

**COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

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SUNCREEK VILLAGE  
(The Employer)**

**AND**

**THE HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION  
(The Union)**



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## **DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this Agreement:

- (a) "Basic Pay" – means the rate of pay in each wage schedule;
- (b) "Employee" – means an employee included in the bargaining unit and includes regular full-time employees, regular part-time employees, and casual employees.
- (c) "Employer" means Suncreek Developments Ltd. carrying on business at Suncreek village.
- (d) "Union" - means the Hospital Employees' Union.
- (e) "Bargaining Unit" is the unit comprised of all employees of the Employer described in the Certifications issued.
- (f) "Common-law spouse" is defined as a person with whom the employee has been living in a conjugal relationship continually for a period of at least twelve (12) months.
- (g) "Leave of absence with pay" means to be absent from duty with permission and with pay.
- (h) "Leave of absence without pay" means to be absent from duty with permission but without pay.
- (i) "Harassment" is defined as: "Deliberate actions, that ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome by the recipient and which serve no legitimate work related purpose, toward an individual or individuals by the employees or the Employer.
- (j) "Discrimination" is defined as being based on any of the prohibited grounds of discrimination under the *Human Rights Act* of British Columbia including race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, political belief, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age or conviction of an offense that is unrelated to a person's employment or intended employment.

### **Definition of Employee Status**

#### **(a) Regular Full-Time Employee**

A regular full-time employee is one who works full-time on a regularly scheduled basis. Regular full-time employees accumulate seniority on an hourly basis and are entitled to all benefits outlined in this Collective Agreement.



**(b) Regular Part-Time Employee**

A regular part-time employee is one who works less than full-time on a regularly scheduled basis. Regular part-time employees accumulate seniority on an hourly basis and are entitled to all benefits outlined in this Collective Agreement.

**(c) Casual Employees**

A casual employee is one who is not regularly scheduled to work other than during periods that such employee shall relieve a regular full-time or regular part-time employee and/or temporary position or to perform emergency or non-recurring short term relief work as required by the Employer. Casual employees accumulate seniority on an hourly basis and are entitled to such benefits as are contained in Article 45 Casual Employees.

**(d) Restriction of Employee Status**

The status of all employees covered by this Collective Agreement shall be defined under one (1) of the preceding three (3) definitions. Any employee posting into a temporary or relief position shall retain their existing status and the benefits associated with that status. If a dispute arises over the proper allocation of employee status, such dispute shall be resolved through the Grievance Procedure.

**PREAMBLE**

The Parties recognize the need for an efficient and cost effective operation and together will work to provide a high level of care.

The parties of this agreement share a desire to provide the highest quality of services to the residents of the home. Accordingly, they are determined to establish, within the framework provided by the law, an effective working relationship at all levels in which members of the bargaining unit are employed.

## **ARTICLE 1 - RECOGNITION OF THE UNION**

### **1.01 Sole Bargaining Agency**

No employee covered by this Agreement shall be required or permitted to make a written or oral agreement with the Employer or its representatives which is in conflict with the terms of this Agreement.

The Union shall provide a filing cabinet with a lock for the sole use of the Union stored in a safe secure place.

### **Bargaining Agent Recognition**

- (a) The Employer recognizes the Hospital Employees' Union as the exclusive bargaining agent for all employees in the bargaining unit.
- (b) The bargaining unit shall be comprised of all employees included in the bargaining unit as described in the certification

### **Correspondence**

- (a) The Employer agrees that all correspondence between the Employer and the Union related to matters covered in this Agreement shall be sent to the Chairperson of the local executive and the local staff representative.
- (b) The Employer agrees that a copy of any correspondence between the Employer and any employee in the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement pertaining to the interpretation of any clause in this Agreement, shall be forwarded to the Chairperson of the local executive and the local staff representative.

### **1.02 Union Shop**

All employees in the Bargaining Unit shall maintain membership in the Union as a condition of employment. Employees who are brought within the Bargaining Unit, including newly-hired employees, shall become members of the Union within thirty (30) days after their initial date of employment in the Bargaining Unit.

Where the Employer has knowledge of an employee failing to

maintain Union membership, or the check-off of Union dues or an amount equal to Union dues, the Employer shall so advise the Union and, in turn, the Union shall advise the employee in writing. When the Employer is advised by the Union of non-compliance of either of the above, the Employer shall terminate the services of the employee within sixty (60) days of written advice as noted above.

In the event an employee is terminated pursuant to Article 1.02, the following provisions shall not be applicable to the employee:

- Grievance Procedure - Article 8
- Dismissal/Suspension for Alleged Cause - Article 8.05

### **1.03 Check Off of Union Dues**

The Employer agrees to the monthly check-off of all Union Dues, Assessments, Initiation Fees, and written assignments of amounts equal to Union Dues.

The check-off monies deducted in accordance with the above paragraph shall be remitted to the Union by the Employer in a period not to exceed twenty-one (21) days after month end.

The Employer shall provide the Union's Provincial Office with a list of all employees hired, and all employees who have left the employ of the Employer (who shall be designated as terminated and shall include discharges, resignations, retirements and deaths) in the previous month along with a list of all employees in the bargaining unit and their employee status and the amount of dues or equivalent monies currently being deducted for each employee.

The Employer agrees to sign into the Union all new employees whose jobs are covered by the Certificate of Bargaining Authority in accordance with the provisions of Article 1.02.

The Employer shall include the amount of Union dues paid by

each employee during the relevant year on the Income Tax T4 slips.

Twice every calendar year the Employer shall provide to either the Secretary-Treasurer of the Local or the Secretary-Business Manager of the Union, a list of all employees in the bargaining unit, their job titles, addresses and their telephone numbers known to the Employer. Implementation shall be six months following the signing of the Collective Agreement.

