an Arbitrator or umpire or a person or body of persons authorized by law to make an inquiry and to compel the attendance of witnesses before it.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Article, there shall be deducted from the regular pay of the employee any remuneration received by him as a result of serving on a jury or as a witness, other than remuneration received as an allowance or reimbursement for expenses incurred in such duty.

#### Injury-on-duty Leave

21.02 An employee shall be granted injury-on-duty leave with pay to a maximum of either special leave credits or sick credits he has accumulated, but not both, where it is determined by a Workers' Compensation Board that he is unable to perform his duties because of:

- (1) (a) personal injury accidentally received in the performance of his duties and not caused by the employee's willful misconduct; or
  - (b) sickness resulting from the nature of his employment; or
  - (c) over exposure to radioactivity or other hazardous conditions in the course of his employment.
- (2) While the parties are awaiting the decision of the Workers' Compensation Board as to the compensability of the injury, the employee shall use his sick leave credits. If the injury is not compensable, there shall be no return of sick leave credits used by the employee. If the injury is compensable, the

Employer shall credit the employee with the sick leave credits used;

- (3) The time off taken by the employee shall be charged at the employee's option to either his special or sick leave credits but not both, at the appropriate rate;
- (4) The appropriate rate of liquidation of injury-on-duty leave after an award by the Workers' Compensation Board, shall be equal to the difference between the employee's regular wages and the compensation received from the Workers' Compensation Board ( i.e. if two-thirds (2/3) of the Employee's regular wage is received from the Workers' Compensation Board, the amount of leave liquidated for one (1) day's Injury-on-duty leave shall be one-third (1/3) day).

### Maternity Leave

21.03 (1) Subject to 21.03(2), an employee who becomes pregnant shall:

- (a) notify the Employer of her pregnancy at least fifteen (15) weeks prior to the expected date of termination of her pregnancy; and
  - (b) be granted leave of absence without pay, commencing eleven (11) weeks before the expected date of termination of her pregnancy and ending not later than twenty-six (26) weeks after the date of termination of her pregnancy.
- (2) At the request of an employee, the Employer may vary the time specified in 21.03(1) provided that the employee submits the written approval of either a qualified medical practitioner or a person approved by the Deputy Minister of Health.
  - (3) Further, when a pregnant employee produces a statement from her physician that her working condition may be detrimental to her health or that of the fetus, the Employer will either change those working conditions or temporarily transfer the employee to another position with equal pay or allow the employee to take leave of absence without pay for the duration of her pregnancy.
  - (4) (a) After completion of six (6) months continuous employment, an employee who provides the Employer with proof that she has applied for and is eligible to receive employment insurance benefits pursuant to the Employment Insurance Act shall be paid an allowance.
  - (b) An applicant under Article 21.03(4)(a) shall sign an agreement with the Employer providing:

- (i) that she will return to work and remain in the Employer's employ for a period of at least six (6) months after her return to work;
  - (ii) that she will return to work on the date of the expiry of her maternity leave, unless this date is modified with the Employer's consent.
- (c) Should the employee fail to return to work as per the provisions of Article 21.03(4) (b), the employee recognizes that she is indebted to the Employer for the amount received as a maternity leave allowance.
- (5) In respect of the period of maternity leave, maternity leave allowance payments will consist of the following:
- (a) For the first two (2) weeks, payment equivalent to ninety-three percent (93%) of the employees weekly rate of pay;
  - (b) For the duration of time that the employee receives unemployment insurance benefits, payment equivalent to ninety-three percent (93%) of her weekly rate of pay.
  - (c) (i) for a full-time employee, the weekly rate of pay referred to in Article 21.03(5) shall be the weekly rate of pay to which she is entitled for the classification prescribed in her certificate of appointment, on the day immediately preceding the commencement of maternity leave;
  - (ii) for a part-time employee, the weekly rate of pay referred to in Article 21.03(5) shall be the prorated weekly rate of pay to which she is entitled for the classification prescribed in her certificate of appointment, averaged over the six (6) month period of continuous employment immediately preceding the commencement of the maternity leave.

#### Child Care Leave Without Pay

21.04 (1) After six (6) months of continuous employment, all employees will be entitled to a leave of absence without pay of up to the limits of Employment Insurance eligibility at the time of the birth or adoption of the child.

(2) An employee shall be entitled to the allowance while on leave without pay for the adoption of a child.

#### Leave for Other Reasons

21.05 Notwithstanding any provisions for leave in this Agreement, the Employer may grant leave of absence with or without pay to an employee for any other purpose.

## **ARTICLE 22**

### **HOURS OF WORK -GENERAL**

- 22.01 (1) The weekly scheduled hours of work assigned to classifications are included in the Rates of Pay Article.
- (2) The work week shall be Monday to Friday inclusive, with a scheduled work day of seven and one-half (7½) or eight (8) consecutive hours as is appropriate, exclusive of a lunch period. The hours of work shall be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- (3) Overtime shall not start until after the employee has worked the appropriate eight (8) or seven and one-half (7½) hours.
- 22.02 Employees shall be entitled to a rest period, with pay, of fifteen (15) minutes duration commencing on or about mid morning and shall be entitled to a rest period with pay, of fifteen (15) minutes duration commencing on or about mid afternoon. An employee may absent himself from his place of work during such rest periods, but for each such rest period shall not be absent with pay from his place of work for more than fifteen (15) minutes.
- 22.03 A specified meal period of one (1) hour's duration shall be scheduled as close to the mid point of the work day as possible. The Employer will make every effort to arrange meal periods at times convenient to the employees.

## **ARTICLE 23**

### **OVERTIME**

- 23.01 In this Article:
- (a) "Overtime" means work performed by an employee before or after or in excess or outside of his regularly scheduled hours of work.
- (b) "Straight time rate" means the hourly rate of remuneration.
- (c) "Time and One-half" means one and one-half times the straight time rate.
- (d) "Double time" means twice the straight time.
- 23.02 An employee who is required to work overtime shall be compensated for each completed fifteen (15) minutes of overtime worked by him, subject to a minimum payment of one (1) hour at the overtime rate, when the overtime work is authorized in advance by the Employer.

