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BETWEEN

THE BRANTFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL

AND

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

FULL-TIME SERVICE

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(hereinafter referred to as the "Employer")

AND:

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LOCAL 204
A.F. OF L., C.I.O., C.L.C,
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

(FULL TIME UNIT)

ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

- 1.01 The purpose of the agreement is to establish an orderly collective bargaining relationship between the Employer and certain classifications of employees represented by the Union and to establish and maintain mutually satisfactory working conditions which will ensure the successful operation of The Brantford General Hospital as a public service institution intended to provide adequate hospital and clinical services to the general public.

ARTICLE 2 - SCOPE AND RECOGNITION

- 2.01 The Union is hereby established as the certified collective bargaining agent for all employees of The Brantford General Hospital at Brantford, save and except professional medical staff, graduate nursing staff, undergraduate nurses, graduate pharmacists, graduate dieticians, student dieticians, technical personnel, supervisors, persons above the rank of supervisors, office staff, persons regularly employed for not more than 24 hours per week, and persons employed for the school vacation period.

ARTICLE 3 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

3.01 The Union recognizes that the management of the Hospital and the direction of working forces are fixed exclusively in the Hospital, and shall remain solely with the Hospital except as specifically limited by the express provisions of **this** agreement, and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the Union acknowledges that it is the exclusive function of the Hospital to:

- (a) Maintain order, discipline, and efficiency and to establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing the conduct of the employees, which rules and regulations are primarily designed to safeguard the interests of the patients of the Hospital;
- (b) Hire, discharge, transfer, promote, demote, or discipline employees provided that a claim of discriminatory promotion, demotion or transfer, or a claim that an employee has been discharged or disciplined without reasonable cause may be the subject of a grievance and dealt with as hereinafter provided;
- (c) Determine in the interest of efficient operation, and highest standards of service, job rating and classification, work assignment, methods of doing the work, and the working establishment for the service;
- (d) Generally to operate The Brantford General Hospital in a manner consistent with the obligations of the Hospital to the general public in the community served.

ARTICLE 4 - DEFINITIONS

4.01 Temporary Employees

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

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

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

4.02 Interpretation

The word "employees" when used in the agreement shall mean persons included in the above described bargaining unit.

4.03 For the purpose of interpretation, whenever used herein, the feminine gender shall mean and include the masculine and vice versa, and similarly the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, as applicable.

4.04 All references to officers, representatives and committee members in this agreement shall be deemed to be officers, representatives and committee members of the local union.

4.05 The term "Department Head" when used in the agreement shall be deemed to mean immediate supervisor, when more applicable.

ARTICLE 5 - UNION SECURITY

5.01 Union Dues

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

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

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

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

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

5.02 Interview Period

it is mutually agreed that a Union representative will be given the opportunity of interviewing each new employee once upon the completion of their probationary period for the purpose of further informing such employee of the existence of the Union in the Hospital and ascertaining whether the employee wishes to become a member of the Union. The Employer shall designate the time and place for the interview, the duration of which shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The interview shall take place on the Hospital premises, in a room designated by the Employer, and the employee shall report to this room for the interview, during the interview period. The Employer may have a representative present at this interview.

5.03 Employee Lists

- (a) The Employer will provide the Union with a monthly check-off list which will include the employee's name, social insurance number and amounts deducted. In addition the Employer will supply the Union with the address of new employees when they are placed on the check-off list for the first time.
- (b) Seniority lists will be brought up to date by the Employer on March 1st and September 1st of each year. The Employer will post such lists, and will supply the Union with two (2) copies.

ARTICLE 6 - NO STRIKE/LOCKOUTS

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

ARTICLE 7 - UNION REPRESENTATION AND COMMITTEES

7.01 Grievance Committee

- (a) The Hospital will recognize a Grievance Committee composed of the Chief Steward and not more than 7 employees selected by the Union who have completed their probationary period. A general representative of the Union

may be present at any meeting of the Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to deal with complaints or grievances as set out in this Collective Agreement.

- (b) The Union shall keep the Hospital notified in writing of the names of the members of the Grievance Committee appointed or selected under this Article as well as the effective date of their respective appointments.
- (c) A Committee member shall suffer no loss of earnings for time spent during their regular scheduled working hours in attending grievance meetings with the Hospital up to, but not including arbitration. The number of employees on the Grievance Committee shall be determined locally.

7.02 Union Stewards

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

(g)	UNION STEWARDS	REPRESENTATION
	Two Stewards	Nursing (RPN's)
	One Steward	C.S.S.
	One Steward	Orderlies
	One Steward	Dietetics
	One Steward	Maintenance
	Two Stewards	Housekeeping

A total of eight (8) stewards one of whom will be a Chief Steward.

- (h) The Employer agrees to permit Stewards to wear identification badges.
- (i) Employees shall not be eligible to serve as Stewards or members of the Negotiating Committee until they acquire and hold seniority standing.

7.03 Central Bargaining Committee

- (a) In the event the parties to this Agreement participate in central bargaining it is agreed that time away from regular duties, with the permission of the Employer, by not more than one member of the bargaining unit shall be without loss of pay. Such employee shall be compensated by the Employer to the extent of their regular pay for such time spent in dealing with the matters arising out of this Agreement up to but not including the Arbitration stage.
- (b) In future central bargaining between the Service Employees International Union and the participating hospitals, an employee serving on the Union's Central Negotiating Committee shall be paid for time lost from his normal straight time working hours at his regular rate of pay and without loss of leave credits for attending central negotiating meetings with the Hospital's Central Negotiating Committee in direct negotiations up to the point of arbitration. Upon reference to arbitration, the Negotiating Committee members shall receive unpaid time off for the purpose of attending arbitration hearings.

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

The Union shall advise the Hospitals' Central Negotiating Committee, before negotiations commence, of those employees to be paid under this provision, The Hospitals' Central Negotiating committee shall advise the seven Hospitals accordingly.

7.04 Local Negotiating Committee

- (a) The Hospital agrees to recognize a Negotiating Committee comprising of 5 members to be elected, or appointed from amongst employees in the bargaining unit, who have completed their probationary period.
- (b) Where the Hospital participates in central bargaining the purpose of the Negotiating Committee shall be to negotiate local issues as defined.
- (c) Where the Hospital does not participate in central bargaining, the purpose of the Negotiating Committee shall be to negotiate a renewal of this Collective Agreement.
- (d) The Hospital agrees that the members of the Negotiating Committee shall suffer no **loss** of earnings for time spent during their regular scheduled working hours in attending such negotiating meetings with the Hospital up to, but not including arbitration.
- (e) Nothing in this provision is intended to preclude the union Negotiating Committee from having the assistance of any representatives of the Union when negotiating with the Hospital.
- (f) The number of employees on the Negotiating Committee shall be determined locally.

ARTICLE 8 - GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION

- 8.01 For the purpose of this Agreement, a grievance or complaint is defined as a difference arising either between a member of the bargaining unit and the Hospital or between the parties hereto relating to the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of the Agreement.
- 8.02 The grievance shall identify the nature of the grievance, the remedy sought, and should, where possible specify the provisions of the Agreement which are alleged to have been violated.
- 8.03 At the time formal discipline is imposed or at any stage of the grievance procedure an employee shall have the right to the presence of **his/her** steward. In the case of suspension or discharge, the Hospital shall notify the employee of this right in advance.