#### **1.04 Membership Information**

The Employer agrees to provide to the Union twice a year, within the months of January and July, a list of all union members, their current job categories, and employee status, phone numbers, and addresses known to the Employer.

The above-noted lists will be supplied to the Union in electronic format to [memberupdates@heu.org](mailto:memberupdates@heu.org)

#### **1.05 Employer and Union Shall Acquaint New Employees**

The Employer shall provide a copy of this agreement to newly hired employees within the first thirty (30) days of employment. The employer shall notify the Union of newly hired employees within seven (7) days of hire and the Shop Steward will be given an opportunity, not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes, to talk to the new employee. The new employee and the Shop Steward will not have wages or benefits deducted during this time.

#### **1.06 Recognition and Rights of Shop Stewards**

The Employer recognizes the Union's right to Shop Stewards. The Union agrees to provide the Employer with a list of the employees designated as stewards and alternates. A Steward or their alternate shall obtain the permission of their department head and in their absence the person in charge before leaving their work to perform their duties as a Steward. Leave for this purpose shall be without loss of pay. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

The Employer shall be advised of the approximate duration of the absence and notified upon return to duties. At no time shall a Shop steward interrupt an employee while such employee is carrying out their duties.

When a Shop Steward is the only employee on duty in a department or where their absence would require the Employer to call in another employee or assign another employee to a higher rated position, or where their absence will unduly interfere with the employers operation, the Shop Steward may be refused leave of absence to transact Union business. When such leave is refused, other time will be made available to ensure the Union business is transacted.

### **1.07 No Discrimination Harassment and Discrimination**

- (a) The Employer and the Union subscribe to the principles of the *Human Rights Code* of British Columbia.
- (b) The Union and the Employer recognize the right of employees to work in an environment free from harassment, including sexual harassment.
- (c) The Employer and the Union agree that there shall be no discrimination, interference, restriction or coercion exercised or practiced with respect to any employee for reason of membership or activity in the Union.

### **1.08 Complaints Investigation**

- (a) The employee who complains of harassment may file a grievance or human rights complaint.
- (b) The employer, the employees and the Union agree that where there is a complaint that could be adequately remedied in a single forum, no multiple forum complaints shall be filed.
- (c) All persons involved with the complaint shall hold all aspects of the complaint and all related information in the strictest confidence.
- (d) Both the complainant and the alleged harasser shall be entitled to Union representation if they are members of the bargaining unit.

**ARTICLE 2 - RIGHT TO REFUSE TO CROSS PICKET LINES**

- (a) All employees covered by this Agreement shall have the right to refuse to cross a legal picket line arising out of a labour dispute, as defined in the appropriate legislation. Any employee failing to report for duty shall be considered to be absent without pay.
- (b) Failure to cross a legal picket line encountered in carrying out the Employer's business shall not be considered a violation of this Agreement nor shall it be grounds for disciplinary action.

**ARTICLE 3 - NOTICE OF UNION REPRESENTATIVE VISITS**

The Employer agrees that access to its premises will be granted to a Hospital Employees' Union Staff Representative, or authorized alternate. The Union Representative shall provide reasonable notice to the Administrator or their designate/person in charge. Such visits shall not interfere with the operation of the Employer's business.

**ARTICLE 4 - BULLETIN BOARD**

The Employer shall provide space for one regular bulletin board, for the exclusive use of the Union. The use of the bulletin board shall be restricted to the business affairs of the Union.

**ARTICLE 5 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

The Union recognizes the right of the Employer to operate and manage its business in all respects. The rights to hire, manage the work force, and to maintain order and efficiency is the exclusive responsibility of the Management, provided there is no conflict with the terms of this Agreement. The right to promote and the right to discipline and discharge for cause are likewise the exclusive responsibility of the Management provided that these claims shall be subject to the grievance procedure herein provided.

## **ARTICLE 6 - TECHNOLOGICAL, AUTOMATION AND OTHER CHANGES**

This Article will not interfere with the right of the Employer to make such changes in methods of operation as are consistent with technological advances in the long term care field.

The purpose of the following provisions is to preserve jobs and stabilize employment and to protect as many regular employees as possible from loss of employment.

Any employee classified as a regular employee shall be considered displaced by technological change when their services shall no longer be required as a result of a change in plant or equipment, or a change in a process or method of operation diminishing the total number of employees required to operate the facility in which they are employed.

Employees affected by technological change will be given sixty (60) days notification in advance and allowed a training period to acquire the necessary skills for retaining employment within the facility, commensurate with their seniority and ability.

### **6.01 Bumping**

It is agreed that in instances where a job is eliminated, either by automation or change in method of operation an employee affected shall be laid off. Any reduction in hours of one (1) hour or more in a shift shall be considered a layoff and may, at the employees option, trigger bumping rights as laid out below. Employees affected shall have the right to transfer (bump) to a job in line with seniority, provided such transfer does not affect a promotion and provided, further, the employee possesses the qualifications and ability to perform the duties of the new job. Employees affected by such rearrangement of jobs shall similarly transfer to jobs in line with seniority and ability.

A laid off employee may bump the most junior employee with the same hours, in any of the existing rotations in their classification

or the most junior employee in the chosen FTE and classification.

For clarification of the above rights, where there is more than one employee in a classification with the same hours and rotation, then the laid off employee may only chose to bump the most junior employee within that group.

A laid off employee who bumps a junior employee shall be paid at the hourly rate of the classification they are bumping into, at the rate corresponding with their previous placement in the wage grid. Concurrent with notice of layoff, the Employer shall provide affected employees a list of positions available for bumping. Laid off employees must make their bumping choices within five (5) calendar days from the receipt of the notice.