23.03 Employees shall record starting and finishing times of overtime worked, on a form determined by the Employer.

23.04 (1) Subject to operational requirements, the Employer shall make every reasonable effort:

(a) to allocate overtime work on an equitable basis among readily available qualified employees, who are normally required in their regular duties to perform that work;

(b) to give employees who are required to work overtime, reasonable advance notice of this requirement.

(2) Except in the case of an emergency, an employee may for cause refuse to work overtime, providing he places his refusal in writing.

23.05 (1) An employee who is requested to work overtime shall be entitled to a minimum of one (1) hour's pay at the appropriate rate described in (2) below.

(2) Overtime work shall be compensated as follows:

(a) at time and one-half (1½ X) for all hours, except as provided in Article 23.05(2)(b);

(b) at double time (2 X) for all hours of overtime worked in a day after the first four (4) hours of overtime and double time (2 X) for all hours worked on a Sunday;

(c) in lieu of (a) and (b) above, the Employer may agree to grant equivalent leave with pay at the appropriate overtime rate, to be taken at a time mutually agreeable to the Employer and the employee.

23.06 Where an employee is required to work three (3) or more hours of overtime immediately following his regularly scheduled hours of duty and, because of operational requirements, the employee is not permitted to leave his place of work, the Employer will either provide the employee with a meal or meal allowance equal to the amount of the dinner in accordance with the Duty Travel, Meals and Incidental Expenses [Article 36.05(1)(c)].

## **ARTICLE 24**

### **PAY**

- 24.01 Employees are entitled to be paid for services rendered for the classification and position to which they are appointed at the pay rates specified in the Rates of Pay Article.
- 24.02 Employees shall be paid on a biweekly basis with pay days being every second Friday.
- 24.03 (1) Overtime earned over a pay period will be paid in cash at the request of an employee; any overtime requested as lieu time must be taken as lieu time.
- (2) At an employee's request, overtime earned can be banked to a maximum of eighty (80) hours. Any overtime earned over and above the eighty (80) hours shall be paid within two (2) weeks following the period in which the overtime is earned.
- (3) When overtime compensation is paid, the pay statement shall indicate the pay periods, rate of overtime and the number of overtime hours. All overtime hours which exceed ten (10) will be paid will be paid by separate cheque.

#### **Acting Pay**

- 24.04 When an employee is required by the Employer in writing to perform the duties of a higher classification level on an acting basis, he shall be paid acting pay calculated from the date on which he commenced to act as if he had been appointed to that higher classification level for the period in which he acts.

#### **Salary Increases**

- 24.05 (1) The Employer agrees to pay the negotiated salary increases to every employee not later than the month following the month in which this Agreement is signed and on the day any subsequent salary increases become effective.
- (2) The Employer agrees to pay all retroactive remuneration for salary increases, overtime, acting pay and allowances not later than the month following the month in which the Agreement is signed.

## **ARTICLE 25**

### **REP                      PAY**

- 25.01 (1) If an employee reports to work on his regularly scheduled work day and there is insufficient or no work available he is entitled to pay for at least two (2) hours.
- (2) If an employee is directed to report for work on a day of rest or on a designated paid holiday and there is insufficient or no work available, he shall be paid for at least two (2) hours at the applicable overtime rates.
- (3) If an employee is directed to report for work outside of his regularly scheduled hours, he shall be paid the greater of:
- (a) compensation at the appropriate overtime rate; or
  - (b) compensation equivalent to three (3) hours pay at the straight time rate.

## **ARTICLE 26**

### **CALL BACK PAY**

- 26.01 When an employee is recalled to a place of work for a specific duty, he shall be paid the greater of:
- (a) compensation at the appropriate overtime rate; or
  - (b) compensation equivalent to four (4) hours pay at the straight time rate.
- 26.02 (1) When an employee reports to work overtime for which he has been recalled under the conditions described in Article 26.01 and is required to use transportation services other than normal public transportation service, he shall be paid the actual cost of commercial transportation each way, upon the production of receipt for payment of transportation in excess of \$4.00.
- (2) Where the employee uses his personal vehicle, he shall be paid the appropriate mileage rate specified in the Duty Travel Expenses Article 36.

## **ARTICLE 27**

### **TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE**

- 27.01 (1) Both parties recognize the overall advantages of technological change. Both parties will therefore encourage and promote technological change and improvements
- (2) With this in view and recognizing the extensive lead time required for the selection, installation and providing of sophisticated equipment, the Employer agrees to provide as much advance notice as is practicable but not less than three (3) months notice to the Union of any major technological change in equipment which would result in changes in the employment status or in this Agreement. In addition, the Employer agrees to consult with the Union with a view to resolving problems which may arise as a result of the introduction of such technological change.
- (3) In cases where employees may require retraining the Employer will make every reasonable effort to offer training courses.

## **ARTICLE 28**

### **PAY FOR TRAVEL ON BEHALF OF EMPLOYER**

- 28.01 (1) Where an employee is required to travel on behalf of the Employer, he shall be paid:
- (a) when the travel occurs on a regular workday, as though he were at work for all hours travelled;
- (b) when the travel occurs on a day of rest or designated paid holiday, at the applicable overtime rate for all hours travelled, with a minimum of four (4) hours pay at the straight time rate and a maximum of eight (8) hours at the applicable overtime rate.
- (2) For the purpose of this Article, hours travelled includes a one (1) hour check-in period at airports, bus depots or train stations, as well as a one (1) hour checkout period at each overnight stopover and at the final destination. Hours travelled also include time spent waiting for connecting flights, trains or buses, but is exclusive of overnight stopovers.
- (3) The Employer will make every reasonable effort to restrict travel outside of the employee's headquarters that requires absence from home beyond a period which includes two (2) weekends.