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

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

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

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

Step 1

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

Step 2

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

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

Step 3

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

A meeting will then be held between the Chief Executive Officer or the designated Hospital representative and the designated union representatives who may be accompanied by the general representative of the Union, within five (5) days of the

submission of the grievance at Step 3, unless extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

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

8.05 Policy Grievance

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

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

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

8.06 Group Grievance

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

8.07 Discharge Grievance

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

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

- (a) Confirming the Hospital's action in discharging the employee, or
- (b) Reinstating the employee with up to full seniority for time **lost** and up to full compensation for time lost,

(c) Any other arrangement which may be deemed just and equitable.

- 8.08** Failing settlement under the foregoing procedure, any grievance may be submitted to arbitration as hereinafter provided. If no written request for arbitration is received within ten **(10)** days after the decision under Step 3 is given, the grievance shall be deemed to have been abandoned.
- 8.09** All agreements reached, under the grievance procedure, between the representatives of the Hospital and representatives of the Union will be final and binding upon the Hospital, the Union and the employee(s).
- 8.10** When either party requests that any matter be submitted to Arbitration as provided in this Article, it shall make such request in writing addressed to the other party to this Agreement, and at the same time appoint a nominee. Within five (5) days thereafter, the other party shall appoint its nominee, provided however, that if such party fails to appoint its nominee as herein required, the Minister of Labour for the Province of Ontario shall have the power to make such appointment upon application thereto by the party invoking the arbitration procedure. The two nominees shall attempt to agree upon a chairman of the Arbitration Board. If they are unsuccessful in agreeing upon such a chairman within a period of ten **(10)** days of the appointment of the second nominee, they shall then request the Minister of Labour for the Province of Ontario to appoint a chairman.
- 8.11** No person may be appointed to the Arbitration Board who has been involved in an attempt to negotiate or settle the grievance.
- 8.12** The Arbitration Board shall not be authorized to make any decision inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, nor to alter, modify, add to or amend any part of this Agreement.
- 8.13** No matter may be submitted to arbitration which has not been properly carried through all requisite steps of the Grievance Procedure.
- 8.14** The proceedings of the Arbitration Board will be expedited by the parties hereto and the decision of the majority, and where there is no majority, the decision of the Chairman, will be final and binding upon the parties hereto and the employee or employees concerned.
- 8.15** Each of the parties hereto will bear the expense of the nominee appointed by it and the parties will share equally the fees and expenses, if any, of the Chairman of the Arbitration Board.
- 8.16** Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays are not to be counted in the time limits as set out in this Article.

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

ARTICLE 9 - SENIORITY

9.01 Probationary Period

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

9.02 Definition of Seniority

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

Seniority will operate ~~on~~ a bargaining unit wide basis.

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

9.03 Transfer of Service and Seniority

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

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

9.04 Loss of Seniority

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

- (a) employee quits;
- (b) employee is discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the grievance and arbitration procedure;
- (c) employee is absent from scheduled work for a period of three (3) or more consecutive working days without notifying the Hospital of such absence and providing a reason satisfactory to the Hospital;
- (d) employee fails to return to work upon the expiration of a leave of absence or utilizes a leave of absence for a purpose other than that for which it was granted;
- (e) employee has been laid off for twenty-four (24) months;
- (f) employee fails upon being notified of a recall to signify his intention to return within five (5) working days after he has received the notice of recall, and fails to report to work within ten (10) working days after he has received the notice of recall;
- (g) employee is absent due to illness or disability, which absence continues for thirty (30) calendar months from the time the disability or illness commenced.

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

9.05 Effect of Absence

Unless otherwise provided in this Collective Agreement:

- (a) It is understood that during an approved unpaid absence not exceeding thirty (30) continuous days or any approved absence paid by the Hospital, both seniority and service will accrue.
- (b) During an unpaid absence exceeding thirty (30) continuous calendar days, credit for service for purposes of salary increment, vacation, sick leave, or any other benefits under any provisions of the Collective Agreement or elsewhere, shall be suspended for the period of the absence in excess of thirty (30) continuous calendar days, the benefits concerned appropriately reduced on a pro rata basis and the employee's anniversary date adjusted

accordingly. In addition, the employee will become responsible for full payment of subsidized employee benefits in which he/she is participating for the period of absence, except that the Hospital will continue to pay its share of the premiums for up to eighteen (18) months while an employee is in receipt of W.S.I.B. benefits. Notwithstanding this provision, service **shall** accrue for a period of fifteen (15) weeks if an employee's absence is due to a disability resulting in W.S.I.B. benefits.

- (c) It is further understood that during such unpaid absence, credit for seniority for purposes of promotion, demotion, transfer or layoff shall be suspended and not accrue during the period of absence.

Notwithstanding this provision seniority shall accrue for a period of eighteen (18) months if an employee's absence is due to a disability resulting in W.S.I.B. benefits or LTD benefits or for a period of one (1) year if an employee's unpaid absence is due to an illness.

- 9.06 Any complaint or grievance having to do with the observance or non-observance of seniority rules may, however, be submitted to arbitration if the parties cannot mutually agree upon settlement.

ARTICLE 10 -JOB SECURITY

10.01

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

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

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

- (i) identifying and proposing possible alternatives to any action that the hospital may propose taking;
- (ii) identifying and seeking ways to address the retraining needs of employees;
- (iii) identifying vacant positions within the Hospital for which surplus members of the bargaining unit might qualify, or such positions which are currently filled but which are expected to become vacant within a twelve (12) month period.

(c) Composition and Meetings

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

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

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

(d) Disclosure

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

(e) Accountability

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

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

10.02 Notice Of Layoff

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

- (i) provide the union with ~~no~~ less than five (5) months' written notice of the proposed layoff or elimination of position; and
- (ii) provide to the affected employee(s), if any, who will be laid off with no less than five (5) months' written notice of layoff, or pay in lieu thereof.

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

- (a) A layoff shall not include a reassignment of an employee from her or his classification or area of assignment who would otherwise be entitled to notice of layoff provided:
 - (i) the reassignment of the employee is to an appropriate permanent job with the employer having regard to the employee's skills, abilities, qualification and training or training requirements;
 - (ii) the reassignment of the employee does not result ~~in~~ a reduction of the employee's wage rate or hours of work;
 - (iii) the job to which the employee is reassigned is located at the employee's original work site or at a nearby site in terms of relative accessibility for the employee;
 - (iv) the job to which the employee is reassigned is on the same or substantially similar shift or shift rotations; and
 - (v) where more than one employee is to be reassigned in accordance with this provision, the reassigned employees shall be entitled to select from the available appropriate vacancies to which they are being reassigned in order of seniority provided no such selection causes or would cause a layoff or bumping.

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

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

10.03 Severance and Retirement Options

- (a)
 - (i) Where an employee resigns within 30 days after receiving notice of layoff pursuant to article 10.02(a)(ii) that his or her position will be eliminated, he or shee shall be entitled to a separation allowance of two (2) weeks' salary for each year of continuous service to a maximum of twelve (2) weeks' pay, and, on production of receipts from an approved educational program, within twelve (2) months of resignation, may be reimbursed for tuition fees up to a maximum of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars.
 - (ii) Where an employee resigns later than 30 days after receiving notice pursuant to Article 10.02(a)(ii) that his or her position will be eliminated, he or she shall be entitled to a separation allowance of four (4) weeks' salary, and, on production of receipts from an approved educational program, within twelve (2) months of resignation, may be reimbursed for tuition fees up to a maximum of one thousand two hundred and fifty (\$1,250) dollars.
- (b) Prior to issuing notice of layoff pursuant to article 10.02(a)(ii) in any classification(s), the Hospital will offer early-retirement allowance to a sufficient number of employees eligible for early-retirement under HOOPP within the classification(s) in order of seniority, to the extent that the maximum number of employees within a classification who elect early retirement is equivalent to the number of employees within the classification(s) who would otherwise receive notice of layoff under article 10.02(a)(ii).