An employee exercising their options under this article shall be moved to their new position at the end of their notice period, unless mutually agreed otherwise. An employee shall not incur a loss of income during their notice period.

A transfer under this Article shall not be deemed to effect a promotion unless it results in an increase in the pay rate of the transferring employee in excess of five percent (5%) of their existing pay rate.

## **6.02 Technological Displacement**

The Employer agrees that, whenever possible, no employee shall lose employment because of technological change, utilizing normal turnover of staff to absorb such displaced employees. However, when necessary to reduce staff, it shall be done as outlined in Article 6.01.

## **6.03 Reduction in Work Force**

(a) In the event of a reduction in the work force, regular full-time and regular part-time employees shall be laid off in reverse order of seniority, provided that there are available employees with greater seniority who are qualified and have the ability to



do the work of the employees laid off.

The Employer shall give regular employees written notice of layoff or normal pay for that period in lieu of notice as follows:

- i) One (1) weeks' notice after three (3) consecutive months of employment,
  - ii) Two (2) weeks' notice after twelve (12) consecutive months of employment,
  - iii) Three (3) weeks' notice after three (3) consecutive years, plus one additional week for each additional year of employment to a maximum of eight (8) weeks.
  - iv) Employees shall be entitled to Group Termination notice/pay pursuant to Section 64 of the *Employment Standards Act*.
- (b) Laid-off regular employees shall retain their seniority and perquisites accumulated up to the time of layoff, for a period of one (1) year and shall be rehired, if the employee possesses the capability of performing the duties of the vacant job on the basis of the posting procedure.

If a laid-off employee is not recalled to work within twelve (12) calendar months of layoff, such employee may be terminated by written notification at the expiration of the twelve (12) calendar month period.

Laid-off employees failing to report for work of an ongoing nature within seven (7) days of the date of receipt of notification by registered mail shall be considered to have abandoned their right to employment.

Employees required to give two (2) weeks' notice to another Employer shall be deemed to be in compliance with the seven (7) day provision.

- (c) Where a notice of displacement or layoff actually results in a layoff and prior to the layoff becoming effective, two (2) copies of such notice shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the

Local.

## **ARTICLE 7 - DISCUSSION OF DIFFERENCES**

**7.01** The Union and the Employer are committed to a process of working together with the common goals of anticipating and resolving mutual problems and improving their day to day working relationship. To this end, the parties agree to the establishment of a labour management committee.

Such meetings may discuss issues related to the workplace that affect the parties or any employee bound by this agreement, including, but not limited to:

- a) Reviewing matters, related to the maintenance of good relations between the parties;
- b) Correcting conditions causing misunderstandings;
- c) Dealing with matters related to workload;
- d) Dealing with matters referred to in this Agreement.

The parties will alternate at each meeting the responsibility of preparing and issuing an agenda and chairing the meeting. Every effort will be made to have the agenda circulated one week in advance of the meeting. The parties will be responsible for their own minutes but these minutes are prepared on a without prejudice basis.

Except by mutual agreement which will not be unreasonably withheld by either party, no matter which has not been raised as an agenda item will be discussed at the meeting.

Agreement reached at Labour Management meetings must be signed and approved by both the Union and Employer.

### **7.02 The Labour Management Committee shall consist of:**

- a) Up to four (4) representatives of the Union which includes the Secretary/Business Manager of the Union or their designate;
- b) Up to four (4) representatives of the Employer.

### **7.03 Labour/Management Meetings**

The committee meeting shall normally be held every second month however, either party may call a meeting of the Joint Labour Management Committee. The meeting shall be held at a time and place fixed by mutual agreement but no later than fourteen (14) calendar days after the initial request, unless mutually agreed.

### **7.04 Union Committee**

The time spent by members of the Union Committee shall be without loss of pay or benefits.

### **7.05 Conduct of the Grievance Procedure**

For the purpose of this Agreement, a grievance is defined as:

- (a) A difference arising between the parties related to the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of this collective agreement, including any question as to whether a matter is arbitrable.
- (b) The dismissal, discipline or suspension of an employee bound by this agreement. Disciplinary action grievable by the employee shall include written censures, letters of reprimand and adverse reports or adverse performance appraisals.

### **7.06 Grievance Investigation**

A shop steward or a Union Committee member shall obtain permission of their immediate supervisor who is outside of the bargaining unit prior to leaving their work duties to undertake the following Union responsibilities. Such permission will not be unreasonably withheld where operational requirements permit. This time shall be without loss of pay or benefits.

- (a) Investigation of grievances and assisting any employee whom the shop steward represents in presenting a grievance in accordance with this Agreement.
- (b) Attending meetings called by management.
- (c) Investigation of employee complaints of an urgent nature.

The shop steward or union committee member agrees to notify their supervisor on resuming their duties.

**7.07** No meeting shall take place between the Employer and an employee, where disciplinary action is to be taken or where the Employer is investigating whether disciplinary action should be taken, without the Employer informing the employee of the nature of the complaint and their right to choose a steward for all the above meetings provided it does not create an undue delay. Where the Employer fails to so advise the employee, any disciplinary action taken with respect to such meeting shall be rendered null and void. This provision shall not apply to those discussions that are of an operational nature and do not involve imposition of disciplinary action.

### **7.08 Employee Called as a Witness**

The Employer shall grant leave without loss of pay to an employee called as a witness by the employer for such time as their attendance is reasonably required. If the witness is called by the Union, the Union will reimburse the Employer for continuing wages.