- (4) Where an employee is absent from home on a designated paid holiday or day of rest and does not work, he shall receive cash payment at time and one-half (1 ½) his rate of pay or be granted the equivalent leave with pay.
- (5) The above entitlements shall not apply to an apprentice while travelling to or from trades school on a day of rest or designated paid holiday or while in attendance at trades school.

## **ARTICLE 29**

### **JOB DESCRIPTION**

- 29.01 When an employee is first hired the Employer shall, provide the employee with a written job description.
- 29.02 Upon written request, an employee shall be entitled to a complete and current job description.

## **ARTICLE 30**

### **JOE PERFORMANCE REVIEW AND EMPLOYEE FILES**

- 30.01 (1) When a formal review of an employee's performance is made, the employee concerned shall be given the opportunity to discuss then sign the review form in question to indicate that its contents have been read and understood. The employee shall also be given the opportunity to provide written comments to be attached to his performance appraisal and may use the grievance procedure in Article 32 to correct any inaccuracies in his performance appraisal.
- (2) The formal review of an employee's performance shall also incorporate an opportunity for the employee to state his career development goals and that every effort be made to develop the career potentials of each individual through In service Training, Retraining or any other facets of career development which may be available.
- 30.02 The Employer agrees not to introduce as evidence in the case of promotional opportunities or disciplinary action any document from the file of an employee, the existence of which the employee was not made aware of, by the provision of a copy thereof at the time of filing or within reasonable time thereafter.
- 30.03 Any document or written statement related to disciplinary action, which may have

been placed on the Personnel file of an employee, shall be destroyed after two (2) years have elapsed since the disciplinary action was taken provided that no further disciplinary action has been recorded during this period.

- 30.04 Upon written request of an employee, the Personnel file of that employee shall be made available for his examination at reasonable times in the presence of an authorized representative of the Housing Association and the Union.

#### Cooling Off Period - 2 Working Days

- 30.05 An employee who willfully terminates his employment as a result of a misunderstanding or argument shall be allowed to return to work and remain employed if he does so within two (2) working days. Should the Employer refuse to allow the employee to return to work, the termination shall be considered as a discharge, effective the date that the employee sought to return to work and may be grieved as a discharge. This provision shall only apply once per fiscal year per employee.
- 30.06 The Employer's representative who assesses and employee's performance must have observed the employee's performance for at least one-half (½) of the period for which the employee's performance is evaluated or have input from another person who has so observed the employee.  
Where an employee is required to attend a meeting with the Employer to deal with matters that are of a disciplinary nature the employee shall have the right to have a representative of the Union in attendance. The Employer shall notify the employee that the meeting is of a disciplinary nature.

### ARTICLE 31

#### CLASSIFICATION

During the term of this Agreement, if a new or revised classification is implemented by the Employer, the Employer shall before applying the new or revised classification, negotiate with the Union the rates of pay and the rules affecting the pay of employees for the classification affected. If the parties fail to reach Agreement within sixty (60) days from the date on which the Employer submits the new or revised classification to the Union, the Employer may apply the new rates of pay and the Union may refer the matter to Arbitration. The Arbitrator's decision will be retroactive to the date of application of the new rates.

- 31.02 Where an employee believes that he has been improperly classified with respect to his position or category, group and level, he shall discuss his classification with his immediate supervisor and, on request, be provided with a copy of his job description before he files a grievance.

## ARTICLE 32

### OF DISPUTES

- 32.01 (1) The Employer and the Union recognize that grievances may arise in each of the following circumstances:
- (a) by the interpretation or application of:
    - (i) a provision of a policy, direction or other instrument made or issued by the Employer dealing with terms or conditions of employment; or
    - (ii) a provision of this Collective Agreement or Arbitral Award;
  - (b) disciplinary action resulting in demotion, suspension or a financial penalty;
  - (c) dismissal from the Employer; and
  - (d) letters or discipline placed on personnel file.
- (2) The procedure for the final resolution of the grievances listed in Section (1) above is to Arbitration, excluding (d) above.
- (3) An employee rebuttal to a letter of discipline shall be placed on the permanent file.
- 32.02 If he so desires, an employee may be assisted and represented by the Union when presenting a grievance at any level.
- 32.03 An employee or the Union who wishes to present a grievance at any prescribed level in the grievance procedure, shall transmit this grievance to the Employer who shall forthwith:
- (a) forward the grievance to the representative of the Employer authorized to deal with grievances at the appropriate level; and
  - (b) provide the employee and the Union with a receipt stating the date on which the grievance was received by him.
- 32.04 A grievance of an employee or the Union shall not be deemed to be invalid by a reason only of the fact it is not in accordance with the form supplied by the Employer.
- 32.05 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement a grievance shall be processed

by recourse to the following steps:

- (a) First Level (Manager);
- (b) Second Level (Employer Board of Directors);
- (c) Final Level (Arbitration).

32.06 The Employer shall designate a representative at each level in the grievance procedure and shall inform each employee to whom the procedure applies of the name or title of the person so designated, together with the name or title and address of the immediate supervisor or local officer in charge to whom a grievance is to be presented. This information shall be communicated to employees by means of notices posted by the Employer in places where such notices are most likely to come to the attention of the employees to whom the grievance procedure applies or otherwise as determined by Agreement between the Employer and the Union.

32.07 The Union shall have the right to consult with the Manager with respect to a grievance at each or any level of the grievance procedure.

32.08 An employee may present a grievance to the first level of the procedure in the manner prescribed in Article 32.05 within twenty-five (25) calendar days.

32.09 The Employer shall reply in writing to a grievance within fourteen (14) calendar days at level 1, within thirty (30) calendar days at level 2.

32.10 An employee or the Union may present a grievance at each succeeding level in the grievance procedure beyond the first level:

- (a) where the decision or settlement is not satisfactory to the grievor, within fourteen (14) calendar days after that decision or settlement has been conveyed in writing to him by the Employer; or

- (b) where the Employer has not conveyed a decision to the grievor within the time prescribed in Article 32.09 within fourteen (14) calendar days after the day the reply was due.