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

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

- (c) A full-time employee who has completed one year of service and
 - (i) whose layoff is permanent, or
 - (ii) who is laid off for 26 weeks in any 52-week period, and who has not elected to receive a severance payment under either (a) or (b) of this Article, shall be entitled to severance pay equal to the greater of two weeks pay, or one weeks pay per year of service to a maximum of 26 weeks pay. This entitlement shall not be in addition to any entitlement to severance pay under the Employment Standards Act, but at the same time, shall not preclude an employee from claiming any greater entitlement which that Act may at some point come to provide.

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

10.04 Regional Staff Planning Committees

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

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

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

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

10.05 Layoff and Recall

- (a) In the event of layoff, the Hospital shall lay off employees in the reverse order of their seniority within their classification, providing that there remain on the job employees who then have the ability to perform the work.

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

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

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

- (iii) The decision of the employee to choose (a) or (b) above shall be given in writing to the designated Hospital representative within ten (10) working days (excluding Saturday, Sunday and Holidays) following the notification of lay-off. Employees failing to do so will be deemed to have accepted lay-off.
- (c) An employee shall have opportunity of recall from a layoff to an available opening, in order of seniority, provided he has the ability to perform the work before such opening is filled on a regular basis under a job posting procedure. The posting procedure in the collective agreement shall not apply until the recall process has been completed.
- (d) In determining the ability of an employee to perform the work for the purposes of the paragraphs above, the Hospital shall not act in an arbitrary or unfair manner.

- (e) An employee recalled to work in a different classification from which he was laid off shall have the privilege of returning to the position he held prior to the layoff should it become vacant within six (6) months of being recalled.
- (f) No new employees shall be hired until all those laid off have been given an opportunity to return to work and have failed to do so, in accordance with the **loss** of seniority provision, or have been found unable to perform the work available.
- (g) It is the sole responsibility of the employee who has been laid off to notify the Hospital of his intention to return to work within five (5) working days (exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and paid holidays) after being notified to do so by registered mail, addressed to the last address on record with the Hospital (which notification shall be deemed to have been received on the second day following the date of mailing) and to return to work within ten (10) working days after being notified. The notification shall state the job to which the employee is eligible to be recalled and the date and time at which the employee shall report for work. The employee is solely responsible for his proper address being on record with the Hospital.
- (h) Employees on layoff or notice of layoff shall **be** given preference for temporary vacancies which are expected to exceed ten (10) working days. An employee who has been recalled to such temporary vacancy shall not be required to accept such recall and may instead remain on layoff.
- (i) No full-time employee within the bargaining unit shall be laid off by reason of his/her duties being assigned to one or more part-time employees.
- (j) In the event that a layoff commenced on the day immediately following a paid holiday, an employee **otherwise** qualified for holiday pay shall not be disentitled thereto solely because of the day on which the layoff commenced.
- (k) A laid-off employee shall retain the rights of recall for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of layoff.

10.06 Benefits on Layoff

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

ARTICLE 11 - JOB POSTING

- 11.01** Where a permanent vacancy occurs in a classification within the bargaining unit or a new position within the bargaining unit is established by the Hospital, such vacancy shall be posted by the Hospital for a period of seven (7) days excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Vacancies created by the filling of an initial permanent vacancy within the bargaining unit shall be posted for a period of three (3) consecutive days excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays. All applications are to be made in writing within the posting period.
- 11.02** The postings referred to in Article .01 shall stipulate the qualifications, classification, rate of pay, department and shift and a copy shall be provided to the Chief Steward.
- 11.03** Employees shall be selected for positions under either Article .01 on the basis of their ability, experience and qualifications. Where these factors are relatively equal amongst the employees considered, seniority shall govern providing the successful applicant, if any, is qualified to perform the available work. The name of the successful applicant will be posted on the bulletin board and unsuccessful applicants will be notified.
- 11.04** Where there are no successful applicants from within this bargaining unit for positions referred to in Article .01, employees in other SEIU service bargaining units at the Hospital will be considered for such positions prior to considering persons not employed by the Hospital. The employees eligible for consideration shall be limited to those employees who have applied for the position in accordance with Article .01 and .02 and selection shall be made in accordance with Article .03 above.
- 11.05** Vacancies which are not expected to exceed six (6) months will not be posted and may be filled at the discretion of the Hospital. In filling such vacancies consideration shall be given to part-time employees in SEIU service bargaining units who have recorded their interest in writing, prior to considering persons not employed by the Hospital. In considering such part-time employees the criteria for selection in .03 shall apply. Part-time employees selected to fill a vacancy under this Article will continue to maintain their part-time status and upon completion of the assignment the employee will return to his former position.
- 11.06** The Hospital shall have the right to fill any vacancy on an interim basis until the posting procedure or the Request for Transfer procedure provided herein has been complied with, and arrangements have been made to assign the employee selected to fill the vacancy to the job. No grievance may be filed concerning such temporary arrangements.
- 11.07** The successful applicant will be placed in the vacancy for a trial period not exceeding forty-five (45) working days and if the employee proves satisfactory,

then he shall be considered permanently assigned to the vacancy. If the employee proves unsatisfactory during that time, or if the employee feels he is unable to perform the duties of the vacancy to which he is posted, the employee will be returned to his former position at his former salary rate of pay, as will any other employee in the Bargaining Unit who was promoted or transferred by reason of such placing. Newly hired employees shall be terminated and such termination shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedure.

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

ARTICLE 12 - NO CONTRACTING OUT

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

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

- (1) to employ the employees thus displaced from the hospital; and
- (2) in doing so to stand, with respect to that work, in the place of the hospital for the purposes of the hospital's collective agreement with the Union, and to execute into an agreement with the Union to that effect.

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

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

ARTICLE 13 - WORK OF THE BARGAINING UNIT

13.01 Work of the Bargaining Unit

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

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

13.02 Employment Agencies

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

13.03 Volunteers

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

13.04 Ratio of RN's to RPN's

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

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

13.05 Utilization of R.P.N. Skills

- (a) The Hospital supports utilizing Registered Practical Nurses for the skills which the Hospital requires them to perform in the areas involved.
- (b) The Hospital agrees to provide education for current Registered Practical Nurses for the additional skills which the Hospital requires them to perform.

ARTICLE 14 - TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

- 14.01 Technological Change means the automation of equipment, or the mechanization or automation of operations, or the replacement of existing equipment of machinery with new equipment or machinery which results in the displacement of an employee from his/her regular job.
- 14.02 Where the Hospital has decided to introduce a technological change which will significantly alter the status of an employee within the bargaining unit, the Hospital undertakes to meet with the Union to consider the minimizing of adverse effects (if any) upon the employees concerned.
- 14.03 Where new or greater skills are required than are already possessed by affected employees under the present methods of operation, such employees shall be given a period of training, with due consideration being given to the employee's age and previous educational background, during which they may perfect or acquire the skills necessitated by the new method of operation. The Employer will assume the cost of tuition and travel. There shall be no reduction in wage or salary rates during the training period of any such employee. Training shall be given during the hours of work whenever possible and may extend for up to six (6) months.
- 14.04 Employees with one (1) or more years of continuous service who are subject to lay-off under conditions referred to above, will be given notice of the impending change in employment status at the earliest reasonable time in keeping with the notification to the Union as set out above and the requirements of the applicable legislation.
- 14.05 Employees who are pregnant shall not be required to operate VDTs. At their request, the employer shall temporarily relocate such employees to other appropriate work without loss of employment benefits, but at the wage rate of the job in which the employee is relocated. The determination of the appropriate alternative work shall be at the discretion of the Employer and such discretion shall not be exercised in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner. If such work is not

available or if the employee does not wish to accept the alternative work, the employee may be placed on unpaid leave of absence.