### **7.09 Right to Grieve Disciplinary Action**

Disciplinary action grievable by the employee shall include written censures, letters of reprimand and adverse reports or adverse performance evaluation. An employee shall be given a copy of any such document placed on the employee's file which might be the basis of disciplinary action. Should an employee dispute any such entry in their file, they shall be entitled to recourse through the grievance procedure and the eventual resolution thereof shall become part of their personnel record. Any such document, other than official evaluation reports, shall be removed from the employee's file after the expiration of eighteen (18) months from the date it was issued, provided there has been no further infraction, except in cases of resident abuse, such letter(s) shall be removed after twenty-four (24) months. The Employer agrees not to introduce as evidence in any hearing any document from

the file of an employee, the existence of which the employee was not aware at the time of filing or within a reasonable period thereafter.

## **7.10 Evaluation Reports**

Where a formal appraisal of an employee's performance is carried out, the employee concerned shall be given an opportunity to read and review a copy of the appraisal, away from the work-site. The employee shall sign the appraisal within four (4) calendar days of receipt of the appraisal. The form shall provide for the employee's signature in two (2) places, one (1) indicating that the employee has read and agrees with the appraisal; the other indicating that the employee has read and disagrees with the appraisal.

An employee shall, upon request, receive a copy of this evaluation report at the time of signing.

All final employee performance appraisals shall form part of the employee's permanent record.

If the employee doesn't submit a grievance on the content of the appraisal within fourteen (14) days of the date on which the employee signed the appraisal in disagreement, the appraisal shall become a permanent part of the employee's record.

## **7.11**

### **(a) Personnel File**

No document of a disciplinary nature shall be placed on the employee's personnel file without their knowledge.

An employee, or the Union, with the written authority of the employee, shall be entitled to review the employee's personnel file, in the office in which the file is normally kept, and if requested, be provided with one copy of any document(s) in the file. The employee, or designate, shall give the Employer up to seven (7) days' notice, prior to having access to such file.

The personnel file shall not be made public or be shown to any

other individual without the employee's written consent, except in the proper operation of the Employer's business (including the provision of employment references to other Employers) and/or for purposes of the proper application of this Agreement.

**(b) Letter of Expectation**

While a letter of expectation is non-disciplinary and may not be relied upon as discipline. The Employer will remove a letter of expectation from an employees' personnel files, after eighteen (18) months have expired from the date such document was placed in the employee's personnel file, provided no further similar issues have been documented.

**ARTICLE 8 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

**8.01** If an employee has a grievance, their grievance shall be settled as follows:

**Step 1** The employee, with or without a Shop Steward or Union Committee member (at the employee's option), shall first discuss the matter with their immediate supervisor within seven (7) calendar days after the date on which they became aware of the action or circumstances giving rise to the grievance. The supervisor will respond as soon as practical, but no later than seven (7) calendar days after discussing the grievance. If the grievance is not settled at this step;

**Step 2** Then within seven (7) calendar days of the Step one meeting or seven (7) calendar days after the supervisors reply, the grievance may be reduced to writing, signed by the employee and a shop steward or union committee member and submitted to the Manager.

The grievance will set out the nature of the complaint, article or articles of the agreement alleged to have been

violated and the remedy or correction required.

The parties will meet to discuss the grievance within seven (7) calendar days of its filing. At the meeting each party shall provide to the other a statement of facts and copies of all relevant documents. Within fourteen (14) calendar days of following the meeting the Manager will reply in writing.

If the grievance is not settled at this step, either party may refer the grievance to Step 3 within fourteen (14) calendar days;

**Step 3** The Union and the Employer committees shall meet to discuss the grievance within twenty-one (21) days or other mutually agreeable time. The employer shall respond within twenty-one (21) days.

The Employer and the Union agree that their representatives at the meeting have the authority to resolve the grievance.

If the grievance is not settled within twenty-eight (28) days of the step 3 meeting, then either party may refer the grievance to a third party for resolution.

## **8.02 Time Limits**

If the Union, an employee, or the Employer fails to process a grievance within the prescribed time limits, the grievance will be deemed to have been abandoned. However, neither Party will be deemed to have prejudiced its position on any future grievance.

## **8.03 Deviation from Grievance Procedure**

The Employer agrees that, after a grievance has been initiated by the Union at Step 2, the Employer's representatives will not enter into discussion or negotiation with respect to the grievance, either directly or indirectly with the aggrieved employee without the consent of the Union.

#### **8.04 Policy Grievances**

Where either Party to this Agreement disputes the general application, interpretation or alleged violation of an Article of this Agreement, the dispute shall be discussed initially with the Site manager at Step 2 of the grievance procedure, their designate or the Union within fourteen (14) calendar days of the occurrence. Where no satisfactory agreement is reached, either Party, within a further fourteen (14) calendar days, may submit the dispute to a third party, as set out in Article 8 or 9 of this Agreement.

#### **8.05 Dismissal/Suspension for Alleged Cause**

Notice of dismissal or suspension shall be in writing and shall set forth the reasons for dismissal or suspension, and a copy shall be sent to the Local Staff Representative or their designate within twenty-four (24) hours of issuance.

Employees dismissed or suspended for alleged cause shall have the right to submit a grievance to the Administrator commencing at Step 3 within fourteen (14) days of the employee receiving notice of dismissal or suspension.

#### **8.06 Trouble Shooter**

Where a difference arises between the parties relating to the dismissal, discipline, or suspension of an employee, or to the interpretation, application, operation, or alleged violation of this Agreement, including any question as to whether a matter is arbitrable, shall be referred to:

- Amanda Rogers
- Chris Sullivan
- Elaine Doyle
- Joan Gordon
- Koml Kandola
- Or any other arbitrator mutually agreed upon to:

- a) investigate the difference;
- b) define the issue in the difference; and



c) make written recommendations to resolve the difference;

within five (5) days of the date of receipt of the request and for those five (5) days from that date, time does not run in respect of the grievance procedure.