32.11 Where an employee has been represented by the Union in the presentation of his grievance, the Employer will provide the appropriate representative of the Union with a copy of the Employer's decision at each level of the grievance procedure at the same time that the Employer's decision is conveyed to the employee.

- 32.12 No employee shall be dismissed without first being given notice in writing together with the reasons therefore. When the Employer dismisses an employee the grievance procedures shall apply except that the grievance may be presented at the Second Level.
- 32.13 The Union shall have the right to initiate and present a grievance on matters relating to health and safety to any level of management specified in the grievance procedure, on behalf of one or more members of the Union.
- 32.14 An employee shall have the right to present a grievance on matters relating to the application or interpretation of this Agreement provided he first obtains the authorization of the Union prior to presenting such grievance.
- 32.15 An employee may, by written notice to the Manager, withdraw a grievance provided that, where the grievance is one arising out of the application or interpretation of this Agreement his withdrawal has the endorsement, in writing, of the Union.
- 32.16 The Union shall have the right to initiate and present a grievance to any level of management specified in the grievance procedure related to the application or interpretation of this Agreement on behalf of one or more members of the Union.
- 32.17 The time limits stipulated in this procedure may be extended by mutual Agreement between the Employer and the employee and where appropriate, the Union representative.
- 32.18 No proceedings under this Article are invalid by reason of any defect of form or any technical irregularity.

### Arbitration

- 32.19 Where a difference arises between the parties relating to the interpretation, application or administration of this Agreement including any question as to whether a matter is arbitrable or where an allegation is made that a term or condition of this Agreement has been violated, either of the parties may, after exhausting the grievance procedure in this Article, notify the other party in writing within twenty-one (21) days of the receipt of the reply at the Second Level or his desire to submit the difference or allegation to Arbitration.
- 32.20 (1) The parties agree that Arbitration referred to in 32.19 shall be by a single Arbitrator.
- (2) If an Arbitrator selected is not available for a hearing date within thirty (30) days of the date on which notification by either party to submit the difference

to Arbitration was made, another name will be selected until an Arbitrator is found to hear the parties within the above mentioned thirty (30) day period. Such time limit may be extended by mutual Agreement.

| 32.21 (1) The Arbitrator has all of the powers granted to Arbitrators under Canada Labour Code in addition to any powers which are contained in this Agreement.

(2) The Arbitrator shall hear and determine the difference or allegation and shall issue a decision and the decision is final and binding upon the parties and upon any employees affected by it.

(3) The award of the Arbitrator shall be signed by him and copies thereof shall be transmitted to the parties to the dispute.

32.22 The Arbitrator shall not have the authority to alter or amend any of the provisions of this Agreement or to substitute any new provisions in lieu thereof or to render any decision contrary to the terms and provision of this Agreement or to increase or decrease wages.

| 32.23 The Employer and the Union shall each pay one-half of the remuneration and expenses of the Arbitrator and each party shall bear its own expenses of every such Arbitration.

32.24 Where a party has failed to comply with any of the terms of the decision of the Arbitrator, either party or employee affected by the decision may, after the expiration of thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the release of the decision or the date provided in the decision for compliance, whichever is later, file in the office of Clerk of the Federal Court of Canada, a copy of the decision, exclusive of the reason therefore in the prescribed form, whereupon the decision may be entered in the same way as a judgment or an order of that court and may be enforceable as such.

| 32.25 In addition to the powers granted to Arbitrators under the Canada Labour Code the Arbitrator may determine that the employee has been dismissed for other than proper cause and he may:

(a) direct the Employer to reinstate the employee and pay to the employee a sum equal to his wages lost by reason of his dismissal or such less sum as in the opinion of the Arbitrator is fair and reasonable; or

(b) make such order as he considers fair and reasonable having regard to the terms of this Agreement.

| 32.26 The Labour Management Committee will have ten (10) days to attempt to resolve

a matter prior to referral to Arbitration.

### **ARTICLE 33**

#### **NO CONTRACTING OUT**

- 33.01 There shall be no contracting out of any work by the Employer if it would result in the lay-off or the continuance of a lay-off of a permanent employee. Permanent employee for the purpose of this Article means an employee who has completed their initial probationary period.

### **ARTICLE 34**

#### **SAFETY AND HEALTH**

- 34.01 The Employer shall comply with all applicable federal, territorial and municipal health and safety legislation and regulations. All standards established under the legislation and regulations shall constitute minimum acceptable practice.

### **ARTICLE 35**

#### **UNIFORMS**

- 35.01 Where an employee's work is of a nature where health and cleanliness must be maintained or where special identification will aid in the effective performance of duties and in meeting particular program objectives, the Housing Association will provide the items specified in this Article.
- 35.02 (1) The Employer will pay each Maintenance employee the following annually:
- (a) to a maximum of two hundred dollars (\$200) for safety boots;
  - (b) to a maximum of four hundred dollars (\$400) for adequate winter coveralls.
- (2) The employees will be required to wear the above-mentioned Articles and keep them in a state of good repair.
- (3) Each Maintenance employee will be required to present to the Employer, within one (1) month of purchase, a receipt showing proof of purchase. In the event that a Maintenance employee does not comply with this Article within one (1) month the Employer may recover the allowances paid for this purpose from the Maintenance employee's earnings.
- 35.03 The Employer will provide summer coveralls as required.

35.04 This Article shall apply to probationary employees for Health and Safety reasons only.

## **ARTICLE 36**

### **SHORT TERM LEAVE FOR TRAINING PURPOSES**

36.01 Leave without pay to take advanced or supplementary professional or technical training of less than one academic year may be granted to employees upon the recommendation of the Manager and with the approval of the Housing Association.

36.02 Such leave shall be based on an appraisal of the present and future job requirements and the qualifications of the employee applying therefore and shall be granted only to meet the identified needs.

(a) Full or partial financial assistance in respect of salary, tuition, travelling and other expenses may be granted during such leave:

(i) where the employee has become technically obsolete and requires retraining to satisfactorily carry out the work; or

(ii) where the courses are required to keep the employee abreast of new knowledge and techniques in his field of work; or

(iii) where qualified persons cannot be recruited to carry out essential work and it is necessary to train present employees.