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

ARTICLE 15 - LEAVES OF ABSENCE

15.01 Bereavement Leave

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

15.02 Educational Leave

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

15.03 Jury and Witness Duty

- .01 If an employee is required to serve as a juror in any court of law, or is required to attend as a witness in a court proceeding in which the Crown is a party, or is required by subpoena to attend a court of law or coroner's inquest in connection with a case arising from the employee's duties at the

Hospital, the employee shall not lose regular pay because of such attendance provided the employee:

- (a) notifies the Hospital immediately on the employee's notification that he will be required to attend at court;
- (b) presents proof of service requiring the employee's attendance;
- (c) deposits with the Hospital the full amount of compensation received excluding mileage, travelling and meal allowances and an official receipt thereof.

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

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

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

15.04 Pregnancy Leave

- (a) Pregnancy leave will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Standards Act, except where amended in this provision. The service requirement for eligibility for pregnancy leave shall be thirteen (13) weeks of continuous service.
- (b) The employee shall give written notification at least two (2) weeks in advance of the date of commencement of such leave and the expected date of return. At such time she shall also furnish the Hospital with the certificate of a legally qualified medical practitioner stating the expected birth date.

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

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

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

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

15.05 Parental Leave

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

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

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

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

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

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

15.06 Full-time Union Offices

Upon application by the Union, in writing, the Hospital will give reasonable consideration to a request for a leave of absence, without pay, to an employee elected or appointed to a full-time Union Office. It is understood that not more than one (1) employee in the bargaining unit may be on such leave at the same time. Such leave, if granted, shall be for a period of one (1) calendar year (in the case of the Union President, two (2) calendar years) from the date of appointment unless extended for a further specific period by agreement of the parties. Seniority and service shall accumulate during such leave to the maximum provided, if any, under the provisions of the Collective Agreement. It will become the responsibility of the employee for full payment of any applicable benefits in which the employee is participating during such leave of absence.

15.07 Union Leave

- (a) The Hospital shall grant leave of absence without pay to employees to attend Union conventions, seminars, education classes or other Union business provided that such leave will not interfere with the efficient operation of the Hospital.

- (b) In requesting such leave of absence for an employee or employees, the union must give at least twenty-one (21) days clear notice in writing to the Hospital.
- (c) the cumulative total leave of absence, the number of employees that may be absent at any one time and from any one area, and the number of days of absence shall be as provided elsewhere in the current local sections of the agreement (unless altered by local negotiations).
- (d) In addition to the leave of absence set out above, members of ~~the~~ Union Executive Board and/or Council employed by the Hospital will be entitled to an additional cumulative leave of absence, without pay, not to exceed ten (10) days per contract year, subject to the conditions set out above, for the purpose of attending Executive and/or Council meetings.

15.08 Personal Leave

The Employer may grant written leave of absence without pay to any employee for legitimate personal reasons including illness and accident. Any person absent with written permission shall not be considered to be laid Off.

ARTICLE 16 - HOURS OF WORK

16.01 Daily and Weekly Hours of Work

The normal work day shall be seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours per shift (exclusive of meal time) and seventy-five (75) hours in a bi-weekly period. Employees must report to their respective supervisors in regulation uniform and remain in uniform for the full working shift.

16.02 Rest Periods

- (a) All employees will be allowed seven (7) minutes relief in the Cafeteria in each full half shift or period without reduction in pay, and without increasing the regular working hours.
- (b) When an employee performs authorized overtime work of at least three (3) hours duration, the Hospital will schedule a rest period of fifteen (15) minutes duration.

- (c) Each employee shall be allowed at least 30 minutes for meals on his own time.
- (d) RPN's will not be required to accept the responsibility of R.N.'s in wards on lunch breaks, coffee breaks and during the night shift.

16.03 Time Off Between Shifts

- (a) Where employees are required to rotate on the day, evening and/or night shifts, the Employer will endeavour to arrange shifts such that there will be a minimum of twenty-three (23) hours between the beginning of shifts and change over of shifts and of thirty-nine (39) hours if there is one (1) day off and of sixty-three (63) hours if there are two (2) days off between the changeover of shifts.
- (b) Employees covered by this Agreement and in accordance with this clause, will be guaranteed two consecutive days off in each week whenever possible.

16.04 Weekends Off

- (a) In scheduling shifts the Hospital will endeavour to arrange schedules so as to provide for a minimum of eight weekends off in every twenty-four week period, and, in any event at least one weekend off in each three week period. Where a weekend off is not granted within a three week period, time worked on such third weekend but not subsequent weekends shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half unless the Hospital, notwithstanding its best efforts, was unable to meet this standard. This standard shall not apply where:
 - (i) Such weekend work was performed by the employee to satisfy specific days off requested by such employee; or
 - (ii) Such employee has requested weekend work, or was advised at the time of hire or when the job was posted that the regular schedule normally requires continuous weekend work; or
 - (iii) Such weekend is worked as a result of an exchange of shifts with another employee; or
 - (iv) The Hospital is unable to comply due to a prohibition against scheduling split days off.

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

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

- (b) Insofar as is possible the Employer will endeavour to schedule the weekend off prior to the commencement of vacations.

16.05 It is agreed that the arrangements of the work schedule is governed by the efficient operation of the Employer and by the decision of the Employer as to the number of staff required to be on duty at any one time. The Employer will post three (3) week work schedules which shall not be less than three (3) weeks at best at least one (1) week prior to the commencement of their schedules.

16.06 The Employer agrees to allow a five (5) minute change and wash-up at the end of each full shift. Abuse of this privilege will result in its being cancelled.

16.07 The Employer may allow an exchange of shifts at the request of two (2) employees provided that its approval is obtained in advance and that no additional cost to the Employer results from such exchange of shifts.

16.08 No employee will be required to take time off in order to make up for time worked due to revisions of the schedule in effect at the time. All time worked on days off is overtime unless caused by the Employer's accommodating an employee's request to exchange days off with another employee. Such requests must be in writing , and the exchange arrangements made by the employee must be approved by the Employer.

16.09 No employee shall be scheduled to work more than seven (7) consecutive days without time off.

16.10.1 The employee(s) will receive no less than five (5) consecutive days off at Christmas or New Years, such time off to include the evening and night shifts prior to Christmas Day or New Years Day. This provision shall not apply to any areas where employees normally work Monday to Friday or are not normally scheduled to work on a paid holiday.

16.11 It is understood normal hours include those required to accommodate the change from Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time vice versa to which the other provisions of the Articles dealing with Hours of Work and Overtime do not apply. It is further understood that the amount of regular pay for a full normal shift worked shall not be affected by reason of the change in the number of normal hours worked in consequence of such change from Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time and vice versa.

ARTICLE 17 - PREMIUM PAYMENT

17.01 Definition of Regular Straight Time Rate of Pay

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

17.02 Definition of Overtime (Overtime Premium)

- (a) Where an employee is required by the Employer to perform work in **excess** of seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours in one day, he will be compensated at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) times his basic straight time hourly rate of pay for each hour of overtime worked.
- (b) It is understood and acknowledged that the Employer has the right to require employees to perform reasonable authorized overtime work.
- (c) Where an employee is called in to work on his regularly scheduled day off he/she shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all work on said day.
- (d) Overtime premium will not be duplicated nor pyramided nor shall other premiums be duplicated nor pyramided nor shall the same hours worked be counted as part of the normal work week and also as hours for which the overtime premium is paid.