In the event the parties are unable to agree on a Trouble Shooter, either party may apply to the Minister of Labour for the Province of British Columbia to appoint such person.

The Parties agree that this procedure will not be invoked until the grievance procedure has been completed.

### **8.07 Expedited Arbitration**

The grievance may proceed to expedited arbitration as an alternative to the aforementioned arbitration procedure.

Where the Parties mutually agree to refer a matter to expedited arbitration, the following procedure shall apply:

- (a) As the process is intended to be informal, lawyers will not be used to represent either party.
- (b) All presentations are to be short and concise and are to include a comprehensive opening statement. The parties agree to make limited use of authorities during their presentations.
- (c) Prior to rendering a decision, the arbitrator may assist the parties in mediating a resolution to the grievance.
- (d) Where mediation fails, or is not appropriate, a decision shall be rendered as contemplated herein.
- (e) All decisions of the arbitrators are to be limited in application to that particular dispute and are without prejudice. These decisions shall have no precedential value and shall not be referred to by either party in any subsequent proceeding.
- (f) All settlement of proposed expedited arbitration cases made prior to hearing shall be without prejudice.
- (g) The parties shall equally share the costs of the fees and expenses of the arbitrator.
- (h) The expedited arbitrator, who shall act as a sole arbitrator,

shall be selected from:

- Amanda Rogers
- Chris Sullivan
- Elaine Doyle
- Joan Gordon
- Koml Kandola
- Or any other arbitrator mutually agreed upon.

(i) The expedited arbitrator shall have the same powers and authority as an arbitration board established under the provisions of Article 9.

## **ARTICLE 9 - ARBITRATION**

### **9.01 Notification**

Where a difference arising between the Parties relating to the interpretation, application, or administration of this Agreement, including any question as to whether a matter is arbitrable, either of the Parties may, after exhausting the grievance procedure in Article 8, notify the other Party of its desire to submit the difference or allegation to arbitration. Every effort will be made to deliver the notice within twenty-one (21) days.

### **9.02 Arbitration**

The Parties may mutually agree to refer the matter to:

- Amanda Rogers
- Chris Sullivan
- Elaine Doyle
- Joan Gordon
- Koml Kandola
- Or any other arbitrator mutually agreed upon.

### **9.03 Failure to Appoint**

If the recipient of the notice fails to agree upon an arbitrator within seven (7) calendar days of their appointment, the appointment shall be made by the Ministry of Labour, at the request of either Party.

#### **9.04 Authority of Arbitration Arbitrator**

The Arbitrator shall have the power to settle the terms of the question to be arbitrated.

#### **9.05 Decision of Arbitrator**

The decision of the Arbitrator shall be in writing and shall be final, binding, and enforceable on the Parties. The Arbitrator shall have the power to dispose of a discharge or discipline grievance by any arrangement which it deems just and equitable.

#### **9.06 Expenses of Arbitration**

Each party shall pay one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the fees and expenses of the Arbitrator.

#### **9.07 Amending Time Limits**

The time limits fixed in the arbitration procedure may be altered by mutual consent of the parties, but the same must be in writing.

### **ARTICLE 10 - SENIORITY**

#### **10.01 Seniority Defined**

Seniority shall be based on all hours paid since the date of employment with the Employer subject to a Human Rights condition such as but not limited to maternity leave.

Employees shall continue to accrue seniority during the following:

- Regular hours;
- Paid sick leave;
- Up to twenty (20) days unpaid leave of absence;
- Hours while off work due to ICBC if reimbursed;
- Vacation hours;
- Statutory holiday hours;
- Union business;
- Pregnancy, parental and adoption leave as per the *Employment Standards Act*; and
- Work Safe BC leave.

## **10.02 Probationary Period**

It is understood that all employees will be subject to a probationary period of four-hundred-eighty (480) hours. The Employer may dismiss a probationary employee where the probationary employee is found to be unsuitable for continued employment in the position to which they have been appointed. If it is shown on behalf of the employee that the termination was not for just and reasonable cause, the employee shall be reinstated. By written agreement of the Employer and the Union, the probationary period may be extended by one-hundred-fifty (150) hours.

Where a casual employee who has completed probation is reclassified to a regular employee, such employee shall not be required to serve another probationary period, but will be required to complete the qualifying period.

## **10.03 Same Service Seniority Date**

Where seniority rights are in dispute, and two (2) or more employees have the same amount of seniority, the matter will be determined through a method which is mutually agreeable to the parties.

## **10.04 Promotion, Transfer, Demotion, Release**

In the promotion, transfer, demotion, or release of employees, qualifications and ability and past job performance shall be the determining factors and where two (2) or more people are relatively equal, the one with the greater seniority will be selected.

Seniority shall be calculated at the end of the pay period immediately prior to the posting.

## **10.05 Qualifying Period**

When a vacancy is filled by an existing regular employee, the employee shall be declared qualified in the new job after a period of three calendar months.

In the event the successful applicant proves unsatisfactory in the

position during the qualifying period or if the employee is unable to perform the duties of the new job classification, or the employee wishes to return to their former position, they shall be returned to their former position, and wage/salary rates, without loss of seniority. Any other employee promoted or transferred because of rearrangement of positions shall be returned to their former position, and wage or salary rate, without loss of seniority and accrued perquisites.