(b) Refund of tuition fees, in respect of courses may be made on receipt of evidence of successful completion; if the course is of value to the employee's work and does not require the employee to be absent from duties.

(c) Under this Article, leave with full or partial financial assistance in respect of salary will carry with it the obligation to return after leave to work for the Housing Association for a period equivalent to the leave.

36.03 Where a request for leave under Article 36.01 and 36.02 has been submitted by an employee, the Housing Association shall, within sixty (60) calendar days from the date of the employee's submission, advise the employee whether his request has been approved or denied.



## ARTICLE 37

### TRADES

#### Application

37.01 The provision of this Article shall apply to all positions in the trades category of the classification system. The provision of this Article shall not be extended to apply to other classes unless agreed by the Union and the Employer.

#### Trades Certification

37.02 Where an employee with a certificate of qualification in one trade performs work in a trade for which he does not possess a certificate, he shall advise the Employer. The Employer shall ensure that the work performed is inspected by a qualified tradesman at the earliest possible date. The Employer will ensure that traditional job titles will be used properly reflecting the dignity and status of tradesmen; using the trade name in the position title to conform to the journeyman certification required.

Employees who do not hold certificates of qualification in a trade area may perform work normally performed by a qualified tradesmen provided no employee holding a certificate of qualification is on lay-off and such work is inspected by a qualified tradesman.

#### Hours of Work

37.03 Hours of work shall be scheduled so that trades employees listed in Article 37.01 above:

- (a) on a weekly basis work forty (40) hours and five (5) days per week, Monday to Friday inclusive; and
- (b) on a daily basis, work eight (8) hours per day exclusive of not less than a one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour meal period. Normally the hours of work shall be between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- (c) rest periods with pay of fifteen (15) minutes duration shall be scheduled as close as possible to mid morning and mid afternoon of each working day.

#### Wash Up Time

37.04 Labour and Trades employees, Equipment Operations employees and Equipment Maintenance employees shall be permitted paid wash up time to a maximum of ten (10) minutes at the conclusion of each shift. In unusual

circumstances this period may be extended by the employee's supervisor or officer in charge to a maximum of fifteen (15) minutes.

### Work Clothing and Protective Equipment

37.05 (1) Where the following Articles are required by the Employer or the Workers' Compensation Board:

- (i) Hard hats;
- (ii) Aprons;
- (iii) Welding goggles;
- (iv) Dust protection;
- (v) Eye protection, except prescription lenses;
- (vi) Ear protection.

The Employer shall supply employees with the Articles of equipment as required;

(2) When the following Articles are required by the Employer or the Workers' Compensation Board, the Employer shall replace these Articles as required when they are presented worn or damaged beyond repair by an employee, at no cost to the employee:

- (i) Hard hats;
- (ii) Aprons;
- (iii) Welding goggles;
- (iv) Dust protection;
- (v) Eye protection, excluding safety. prescription glasses;
- (vi) Ear protection.

### Compensation for Tools and Equipment

37.06 In situations where highly specialized tools not normally associated with a journeyman's tool kit are required, they will be provided by the Employer, who will retain ownership of them. The Employer shall assist employees in the purchase of tools and equipment used in the performance of their duties to the extent that employees shall be able to purchase these tools and equipment through the Housing Association and at the Employer's cost price.

- (a) The employee will reimburse the Housing Association for the cost of tools ordered on his behalf by authorizing the Manager to deduct such cost from his pay in the pay period immediately following receipt of the tools.
- (b) The Employer agrees to replace worn out hand tools by Journeymen and Apprentices in the regular performance of their work. Whenever replacement

is made, the new tool will be of a similar quality as the initial tool.

- (c) Power tools which require replacement that have been used for business purposes outside of regular duties will be replaced by the Employer on the understanding that the employee will pay 33 1/3% of the cost of a tool of a similar quality.

The Labour/Management Committee may make adjustments to reduce the Employee's share upon appeal.

Adverse Weather Conditions

- 37.07 Except in emergency conditions, the Employer shall not require an employee to work outside under extreme weather conditions as defined by the Labour Management Committee.

**ARTICLE 38**

**ITICES**

- 38.01 (1) The following are agreed upon terms and conditions of employment for employees engaged as Apprentices by the Aklavik Housing Association:

- (a) The Apprenticeship, Trade and Occupations Certification Act and pursuant Regulations shall apply to all Apprentices employed by the Aklavik Housing Association. A copy of the current Regulations shall be supplied to the apprentice upon appointment.

- (b) Apprenticeship Training programs shall be those designated under the Apprenticeship, Trade and Occupations Certification Act.

- (c) Pay increases shall not be automatic but will be based upon levels of certification issued by the Apprentices Branch and shall be effective from the date of certification.

- (d) Apprentice rates will be based on a percentage of the appropriate journeyman rate as follows:

Four Year Training Programs

Year 1	55%
Year2	65%
Year3	75%
Year4	85%

### Three Year Training Programs

Year 1	60%
Year2	70%
Year3	80%

- (e) The Apprentice will apply for Unemployment Insurance benefits while attending trade courses. Should he not be eligible for benefits, the Employer will pay 100% of current wages. Should he be eligible, the Employer will pay a bonus to top wages up to 100% equivalent upon successful completion of the trades course. In addition the Employer will pay:
- (i) telephone calls for the purpose of arranging for accommodations beforehand and for calling the employee's headquarters while on course;
  - (ii) personal telephone calls while on course in the amount of one (1) telephone call per week not to exceed fifteen minutes;
  - (iii) a tool deposit advance.
- (f) Apprentices shall be entitled to the benefits and terms and conditions of employment outlined in the current Collective Agreement.
- (g) Where an Apprentice fails after two attempts to successfully complete a trade training course, a recommendation may be made to the Superintendent of Apprenticeship Training to cancel his contract and the Apprentice may be terminated.
- (2) Apprentices successfully completing their Apprenticeship will be given preference in hiring on job vacancies. Where an Apprentice, after completing his apprenticeship, is hired directly into a job vacancy, all time spent as an Apprentice shall count towards continuous employment with the Aklavik Housing Association.
- (3) Should an apprentice have his contract terminated under the Apprenticeship, Trade and Occupations Certification Act, he will cease to be an employee of the Aklavik Housing Association.