17.03 Reporting Pay

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

17.04 Standby

- (a) An employee who is required to remain available for duty on standby, outside the normal working hours for that particular employee, shall receive standby pay in the amount of \$2.10 per hour for **all hours on standby**.
- (b) Standby pay shall, however, cease where an employee is called in to work, and works during the period of standby.

17.05

Call Back

- (a) Where employees are called back to work after having completed a regular shift and prior to the commencement of their next regular shift they shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours of work or four (4) hours of pay at the rate of time and one-half their regular hourly earnings. Where call back is immediately prior to the commencement of their regular shift the call back pay will only apply to the point of commencement of a regular shift at the rate of time and one-half after which they shall revert back to the regular shift.
- (b) Call back pay shall cover all calls within the minimum four (4) hours period provided for under (a). If a second call takes place after four (4) hours have elapsed from the time of the first call, it shall be subject to a second call back premium, but in no case shall an employee collect ~~two~~ call back premiums within one such four (4) hour period, and to the extent that a call back overlaps and extends into the hours of his regular shift, (a) shall apply.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing an employee who has worked his full shift on a holiday and is called back shall receive the greater of 2-1/2 times his regular straight time hourly rate for all hours actually worked on such call back or four (4) hours pay at time and one-half his straight time hourly rate, subject to the other provisions set out above.

Call back shall not be considered as hours worked for purpose of the overtime provisions.

17.06

Shift Premiums

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

17.07

 iii 1 the Bargaining Unit

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

17.08 Overtime - Lieu Time

Where an employee has worked and accumulated approved overtime hours (other than overtime hours related to paid holidays) such employee shall have the option of electing payment at the applicable overtime rate or time off equivalent to the applicable overtime rate. Where an employee chooses the latter option, such time off must be taken within the succeeding two pay periods of the occurrence of the overtime at a time mutually agreeable to the Hospital and the employee, or payment in accordance with the former option shall be made.

17.09 Paid Time to Working Time

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

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

17.10 Weekend Premium

Effective October 11, 1992 an employee shall be paid a weekend premium of forty-five cents (**\$0.45**) per hour for each hour worked between **2400** hours Friday to **2400** hours Sunday or such other forty-eight (48) hour period that the Hospital may establish. If an employee is receiving premium pay pursuant to a local scheduling regulation with respect to consecutive weekends worked, he/she will not receive weekend premium under this provision.

ARTICLE 18 - ALLOWANCES

18.01 Meal Allowance

When an employee is required to and does work for three (3) or more hours of overtime after his normal shift he shall be provided with a hot meal or five dollars (\$5.00) if the Hospital is unable to provide the meal or has been unable to schedule a meal break during the overtime period.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the overtime assignment is for a period of three (3) hours, no more or less, the employee is not required to take a hot meal, if available, and may claim the five dollars (\$5.00) payment.

18.02 Uniform Allowance

Where uniforms are required, the Hospital shall either supply and launder uniforms or provide a uniform allowance of \$70.00 per year in a lump sum payment in the first pay period of November of each year. The uniform worn must be in accordance with the applicable departmental specifications and regulations.

18.03 Transportation Allowance

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

ARTICLE 19 - HEALTH AND SAFETY

19.01 Accident Prevention- Health and Safety Committee

- (a) The Employer and the Union agree that they mutually desire to maintain standards of safety and health in the Hospital in order to prevent accidents, injury and illness.
- (b) Recognizing its responsibilities under the applicable legislation, the Hospital agrees to accept as a member of its Accident Prevention-Health and Safety Committee at least one representative selected or appointed by the Union from amongst bargaining unit employees.
- (c) Such Committee shall identify potential dangers and hazards, institute means of improving health and safety programs and recommend actions to be taken to improve conditions related to safety and health.

- (d) The Hospital agrees to co-operate reasonably in providing necessary information to enable the Committee to fulfil its functions.
- (e) Meetings shall be held every second month or more frequently at the call of the chair if required. The Committee shall maintain minutes of all meetings and make the same available for review.
- (f) Any representative appointed or selected in accordance with (b) hereof shall serve for a term of one calendar year from the date of appointment which may be renewed for further periods of one year. Time off for such representative(s) to attend meetings of the Accident Prevention-Health & Safety Committee in accordance with the foregoing shall be granted and time so spent attending such meeting shall be deemed to be work time for which the representative(s) shall be paid by the Hospital at his regular or premium rate as may be applicable.
- (g) The Union agrees to endeavour to obtain the full cooperation of its membership in the observation of all safety rules and practices.
- (h) Pregnant employees may request to be transferred from their current duties if, in the professional opinion of the employee's physician, the pregnancy may be at risk. If such a transfer is not feasible, the pregnant employee, if she so requests, will be granted an unpaid leave of absence before commencement of the maternity leave referred to in Article 15.04.
- (i) Where the Hospital identifies high risk areas where employees are exposed to Hepatitis B, the Hospital will provide at no cost to the employees, a Hepatitis B vaccine.

19.02

Protective Clothing

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

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

ARTICLE 20 - PAID HOLIDAYS

20.01 Number of Holidays

The following shall be considered Paid Holidays:

New Year's Day	Civic Holiday
Heritage Day (3rd Monday in Feb.)	Labour Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Easter Monday	Remembrance Day
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
Dominion Day	Boxing Day

20.02 Definition of Holiday Pay

- (a) In order to qualify for payment for Paid Holidays, an employee must work his regular scheduled shift on the day immediately preceding and succeeding the day of the holiday.

An employee who is absent on a Paid Holiday after being posted to work, forfeits all pay for that day unless absence is due to illness, in which case they are to receive straight time for the Paid Holiday.

- (b) In **all** cases where less than seven and one-half (7 1/2) hours are worked, the employee will then receive the full day's pay for the holiday plus time and one-half for any and all hours worked.

20.03 Payment for Working on a Holiday

Any employee who is required to work on one of the above Paid Holidays will receive time and one-half for the day's work, and in addition will receive their regular rate of pay, or an alternate date off with pay at his regular rate provided the alternate day off is taken within thirty (30) calendar days before the date or forty-five (45) calendar days following the date of the holiday so worked. Such election shall be made by mutual agreement of the Employer and employee.

20.04 Payment for Working Overtime on a Holiday

Where an employee is required to work authorized overtime in excess of his regularly scheduled hours on a Paid Holiday (but not including hours on a subsequent regularly scheduled shift) such employee shall receive two and one-half times his regular straight time hourly rate for such additional authorized overtime.

- 20.05 If one of the above-named Paid Holidays occurs on the employee's regular day off and the employee is called in to work, ~~such~~ work will be classed as work on a Paid Holiday and will be paid for at the rate of time plus time and one-half for any and all hours worked. Where an employee is called in to work, he will be given another lieu day off without pay.
- 20.06 Where a Paid Holiday occurs during an employee's vacation period, the employee will receive an additional day either in the form of time off or a day added to their vacation or an additional day's pay.
- 20.07 For the purpose of clarity, Paid Holidays shall commence at 11:00 p.m. on the evening preceding the Paid Holiday, and end at 11:00 p.m. on the evening of the holiday.

ARTICLE 21 - VACATIONS

21.01 Entitlement and Calculation of ment

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

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

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

An employee who has completed three (3) years but less than eight (8) years of continuous service as of July 1st shall be entitled to three (3) weeks' annual vacation with pay.

Effective in the vacation year where the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital falls **on** or after October 11, 1989, the service requirement for three (3) weeks vacation shall be two (2) or more years of full-time continuous service.

An employee who has completed eight (8) years but less than fifteen (15) years of continuous service as of July 1st shall be entitled to four (4) weeks' annual vacation with pay.