### **10.06 Temporary Promotion, Transfer, or Demotion**

An employee granted a temporary promotion, transfer or demotion shall return to their former job and pay rate without loss of seniority and accrued perquisites when the temporary promotion, transfer or demotion terminates.

### **10.07 Promotions**

A regular employee promoted to a job with a higher wage rate structure shall receive, in the new job, the job rate that is in effect.

Employee pay rates shall become effective from the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day in the new job.

### **10.08 Transfers**

A regular employee transferred to a job with the same pay rate structure as their former job shall remain at the same rate.

### **10.09 Demotions**

An employee requesting a voluntary demotion from a higher to a lower-rated job and who is subsequently demoted to the lower-rated job shall be placed at the wage rate of the lower rated job commensurate with experience.

### **10.10 Supervisory or Military Service**

It is understood service with the Armed Forces of Canada in time of war or compulsory military service, or service with the Employer as a supervisory employee does not constitute a break in the

continuous service and shall not affect an employee's seniority rights.

### **10.11 Seniority Lists**

Seniority lists for employees shall be posted during the months of January, April, July and October.

The seniority lists shall include the name, job category, and seniority up to the end of the previous month's pay period. A copy of the seniority lists shall be supplied to the President of the Union or their designate and to the Bargaining Unit Chairperson. Such lists shall be open for final correction for a period of thirty (30) calendar days following the posting, after which the seniority list will be considered accurate.

### **10.12 Re-employment after Voluntary Termination or Dismissal for Cause**

Where an employee voluntarily leaves the Employer's service, or is dismissed for cause and is later re-engaged, seniority and all prerequisites shall date only from the time of re-employment, according to regulations applying to new employees.

## **ARTICLE 11 - JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

### **11.01 Notice of New or Changed Positions**

In the event that the Employer introduces a new position or makes significant changes to an existing job such that the job description is substantially altered, the Employer shall give written notice to the Union outlining the changes which have taken place, along with the Employer's proposal for a change in the wage rate, if any.

Should the Union object to the wage rate, such objection must be made in writing, within thirty (30) days of notification by the Employer.

If no written objection is received by the Employer, then the wage rate shall be considered as agreed to.

If the wage rate proposed by the Employer for the changed job is revised as a result of negotiation or arbitration, then the revised wage rate shall be effective from the date on which the changes were implemented.

### **11.02 Job postings and applications**

If a vacancy or a new job is created for which employees in the Bargaining Unit reasonably might be expected to be recruited, the following shall apply:

- (a) If the vacancy or new job has a duration of sixty (60) calendar days or more, the vacancy or new job including the salary range, a summary of the job description, the required qualifications, the hours of work, including start and stop times and days off, the location of the vacancy and the commencement date shall, before being filled, be posted for a minimum of seven (7) calendar days, in a manner which gives all employees access to such information. Provided that no regular employee shall be entitled to relieve other regular employees under this clause on more than two (2) occasions in one (1) calendar year unless the Employer and the Union otherwise agree in good faith or the posting results in a change of classification for the employee.
- (b) The Employer shall also consider applications from those employees, with the required seniority, who are absent from their normal places of employment because of sick leave, annual vacation, unpaid leave, union leave, compassionate leave, education leave, any employment standards leave and who have filled in an application form before each absence, stating the jobs they would be interested in applying for should a vacancy or new job occur during their absence.
- (c) All postings shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Local of the HEU within the aforementioned seven (7) calendar days.
- (d) The Employer shall, within seven (7) calendar days of the successful candidate being notified, inform all applicants of the name of the successful applicant, either in writing to each

applicant or posting the name of the successful applicant in the same manner in which the vacancy or new job was posted.

- (e) The Employer shall supply to the Union the names of all applicants for a job posting in the course of a grievance investigation within seven (7) calendar days of a demand by the Union.
- (f) An employee granted a temporary promotion, transfer or demotion shall return to their former job and pay rate without loss of seniority and accrued perquisites when the temporary promotion, transfer or demotion terminates.

### **11.03 Relieving in Higher-Rated Positions**

When an employee temporarily relieves (for one shift or more) in a higher paying position included in this Agreement for which a rate of pay is established, they shall receive the rate for the job. When an employee temporarily (for one shift or more) relieves in a higher paying position included in this Agreement for which a wage range has been established, they shall receive the rate in the salary range.

### **11.04 Relieving in Lower-Rated Positions**

An employee temporarily assigned by the Employer to a position with a rate of pay lower than their rate of pay shall maintain their regular rate of pay.

### **11.05 Applications from Employees**

Applications from qualified employees shall be considered prior to applications from non-employees.

### **11.06 Temporary Positions to Accommodate Workload Hours**

Temporary Positions to Accommodate Workload Hours - The Employer has the ability to post a maximum of one (1) temporary regular position per shift in each of the care aide, LPN, housekeeping, laundry, cooks, dietary staff and maintenance in order to be able to adapt to changing workloads in the facility as a result of the fluctuating occupancy.



Such positions are to be posted for a maximum term of six (6) months. At the end of the temporary term, the Employer will either:

- a) post a regular position;
- b) end the term position;
- c) extend the temporary term beyond six (6) months, provided the Union has been informed of their reason for the extension and agrees to the extension.

It is understood that if workload decreases, these temporary positions can be deleted by the Employer giving seven (7) days written notice to the employee in the temporary position. At the end of the temporary term or following seven (7) days written notice from the Employer, the incumbent will return back to their previous position and status. An employee working in these temporary positions shall receive all rights and benefits that apply to their current status as an employee.