### **ARTICLE 39**

#### **HOUSING**

39.01 (1) Full-time employees shall be entitled to a monthly housing allowance of:

- (a) \$590 to employees living in private accommodations and paying their own utilities;
- (b) \$590 to employees renting private accommodation but paying for their own utilities;
- (c) \$590 to employees living in a normally subsidized accommodation but paying full "economic rent".

(2) Such housing benefit shall be paid on the first payday of each month.

39.02 In the event that rental ceilings are raised or removed causing any impact to members of the Bargaining Unit, the parties agree to meet to discuss amendments to Article 39 with a view to minimizing or removing any financial impact caused by the raising or removing of rental ceilings.

## **ARTICLE 40**

### **SENIORITY**

- 40.01 Seniority is defined as length of service with the Employer and shall be applied on a Bargaining Unit wide basis. Seniority shall be a prime factor applied in determining preference for promotions, transfers, lay-off and recall.
- 40.02 A newly hired employee shall be on probation for a period defined in Article 2.01(u). During the probation period, the employee shall be entitled to all rights and benefits of this Agreement excluding seniority, except as otherwise provided. After completion of the probationary period, seniority shall be effective from the date of commencement of the probationary period.
- 40.03 The Employer shall maintain a seniority list showing the date upon which each employee's service commenced. A copy of the seniority list shall be posted on all bulletin boards and sent to the Union and shall be kept up to date by the Employer.
- 40.04 Seniority shall not accumulate during a leave of absence without pay and after six (6) months' lay-off.
- 40.05 An employee shall lose his seniority in the following circumstances:
- (a) if he is discharged for just cause and not reinstated;
  - (b) if he resigns voluntarily;
  - (c) if he abandons his position;

(d) if he is on lay-off for more than one year;

(e) if, following lay-off, he fails to return to work within ten (10) working days of being recalled.

## **ARTICLE 41**

### **VACANCIES, JOB POSTING, PROMOTIONS and TRANSFERS**

- 41.01 Every vacancy for positions expected to be of more than six (6) months' duration and every newly created position shall be posted for three (3) full working days on the Union notice board. An employee desiring a position must make application in writing to the Manager within four (4) working days of the first day of posting.
- 41.02 Seniority shall be the governing factor in determining promotions, demotions and filling of jobs after posting, providing that the most senior employee possesses the required qualifications and ability to perform the normal requirements of the job.
- (a) Ability to do the job means ability to perform the normal requirements of the job following an appropriate familiarization period or following an appropriate training and trial period of one (1) months' duration. Should the employee show that he does not possess the ability during this period, he shall be returned to his former position.
- (b) Within the one (1) month familiarization period as specified in (a) above, the employee may notify the Employer of his desire to revert to his former position. The Employer shall facilitate this request within a reasonable period of time.
- 41.03 Where operational requirements permit, in filling job vacancies, including promotions, transfers and new positions, the job shall be awarded within 15 working days of positing to the successful applicant.
- 41.04 No employee shall be transferred to a position outside the Bargaining Unit without his consent. If an employee is transferred to a position outside the Bargaining Unit, he shall retain his seniority accumulated up to the date of leaving the unit, but will not accumulate further seniority. Such employee shall have the right to return to a position in the Bargaining Unit consistent with his seniority accumulated up to the date of transfer outside the unit.
- 41.05 No employee shall be transferred to another position within the Bargaining Unit without his consent. If an employee is transferred to another position, he shall have the right to return to his former position within 60 days and any other

employee affected by the transfer shall be returned to his former position, without loss of wages or seniority.

- 41.06 New employees shall not be hired when there are permanent employees on lay-off qualified to perform the job.

## **ARTICLE 42**

### **LAY-OFF AND RECALL**

- 42.01 Lay-offs shall be made on the basis of reverse order of seniority within the Administrative or Maintenance Departments.
- 42.02 The last employee laid off shall be the first recalled provided he is qualified to do the work and has not lost his seniority.
- 42.03 The Employer shall notify employees who are to be laid off two (2) months prior to the effective date of lay-off or award pay in lieu thereof, unless a greater period of notice is required by legislation, in which case such greater period of notice or pay in lieu thereof, shall be given.
- 42.04 A new employee will not be hired to fill the job of a laid off employee provided the laid off employee has not forfeited his seniority.
- 42.05 The Employer shall give notice of recall personally or by registered mail.

Where notice of recall is given personally, the Employer shall deliver in duplicate a letter stating that the employee is recalled and the employee shall acknowledge receipt of notice by signing the duplicate copy of such letter. In this instance, notice of recall is deemed to be given when served. Where notice of recall is given by registered mail, notice is deemed to be given when the employee receives such letter or not later than three (3) days from the date of mailing.

- 42.06 The Employee shall keep the Employer advised at all times of his current address. The Employee shall return to work within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of notice of recall.
- 42.07 The Housing Association agrees that there shall be no lay-off of any employee during the life of this Collective Agreement except for lay-off resulting from lack of work or lack of funding.

## **ARTICLE 43**

### **SETTLEMENT ALLOWANCE**

- 43.01 Salary rates are based on the economic conditions evident in Yellowknife. Regional differences in cost are offset by the provision of a Settlement Allowance. This allowance will permit the average employee residing in a settlement to maintain equal purchasing power with his counterpart in Yellowknife. This allowance is not an incentive to reside in the settlement, but is basically an equalizing type of subsidy.
- 43.02 Settlement Allowance will be paid to every permanent employee.
- 43.03 Part-time employees will be paid the Settlement Allowance prorated to an hourly rate, up to a maximum of the normal weekly hours of work for their classification group.
- 43.04 Effective April 1, 2005 the amount of Settlement Allowance shall be \$5915 annually.  
Effective April 1, 2006, this amount shall increase to \$6395.