Effective in the vacation year where the date for determining vacation entitlement in the individual Hospital falls on ~~or~~ after October 11, 1989, the service requirement for four (4) weeks vacation shall be six (6) or more years of full-time continuous service.

Effective in the vacation year where the date for determining vacation entitlement falls on or after October 11, 1990, the service requirement for four (4) weeks vacation shall be five (5) or more years of full-time continuous service.

An employee who has completed fifteen (15) years but less than twenty-five (25) years of continuous service as of July 1st shall be entitled for five (5) weeks annual vacation with pay.

An employee who has completed twenty-five (25) or more years of continuous service as of July 1st shall be entitled to six (6) weeks annual vacation.

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

21.02 Approved Leave of Absence During Vacation

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

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

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

21.03 Vacation time will be allotted from the 1st of May to the 31st of October, if possible, and in order of employees' seniority, unless some other time is mutually arranged between the individual employee and the Employer.

Employees may be required to spread the fourth and fifth weeks vacation separate and apart from the other three weeks, such fourth and fifth weeks to be granted at a time which is mutually agreeable.

21.04 Vacation pay **shall** be paid to all employees in advance of their holiday period.

ARTICLE 22 - HEALTH AND INSURED BENEFITS

22.01 Insured Benefits

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

- (a) The Hospital agrees to pay one hundred per cent (100%) of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under the Blue Cross **Semi-Private** Plan or comparable coverage with another carrier.
- (b) The Hospital agrees to contribute seventy-five per cent (75%) of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under the amended Blue Cross Extended Health Care Benefits or comparable coverage with another carrier providing for \$10.00 (single) and \$20.00 (family) deductible, providing the balance of monthly premiums are paid by the employee through payroll deductions. In addition to the standard benefits, coverage will include vision care (maximum \$60.00 every 24 months) as well as a hearing aid allowance (lifetime maximum \$300.00 per individual). Effective the first of the month after the arbitration hearing on outstanding issues by both parties coverage will include vision care (maximum \$90.00 every 24 months) as well as a hearing aid allowance (lifetime maximum \$500.00/per individual and the deductible will be \$15.00 (single) and \$25.00 (family).

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

- (c) The Hospital agrees to pay one hundred percent (100%) of the billed premium towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under HOOGLIP or such other group life insurance plan currently in effect providing the balance of the monthly premium is paid by the employee through payroll deduction.
- (d) The Hospital agrees to contribute fifty percent (50%) of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Hospital under the Blue Cross #9 Dental Plan or comparable coverage with another carrier (based on the current ODA fee schedule as it may be updated from time to time) providing

the balance of the monthly premium is paid by the employee through payroll deduction. Effective the first of the month following the date of the arbitration hearing on outstanding issues by both parties, the Hospital's contribution to the Dental Plan will be 75%.

(e) Benefits (Early Retirement

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

22.02 Change of Carrier

The Hospital may at any time substitute another carrier for any Plan (other than O.H.I.P.) provided that the benefits provided thereby are substantially the same.

22.03 Pension

- (a) The Employer participates in and the employees are covered by the Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan in accordance with the regulations laid down by the carrier.
- (b) **All** present employees enrolled in the Hospital's pension plan shall maintain their enrolment in the plan subject to its terms and conditions. New employees and employees not yet eligible for membership in the plan shall, as a condition of employment, enrol in the plan when eligible in accordance with its terms and conditions.
- (c) Any dispute which may arise concerning an employee's entitlement to long-term disability benefits, and which is not **covered** by the appeal mechanism provided for under the policy of insurance, may be the subject of grievance and arbitration under the provisions of this agreement.

ARTICLE 23 - INJURY AND DISABILITY

23.01 Workers' Compensation Injury

Where an employee has reported and commenced work for a shift, if an accident occurs that is compensable by Workers' Compensation, said employee will be paid for the balance of the shift.

23.02 Disabled Employees

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

ARTICLE 24 - SICK LEAVE

24.01 Sick Leave & Long Term Disability

- .01 The Hospital will assume total responsibility for providing and funding a short-term sick leave plan at least equivalent to that described in the 1987 Hospitals of Ontario Disability Plan (HOODIP) brochure.
- .02 The Hospital will pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the billed premium towards coverage of eligible employees under the long-term disability portion of the plan (HOODIP or an equivalent plan), the employee paying the balance of the billed premium through payroll deduction. For the purpose of transfer to the short-term portion of the disability program, employees on the payroll as of the effective date of the transfer with three (3) months or more of service shall be deemed to have three (3) months of service. For the purpose of transfer to the long-term portion of the disability program, employees will be credited with their actual service.
- .03 There shall be no pay deduction from an employee's regular scheduled shift when the employee has completed any portion of the shift prior to going on sick leave benefits or Workers' Compensation benefits.
- .04 The Hospital further agrees to pay employees an amount equal to any loss of benefits under HOODIP for the first two (2) days of the fourth and subsequent period of absence in any calendar year.
- .05 Absences due to pregnancy related illness shall be considered as sick leave under the sick leave plan.

.06 Unemployment Insurance

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

.07 An employee who is unable to report for work due to illness must notify her immediate supervisor or designate as far in advance as possible and if illness is prolonged, must keep her supervisor informed on a regular basis.

.08 An employee who has so notified her supervisor and is unable to confirm attendance on her next regularly scheduled shift shall be required to notify the supervisor when she is able to return to work at which time she will be advised of her next scheduled shift.

.09 An employee who reports for work following an illness without prior notice, as above, may be sent home, without pay, for that shift.

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

24.03 Pay for Medical Certificates

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

ARTICLE 25 - COMPENSATION

25.01 Experience Pay

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

25.02 Promotion to a Higher Classification

An employee who is promoted to a higher rated classification within the bargaining unit will be placed in the range of the higher rated classification so that he shall receive no less an increase in wage rate than the equivalent of one step in the wage rate of his previous classification (provided that he does not exceed the wage rate of the classification to which he has been promoted).

25.03 Temporary Transfer

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

25.04 Job Classification

- (a) When a new classification (which is covered by the terms of this Collective Agreement) is established by the Hospital, the Hospital shall determine the rate of pay for such new classification and notify the local Union of the same within seven (7) days. If the local Union challenges the rate, it shall have the right to request a meeting with the Hospital to endeavour to negotiate a mutually satisfactory rate. Such request will be made within ten (10) days after the receipt of notice from the Hospital of such new occupational classification and rate. Any change mutually agreed to resulting from such meeting shall be retroactive to the date that notice of the new rate was given by the Hospital.

If the parties are unable to agree, the dispute concerning the new rate may be submitted to arbitration as provided in the Agreement within fifteen (15) days of such meeting. The decision of the Board of Arbitration (or arbitrator as the case may be) shall be based on the relationship established by comparison with the rates for other classifications in the bargaining unit having regard to the requirements of such classification.

- (b) When the Hospital makes a substantial change during the term of this Agreement in the job content of an existing classification which in reality causes such classification to become a new classification, the Hospital agrees to meet with the Union if requested to permit the Union to make representation with respect to the appropriate rate of pay.
- (c) If the matter is not resolved following the meeting with the Union the matter may be referred to arbitration as provided in the Agreement within fifteen (15) days of such meeting. The decision of the Board of Arbitration (or arbitrator as the case may be) shall be based on the relationship established by comparison with the rates for other classifications in the bargaining unit having regard to the requirements of such classifications.
- (d) The parties further agree that any change mutually agreed to or awarded as a result of arbitration shall be retroactive only to the date that the Union raised the issue with the Hospital.