## **ARTICLE 12 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **12.01 Unpaid Leave**

- (a) An employee may request unpaid leave of absence for any purpose. Requests for such leave of absence will be made in writing, addressed to the administrator and/or their designate. Whenever possible, reasonable notice of at least seven (7) days will be given to minimize dislocation of staff. The Employer will indicate to the employee, in writing, the acceptance or refusal of such a request within a reasonable period of time. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld and be based on bona fide reasons.
- (b) When an employee is away on unpaid leave of absence or an accumulation of unpaid leaves of absence exceeding twenty (20) working shifts in any year, the employee shall not accumulate benefits or seniority from the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) day of the unpaid leave to the last day of the unpaid leave. Except those employees on WCB, and ICBC reimbursed leaves and any other leave that would be covered by the *Human Rights*

*Act or the Employment Standards Act.*

## **12.02 Health and Welfare Benefits While on Unpaid Leave of Absence**

The Employer will continue to pay its share of the applicable health and welfare benefits for a maximum of twenty (20) work days in any calendar year. For any leave of absence or accumulation of leaves of absence in excess of twenty (20) work shifts in any calendar year, (except in leaves consistent with the *Employment Standards Act*, WCB leave in which benefits continues as if at work). All leaves covered by the *Employment Standards Act*, where it is required by law benefit coverage may be continued by the employee provided the employee pays, in advance, the monthly cost of all the benefit premiums to the Employer in accordance with the procedures established by the Employer.

## **12.03 Unpaid Leave - Union Business**

- (a) The employee shall, whenever possible, provide the Employer with fourteen (14) days written notice and subject to operational requirements. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Such leaves of absence without pay shall be granted for the following purposes:
- i) to an elected or appointed representative of the Union to attend conventions of the Union and bodies to which the Union is affiliated;
  - ii) for elected or appointed representatives of the Union to attend to Union business which requires them to leave their general work area;
  - iii) to employees called by the Union to appear as witnesses before an arbitration board or the Labour Relations Board of B.C., provided the dispute involves the Employer; or
  - iv) to employees representing the Union in collective bargaining.
- (b) Long-term leave of absence without pay shall be granted to

employees designated by the Union to transact Union business for periods of not less than twenty-one (21) days unless this would unduly interrupt the operation of the department. Such requests shall be made in writing sufficiently in advance to minimize disruption of the department. Employees granted such leave of absence shall retain all rights and privileges accumulated prior to obtaining such leave. Seniority shall continue to accumulate during such leave and shall apply to such provisions as annual vacation, increments, and promotions.

- (c) To facilitate the administration of Section (a) and (b), when leave without pay is granted, the leave shall be given with basic pay and benefits and the Union shall reimburse the Employer for appropriate compensation costs, including travel time, incurred. It is understood that employees granted leave of absence pursuant to this clause shall receive their current rates of pay, all benefits and seniority while on leave of absence. This provision does not apply to employees on extended leaves of absence who are employed by the Union on a regular full-time permanent basis, and cannot exceed 18 months.

### **ARTICLE 13 - UNPAID LEAVE - PUBLIC OFFICE**

Employees shall be granted unpaid leave of absence to enable them to run for elected public office, and if elected, to serve their term(s) of office.

### **ARTICLE 14 - BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

- (a) Bereavement leave of absence of three (3) days with pay shall be granted to a regular employee at the time of notification of death, upon application to the Employer, in the event of a death of a member of the employee's immediate family. This shall include a parent (or alternatively a step-parent or foster parent), spouse, common-law spouse, child, step-child, brother, sister, in-laws, grandparent, grandchild, legal

guardian, ward, and any person permanently residing in the employee's household or with whom the employee permanently resides. Bereavement leave shall be provided to an employee who has experienced a loss of pregnancy after twenty (20) weeks.

- (b) Bereavement leave shall not apply when an employee is on any unpaid leave of absence.
- (c) Two (2) days may be saved for the use on the date of interment, including a funeral, wake, or celebration of life. The saved day must be scheduled within 60 days following the death.

## **ARTICLE 15 - COMPASSIONATE CARE LEAVE**

- (a) Family member means:
  - A member of an employee's immediate family, as defined in the *Employment Insurance Act*.
- (b) An employee who requests leave under this article is entitled to up to eight (8) weeks of unpaid leave to provide care or support to a family member if a medical practitioner issues a certificate stating that the family member has a serious medical condition with significant risk of death within twenty-six (26) weeks, or such other period as may be prescribed, after:
  - i) The date the certificate is issued, or
  - ii) If the leave began before the date of the certificate is issued, the date the leave began.
- (c) The employee must give the employer a copy of the certificate as soon as practicable.
- (d) An employee may begin a leave under this section no earlier than the first day of the week in which the period under subsection (b) begins.
- (e) A leave under this section ends on the last day of the week in which the earlier of the following occurs;
  - i) The family member dies;
  - ii) The expiration of twenty-six (26) weeks or other prescribed period from the date the leave began.
- (f) A leave taken under this section must be taken in units of one or more weeks.

(g) If an employee takes a leave under this section and the family member to whom subsection (b) applies does not die within the period referred to in that subsection, the employee make take a further leave after obtaining a new certificate in accordance with subsection (b), and subsections (c) to (f) to the further leave.

## **ARTICLE 16 - SPECIAL LEAVE**

Special leave with pay may be used for the following purposes:

- Attend formal hearing to become a Canadian Citizen – one (1) day.
- Paternity leave - one (1) day.
- Marriage of the employee - five (5) days.
- Attend funeral as pall-bearer - one-half (½) day.
- Household or domestic emergency.
- Hospitalization of a parent or step-parent for up to two (2) days.

Special leave banks shall accrue at 0.008% to a maximum bank of seventy-five (75) hours.