## **ARTICLE 44**

### **SUSPENSION III            I II**

- 44.01 When employees are to be suspended from duty or discharged, the Employer shall notify the employee in writing of the reasons for such suspension or discharge as soon as is practicable in all the circumstances in sufficient detail that the employee may defend himself/herself against it.
- 44.02 The Employer shall notify the local representative of the Union that such suspension or discharge has occurred or is to occur.

## **ARTICLE 45**

### **LABOUR MANAGEMENT            I I I**

- 45.01 A Labour/Management Committee will be formed to consult on matters of safety and health, the Employee Assistance Program, the interpretation of this Agreement and other matters of mutual interest.
- 45.02 The Labour/ Management Committee shall be comprised of two (2) representatives each of the Union and the Employer, with each party choosing their respective representatives.



- 45.03 The Committee shall meet at least once every three (3) months at a time to be previously established by the Committee and at other times at the request of either party. The role of chairman will alternate between the Employer and the Union.
- 45.04 In matters of safety and health, the Committee will regularly discuss items of concern in regard to the safety of the workplace and the effect that the workplace may have on the health of the employees. Committee members shall perform the necessary duties of investigating, identifying and seeking to remedy hazards at the workplace and shall do so without loss of pay or fear of reprisal provided they are acting reasonably.
- 45.05 (1) In matters of the Employee Assistance Program, the Labour/Management Committee shall concern itself with poor work performance resulting from suspected alcohol or drug addiction.
- (2) Should this matter of business arise during a Labour/Management Committee meeting, the Committee will deal with the matter confidentially taking into consideration the following provisions:
- (a) That alcohol and drug addictions are medical disorders; and
  - (b) That an employee should be encouraged to remedy a disorder due to an addiction; and
  - (c) That benefits normally extended to employees during a time of illness shall be extended to an employee suffering from an addiction at such a time that he or she seeks to correct this disorder; and
  - (d) That the decision to undertake treatment is the responsibility of the employee; and
  - (e) That the decision to seek treatment will not affect job security as long as it does not destroy the underlying contract of employment.

#### Interpretation of the Agreement

- 45.06 The Committee will discuss the meaning of provisions of the Agreement as appropriate for the purpose of attempting to reach consensus on the interpretation of the Collective Agreement. The interpretation stated by any person shall not be precedent setting or binding on other members of the Committee. Committee members shall not be empowered to alter any terms of the Agreement nor shall a consensus reached by the Committee have any effect on management rights. The Employer may adopt a position arrived at by the

Committee on any given occasion but such adoption shall not be binding or considered a precedent on future occasions.

## **ARTICLE 46**

### **CIVIL LIABILITY**

46.01 If an action or proceeding is brought against any employee or former employee covered by this Agreement for an alleged tort committed by him in the performance of his duties, then:

- (a) The employee, upon being served with any legal process or upon receipt of any action or proceeding as hereinbefore referred to, being commenced against him shall advise the Employer through the Secretary/Manager of any such notification or legal process:
- (b) The Employer shall pay any damages or costs awarded against any such employee in any such action or proceedings and all legal fees; and/or
- (c) The Employer shall pay any sum required to be paid by such employee in connection with the settlement of any claim made against such employee if such settlement is approved by the Employer through the Secretary/Manager before the same is finalized; provided the conduct of the employee which gave rise to the action did not constitute a gross disregard or neglect of his duty as an employee;
- (d) Upon the employee notifying the Employer in accordance with paragraph (a) above, the Employer and the Employee shall forthwith meet and appoint counsel that is mutually agreeable to both parties. Should the parties be unable to agree on counsel that is agreeable to both, then the Employer shall unilaterally appoint counsel. The Employer accepts full responsibility for the action and the employee agrees to cooperate fully with appointed counsel.

## **ARTICLE 47**

### **CIVIC LEAVE**

#### **Introduction**

47.01 This directive establishes leave provisions which will allow employees of the Aklavik Housing Association to take time off from work to serve as members of community councils, public boards and committees.

## Directive

47.02 Public Service employees who are elected or appointed to Public Service organizations may be permitted time off (referred to as Civic Leave) to participate in the official functions of these organizations..

## Implementation

47.03 Employees requesting Civic Leave must submit written requests for approval.

Civic Leave may be approved where the employee requests leave to attend:

- (a) official functions; or
- (b) meetings of:
  - (i) Public Service organizations
  - (ii) regional bodies
  - (iii) public service boards
  - (iv) native organizations.

## Conditions

47.04 Civic Leave may be granted with or without pay depending upon the circumstances:

- (a) where the employee receives an honorarium which is equal to or greater than his or her daily rate of pay, Civic Leave will be granted without pay;
- (b) Where the employee is entitled to an honorarium which is less than his or her daily rate of pay, Civic Leave will be granted with pay, but the employee must relinquish his or her entitlement to any honorarium;
- (c) Where an honorarium is not received, leave will be granted with full pay.

## Limitations

47.05 (1) Civic Leave will be granted up to a maximum of twelve (12) days to each employee per fiscal year, to be retroactive back until April 1990. Employees do not "earn" Civic Leave credits. The leave may be used on an as needed basis within the limit specified above.

- (2) Employees requesting Civic Leave must coordinate their request with their Supervisor and where appropriate, rearrange schedules.
- (3) Civic Leave will be granted only where operational requirements permit the employee's absence.

## ARTICLE 48

### RIGHT

48.01 In the event that the ownership of the Aklavik Housing Association is transferred, sold, devolved or otherwise changes hands to any level of government, private enterprise of any other Employer, the terms and conditions of this Collective Agreement should apply unless other suitable arrangements are agreed upon.

## ARTICLE 49

### SEVERANCE PAY

#### Lay-off

49.01 (1) An employee who has one year or more of continuous employment and who is laid off is entitled to be paid Severance Pay at the time of lay-off.