25.05

Wages and Classification Premiums

- (a) The Employer agrees to pay and the Union agrees to accept the wages set out in the Schedule "A" hereto attached and forming part of the agreement.
- (b) The Employer agrees that wages shall be paid on a regular pay day every two (2) weeks except when interfered with by the occurrence of a Paid Holiday. In this case the regular pay day may be delayed one day.
- (c) Normally, employees will be paid during working hours. Where an employee is not on duty during banking hours on regularly scheduled pay day, the Employer will make available his or her cheque by 3:00 p.m. on the day prior to the regular pay day.
- (d) If a Cook is required to substitute for the Chef, an additional thirty cents (30 cents) per hour will be paid for hours worked, to the Cook replacing the Chef.

ARTICLE 26 -WRITTEN WARNINGS

26.01 The Employer may issue written warnings to employees for failure to follow rules or regulations, or for actions in contravention of the terms of the Collective Agreement.

Such warnings shall be made out in triplicate by the supervisor, and both the supervisor and the employee shall sign the form. The representative present shall also be required to sign as a witness.

Distribution shall be as follows:

- 1 copy to Hospital Records
- 1 copy to employees concerned, and
- 1 copy to the representative present.

If the employee refuses to sign his/her name to the warning slip, the supervisor shall then call another supervisor as witness, and hand the warning to the employee involved. Such warning will then be entered on the employee's record.

Written warnings that exceed twelve (12) months from the date of issue of the warning will not be used for purpose of discipline.

If the action of the employee is such as to warrant immediate suspension or discharge, such fact will be noted on the warning given and appropriate action taken.

Refusal of the employee or representative to sign for receipt of a written warning shall disqualify the employee from proceeding under the grievance procedure.

When a written warning has been issued and subsequently withdrawn, the Employer will notify the employee and his representative that such withdrawal has been made.

ARTICLE 27 - REGULATIONS GOVERNING LUNCH AREAS, LOCKER FACILITIES AND ACCIDENTAL BREAKAGE

27.01 Meals or lunches must be eaten in the Hospital Cafeteria or such areas as may be designated by the Employer.

Upon payment by an employee of a deposit of \$2.50, locker facilities will be provided for the employee's convenience when such become available.

Management reserves the right to inspect such lockers with the Health Nurse for sanitary purposes, in the presence of the employee or his representative.

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

ARTICLE 28 - UNION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

28.01 A Union-Management Committee comprising of no more than five (5) members representing management and five (5) members representing the Union will be established and will meet at mutually agreeable times throughout the term of this agreement. Minutes will be kept at each meeting and copies furnished to both parties. It is further agreed that either party may request a meeting by presenting to the other party an agenda at least three (3) days prior to such a meeting being held.

It is agreed that a Union Representative of Local 204 may upon request of either party act as a member of the above committee if so requested, such committee will attempt to resolve to mutual satisfaction, any matter which properly arises during the term of this agreement, including the settlement of complaints and grievances, except as hereinafter defined. The Union acknowledges that the members of the Committee will continue to perform their regular duties on behalf of the Employer and that such persons will not leave their duties without first obtaining permission from the head of the department or his or her delegate and on completion of such duties shall report back to that official.

ARTICLE 29 - BULLETIN BOARDS

29.01 The Employer will provide a bulletin board for the convenience of the Union for the posting of Union notices. All such notices must be signed by the Representative of the Union designated for the purpose and must be submitted to the Personnel Manager for approval before being posted.

ARTICLE 30 - PRINTING OF AGREEMENTS

30.01 The Employer agrees to share the cost of printing the agreements.

ARTICLE 31 - RELATIONSHIP

31.01 Each of the parties hereto agree that there will be no discrimination, interference, restraint or coercion exercised or practiced upon any employee because of membership or non-membership in the Union, which is hereby recognized as a voluntary act on the part of the individual concerned.

ARTICLE 32 - GENERAL

32.01 A Registered Practical Nurse will present proof of Certificate of Competence before December 31st of each year. Failure to provide proof of current certification by December 31st shall result in the Registered Practical Nurse reverting to the Non-Registered Practical Nurse (N.R.P.N.) salary rate.

ARTICLE 33 - DURATION

33.01 Renewal

In the event of such notification being given **as** to the amendment of this Agreement, negotiations between the parties shall begin within fifteen (15) days following such notification.

If, pursuant to such negotiations, an agreement or the renewal or amendment of this Agreement is not reached prior to the current expiration date, this Agreement shall expire at such expiration date unless it **is** extended **for** a specified period **by** mutual agreement of the parties.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in the event the parties to this Agreement agree to negotiate for its renewal through the process of central bargaining, either party to this Agreement may give notice to the other party **of** its desire to bargain for amendments on local matters proposed **for** incorporation in the renewal of this Agreement not earlier than six calendar months prior to the normal termination date of this Agreement.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

Re: Shift Premium

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

This letter is to confirm the parties understanding that:

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

Signed this 6th day of January 2000, at The Brantford General Hospital.

The Brantford General Hospital:

Service Employees International Union,
Local 204

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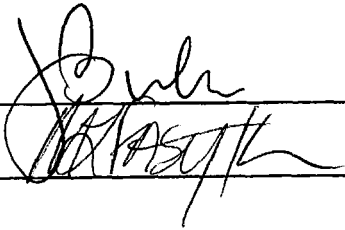
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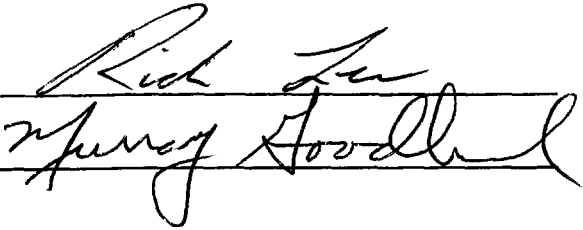
Upon request of the Local Union, and with reasonable notice, the Hospital will provide a union representative the opportunity to read the provisions of the insurance policy or policies as to employee liability insurance coverage for the classifications of employees represented by the Union.

Signed this 6th day of January 2000, at The Brantford General Hospital.

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

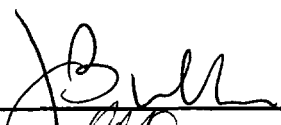
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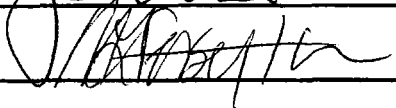
Pursuant to the award of the Mitchnick board dated November 18, 1992, the Board will remain seized of any dispute between the parties regarding the implementation of Article 10.01 and 10.04 while the terms of this collective agreement remain in effect.