(2) In the case of an employee who is laid off following the signing of this Agreement, the amount of Severance Pay shall be one (1) week's pay for each completed year of continuous employment.

#### Retirement

49.02 (1) This Article shall apply to an employee who;

- a) resigns;
- b) retires; or
- c) dies

after ten (10) years of employment with the Employer.

(2) When employment terminates for the reason stated in (1) above, the employee (or the employee's estate in the case of death) shall be paid Severance Pay equal to the product obtained by multiplying the employee's weekly rate of pay on termination of employment or death by the number of completed years of the employee's continuous employment, to a maximum of thirty (30) weeks.

(3) When employment terminates for the reason stated in (1), the employee shall have the right to waive his entitlement to Severance Pay and, in lieu thereof, be granted an equivalent period of leave with pay.

## **ARTICLE 50**

### **REOPENING OF AGREEMENT AND MUTUAL DISCUSSIONS**

#### **Reopener of Agreement**

50.01 This Agreement may be amended by mutual consent.

#### **Mutual Discussions**

50.02 The Employer and the Union acknowledge the mutual benefits to be derived from dialogue between the parties and are prepared to discuss matters of common interest.

## **ARTICLE 51**

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND**

51.01 The Employer shall contribute \$20 per Bargaining Unit employee to the PSAC Social Justice Fund, commencing on the date that the PSAC Social Justice Fund receives charitable status from the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. Contributions to the Fund shall be made once per fiscal year, and such contributions remitted to the PSAC National Office. Contributions to the Fund are to be utilized strictly for the purposes specified in the Letters Patent of the PSAC Social Justice Fund.

51.02 This article shall come into effect on April 1, 2006.

## **ARTICLE 52**

### **DURATION AND RENEWAL**

52.01 The term of this Agreement shall be from April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2007. The terms of this Agreement shall come into effect on date of ratification of this Agreement, unless another date is specified.

52.02 Notwithstanding the preceding, the provisions of this Agreement, including the provisions for the adjustments of disputes in Article 32, shall remain in effect during the negotiations for its renewal and until a new Agreement becomes effective.

52.03 Within three months preceding the termination of this Agreement, either party may, by written notice, require the other party to commence bargaining collectively with a view to the conclusion, renewal or revision of the Collective Agreement in accordance with section 49(1) of the Canada Labour Code.

52.04 Where notice to commence collective bargaining has been given under Article

51.03, the Employer shall not without consent by or on behalf of the employees affected, increase or decrease salaries or alter any other term or condition of employment of employees in the Bargaining Unit which was in force on the day on which the notice was given until a renewal or revision of the Agreement or a new collective Agreement has been concluded, in accordance with Section 50 of the Canada Labour Code Part I or upon mutual Agreement of the parties an arbitral award has been handed down.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

On behalf of the Aklavik Housing Association

On behalf of the Public Service Alliance of Canada

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## Appendix "A" - Rates of Pay

**Effective April 1, 2005 (includes 2.25% increase)**

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT (40 HOURS PER WEEK)					
Maintenance Supervisor	69,580				
Journeyman Plumber	55%	65%	75%	85%	100%
	37,974	44,879	51,783	56,687	69,044
Journeyman Carpenter <small>(Note: Non-Certified Carpenters will be paid at 75% of the Journeyman Rate).</small>	55%	65%	75%	85%	100%
	37,228	43,997	50,766	57,535	67,688
Journeyman Oil Burner Mechanic	55%	65%	75%	85%	100%
	36,014	42,562	49,110	55,658	65,480
Housing Maintainer	55%	60%	70%	80%	100%
		35,448	41,356	47,264	59,080

Custodial/Casual Labour	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
	38,503	39,639	40,826	42,072	43,370	44,751

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT (37.5 HOURS PER WEEK)						
	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
Assistant Secretary Mgr	54,178	54,793	57,747	59,665	61,667	63,789
Tenant Relations Officer	46,173	47,931	48,959	50,657	52,298	53,992
Secretary <u>Clerk</u>	40,537	41,768	43,056	44,429	45,852	47,347

**Pay Note:** Employees whose classifications contain a series of steps shall progress one step on the employee's anniversary date, to the maximum of the employee's classification, provided that the employee's performance is satisfactory.

## Appendix "A" - Rates of Pay

Effective April 1, 2006 (includes 2.25% increase)

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT (40 HOURS PER WEEK)					
Maintenance Supervisor	71,145				
Journeyman Electrician	55%	65%	75%	85%	100%
	38,828	45,888	52,948	60,007	70,597
Journeyman Electrician (Note: Non-Certified Carpenters will be paid at 75% of the Journeyman Rate).	55%	65%	75%	85%	100%
	38,066	44,987	51,908	58,829	69,211
Journeyman Oil Burner Mechanic	55%	65%	75%	85%	100%
	36,824	43,519	50,215	56,910	66,953
Journeyman Housing Maintainer		60%	70%	80%	100%
		36,245	42,286	48,327	60,409

Custodial/Casual Labour	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
	39,369	40,531	41,745	43,019	44,346	45,758

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT (37.5 HOURS PER WEEK)						
	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
Assistant Secretary Mgr	55,397	56,026	59,046	61,007	63,054	65,224
Tenant Relations Officer	47,212	49,009	50,061	51,797	53,475	55,207
Secretary Bookkeeper	41,449	42,708	44,025	45,429	46,884	48,412

**Pay Note:** Employees whose classifications contain a series of steps shall progress one step on the employee's anniversary date, to the maximum of the employee's classification, provided that the employee's performance is satisfactory.



## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING# 1

### **Re: Parental Leave**

The parties agree the provision of the Labour Standards Act covering Parental leave will be extended to employees as leave without-pay.

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING # 2

### **Re: Grandparenting Pay-cut of Sick Leave upon Retirement or Lay-Off**

The parties agree all employees who, as of November 3, 2005, were entitled to the benefit of Article 20.12 of the Collective Agreement between the Employer and the Union from April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2005 shall remain entitled to that benefit until they have retired or are laid-off.

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