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

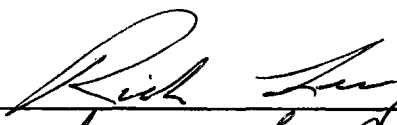
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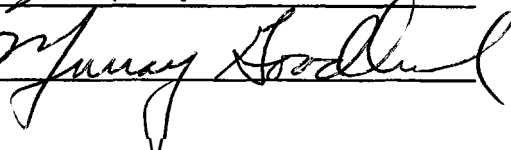
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Aide II (Nut. Service, Env. Service), Porter Environmental Service Aide	1	2,341.61	2,364.82	2,387.86	14.40993	14.55275	14.69454
	2	2,365.03	2,388.47	2,411.74	14.55403	14.69828	14.84149
	3	2,376.85	2,400.41	2,423.80	14.62680	14.77177	14.91569
	4	2,400.62	2,424.41	2,448.04	14.77307	14.91949	15.06485
	5	2,424.63	2,448.66	2,472.52	14.92080	15.06868	15.21550
	6	2,448.87	2,473.15	2,497.24	15.07001	15.21937	15.36765
	7	2,473.36	2,497.88	2,522.21	15.22071	15.37156	15.52133
	8	2,522.83	2,547.83	2,572.66	15.52512	15.67899	15.83176

Aide I (CSS, Mat. Mgmt.), Incinerator Trucker	1	2,379.91	2,403.11	2,426.65	14.64558	14.78839	14.93324
	2	2,403.71	2,427.14	2,450.92	14.79204	14.93627	15.08257
	3	2,415.73	2,439.28	2,463.17	14.86600	15.01096	15.15799
	4	2,439.88	2,463.67	2,487.80	15.01466	15.16106	15.30957
	5	2,464.28	2,488.31	2,512.68	15.16480	15.31268	15.46266
	6	2,488.93	2,513.19	2,537.81	15.31645	15.46580	15.61729
	7	2,513.82	2,538.32	2,563.19	15.46962	15.62046	15.77346
	8	2,564.09	2,589.09	2,614.45	15.77901	15.93287	16.08893

Registered Practical Nurse*	1	3,052.42	3,075.30	3,100.66	18.78412	18.92490	19.08097
	2	3,082.94	3,106.05	3,131.67	18.97196	19.11415	19.27178
	3	3,098.36	3,121.58	3,147.32	19.06682	19.20972	19.36814
	4	3,129.34	3,152.80	3,178.80	19.25749	19.40182	19.56182
	5	3,160.64	3,184.33	3,210.59	19.45006	19.59584	19.75744
	6	3,192.24	3,216.17	3,242.69	19.64456	19.79179	19.95501
	7	3,224.16	3,248.33	3,275.12	19.84101	19.98971	20.15456
	8	3,288.65	3,313.30	3,340.62	20.23783	20.38951	20.55765

Patient Porter, Cook's Helper Needleworker	1	2,364.99	2,388.03	2,411.07	14.55377	14.69556	14.83735
	2	2,388.64	2,411.91	2,435.18	14.69931	14.84252	14.98572
	3	2,400.58	2,423.97	2,447.36	14.77280	14.91673	15.06065
	4	2,424.59	2,448.21	2,471.83	14.92053	15.06590	15.21126
	5	2,448.83	2,472.69	2,496.55	15.06974	15.21655	15.36337
	6	2,473.32	2,497.42	2,521.51	15.22043	15.36872	15.51700
	7	2,498.06	2,522.39	2,546.73	15.37264	15.52241	15.67217
	8	2,548.02	2,572.84	2,597.66	15.68009	15.83286	15.98562

Orderly	1	2,418.70	2,442.56	2,466.10	14.88428	15.03117	15.17603
	2	2,442.89	2,466.99	2,490.76	15.03312	15.18148	15.32779
	3	2,455.10	2,479.32	2,503.21	15.10829	15.25739	15.40443
	4	2,479.65	2,504.11	2,528.25	15.25937	15.40996	15.55847
	5	2,504.45	2,529.15	2,553.53	15.41197	15.56406	15.71406
	6	2,529.49	2,554.45	2,579.06	15.56608	15.71970	15.87120
	7	2,554.79	2,579.99	2,604.86	15.72175	15.87690	16.02991
	8	2,605.88	2,631.59	2,656.95	16.03618	16.19444	16.35051

Storekeeper, Receiver	1	2,410.90	2,434.44	2,457.81	14.83633	14.98119	15.12502
	2	2,435.01	2,458.78	2,482.39	14.98469	15.13100	15.27627
	3	2,447.18	2,471.08	2,494.80	15.05962	15.20666	15.35265
	4	2,471.66	2,495.79	2,519.75	15.21021	15.35872	15.50618
	5	2,496.37	2,520.75	2,544.95	15.36232	15.51231	15.66124
	6	2,521.34	2,545.95	2,570.39	15.51594	15.66743	15.81785
	7	2,546.55	2,571.41	2,596.10	15.67110	15.82411	15.97603
	8	2,597.48	2,622.84	2,648.02	15.98452	16.14059	16.29555

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Repairer II	1	2,736.52	2,764.32	2,789.02	15.84011	17.01119	17.16318
	2	2,763.89	2,791.96	2,816.91	15.99851	17.18130	17.33481
	3	2,777.70	2,805.92	2,830.99	16.07850	17.26721	17.42149
	4	2,805.48	2,833.98	2,859.30	16.23929	17.43988	17.59570
	5	2,833.54	2,862.32	2,887.90	16.40168	17.61428	17.77166
	6	2,861.87	2,890.95	2,916.78	16.56570	17.79042	17.94937
	7	2,890.49	2,919.85	2,945.94	16.73136	17.96833	18.12887
	8	2,948.30	2,978.25	3,004.86	17.06598	18.32769	18.49145

Repairer I	1	2,847.70	2,871.73	2,897.10	17.52430	17.67221	17.82829
	2	2,876.18	2,900.45	2,926.07	17.69954	17.84893	18.00657
	3	2,890.56	2,914.95	2,940.70	17.78804	17.93818	18.09661
	4	2,919.46	2,944.10	2,970.11	17.96592	18.11756	18.27757
	5	2,948.66	2,973.54	2,999.81	18.14558	18.29873	18.46035
	6	2,978.14	3,003.28	3,029.81	18.32704	18.48172	18.64495
	7	3,007.93	3,033.31	3,060.11	18.51031	18.66654	18.83140
	8	3,068.08	3,093.97	3,121.31	18.88051	19.03987	19.20803

Painter/Journeyman	Start	6 months	Start	6 months
	1	2,827.51	2,876.24	17.40005
2	2,855.79	2,905.00	17.57405	17.87696
3	2,870.06	2,919.53	17.66192	17.96634
4	2,898.76	2,948.72	17.83854	18.14601
5	2,927.75	2,978.21	18.01693	18.32747
6	2,957.03	3,007.99	18.19709	18.51074
7	2,986.60	3,038.07	18.37907	18.69585
8	3,046.33	3,098.83	18.74665	19.06977

Repairer/Journeyman	1	3,051.09	3,100.66	18.77596	19.08097
	2	3,081.60	3,131.67	18.96372	19.27178
	3	3,097.01	3,147.32	19.05854	19.36814
	4	3,127.98	3,178.80	19.24912	19.56182
	5	3,159.26	3,210.59	19.44161	19.75744
	6	3,190.85	3,242.69	19.63603	19.95501
	7	3,222.76	3,275.12	19.83239	20.15456
	8	3,287.22	3,340.62	20.22904	20.55765

Electronic/Journeyman	1	3,122.86	3,154.94	19.60387	19.80524
	2	3,154.09	3,186.49	19.79991	20.00329
	3	3,169.86	3,202.42	19.89891	20.10331
	4	3,201.56	3,234.45	20.09790	20.30434
	5	3,233.57	3,266.79	20.29888	20.50739
	6	3,265.91	3,299.46	20.50187	20.71246
	7	3,298.57	3,332.45	20.70688	20.91958
	8	3,364.54	3,399.10	21.12102	21.33798

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	2	3,196.31	3,328.89	3,379.12	19.66957	20.48548	20.79457
	3	3,212.29	3,345.53	3,396.01	19.76792	20.58790	20.89854
	4	3,244.41	3,378.99	3,429.97	19.96560	20.79378	21.10753
	5	3,276.86	3,412.78	3,464.27	20.16525	21.00172	21.31860
	6	3,309.62	3,446.91	3,498.91	20.36690	21.21174	21.53179
	7	3,342.72	3,481.38	3,533.90	20.57057	21.42386	21.74710
	8	3,409.57	3,551.00	3,604.58	20.98198	21.85233	22.18205

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