## **ARTICLE 17 - FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY LEAVE**

**17.01** An Employee is entitled to up to five (5) days of unpaid leave during each employment year to meet responsibilities related to:

- a) The care, health or education of a child in the employee's care, or
- b) The care of health of any other member of the employee's immediate family (immediate family means the spouse, child, parent, guardian, sibling, grandchild or grandparent of an employee, and any person who lives with the employee as a member of the employee's family).

### **17.02 Leave Respecting the Disappearance of a Child**

Employees are entitled to an unpaid leave of up to the maximum

set out in the *Employment Standards Act* in the event that their child under 19 years of age has gone missing and it is probable the child's disappearance is the result of a crime.

If the child is found alive during the leave, the leave will end 14 days thereafter. If the child is found deceased, the leave will end immediately.

### **17.03 Leave Respecting Death of Child**

An employee whose child under 19 years of age dies is entitled to up to the maximum set out in the *Employment Standards Act* of unpaid leave of absence from work, starting as of the date of death or after a child who has disappeared is found deceased.

### **17.04 Gender Transition Leave**

An employee who provides a certificate from a medical practitioner confirming that the employee requires a leave of absence in order to undergo gender transition will be granted a leave for the procedure required during the transition period. The provisions of that leave will follow an unpaid leave of absence. The Union, the Employer and the employee will work together to tailor the general transition plan to the employee's particular needs.

### **17.05 Canadian Armed Forces Reservist Leave**

Regular employees who are deployed into active service with the Canadian Armed Forces, shall be granted a leave of absence without pay in accordance with the BC *Employment Standards Act*.

### **17.06 Emergency Responder Leave**

Employees who are volunteer firefighters, auxiliary/reserve police, or a member of a local search and rescue organization, who are deployed on an emergency basis by the appropriate authority, shall be granted a leave of absence without pay for five (5) days of said deployment. In all circumstances the leave will only be granted following the employee's current shift.

## **Benefit coverage**

Seniority and continuous service will continue to accumulate during the full period of *Employment Standard Act* leaves. The Employer shall maintain the employee's benefit coverage during *Employment Standard Act* leaves provided the employee maintains their share of the cost of the plan.

## **ARTICLE 18 - EDUCATIONAL LEAVE**

### **(a) Employer Requested Leave**

An employee shall be granted leave with pay to take courses at the request of the Employer. The Employer shall bear the full cost of the course, including tuition fees, entrance or registration fees, laboratory fees and course required books, pre-approved out of town traveling and subsistence expenses and other legitimate expenses where applicable. Fees are to be paid by the Employer when due.

When an employee goes on approved Education Leave, upon completion of the leave they will return to their former position.

### **(b) Employee Requested Unpaid Leave**

A regular employee with more than three (3) years continuous service may request an unpaid leave of absence of up to two (2) calendar years to take educational courses that have a potential benefit related to the care of the residents and the employee's ability to fully perform the job duties. The request shall be in writing.

(c) Notice of the Employer's decision shall be given in writing as soon as possible.

(d) Employees on leave as per section b) above shall have the right to pick up relief work as per Article 46, sections 8 and 14.

## **ARTICLE 19 - HOURS OF WORK AND WORK SCHEDULES**

### **19.01 Continuous Operation**

The work week shall provide for continuous operation based on a

seven (7) day week, twenty-four (24) hours per day.

## **19.02 Hours of Work**

- (a) The hours of work for each regular full-time employee covered by this Agreement, exclusive of meal times will be an average of thirty-seven-point-five (37.5) hours per week subject to the MOA on Extended Hours Scheduling.

The parties agree that for the purposes of Definition of Employee Status, that employees working the current work schedule of four days on two days off (4-2), seven-point-five (7.5) hours/day are deemed to be Regular Full-Time Employees.

### **(b) Extended Hours Language**

There will be a total of one-point-five (1.5) hours for rest breaks and meal breaks combined for those employees working an extended hour shift. Of the one-point-five (1.5) hours, forty-five (45) minutes will be paid and forty-five (45) minutes will be unpaid.

### **Language Variation**

The extended shifts will be exclusive of meal breaks. The base day for accruals will be seven-point-five (7.5) hours. Employees working extended hour shifts will have the same equivalent time off but converted to hours (i.e. 10 paid vacation days X 7.5 hours = 75 hours of vacation). Paid leaves can be taken and paid as seven-point-five (7.5) hours or the extended hour shift, at the employees' choice. The paid day off for statutory holidays will be seven-point-five (7.5) hours.

### **Overtime**

Overtime will be paid to the employees' working extended hour shifts after the extended hours have been worked, at the applicable overtime rate of pay. All hours worked on a day off/unscheduled day will be at the applicable overtime rate of pay.



**Part-time and casual employees**

Part-time and casual employees' will be paid at the applicable overtime rate of pay once the daily hours have been met for the position.

**19.03 Scheduling Provisions**

- (a) The Employer shall determine, pursuant to the appropriate statutory authority, when various services are provided (hours of operation), the classifications of positions and the numbers of employees required to provide the services.
- (b) The Employer shall arrange the times of all on-duty and off-duty shifts and post these on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for the next month.
- (d) If the Employer changes a shift schedule and/or the start and stop times without giving a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days' advance notice, then such hours worked shall be paid at overtime rates for the first shift worked. Notice of the alteration shall be confirmed in writing to the affected employee(s) before it takes place.

If the employer changes a shift schedule without giving a minimum of fourteen (14) calendar days' advance notice and such change requires the employees to work on a scheduled day off, then such hours worked shall be paid at overtime rates. Notice of the change be confirmed in writing as soon as possible.

If the Employer sends a regular employee home from a regularly scheduled shift or shortens the shift, the employee will be paid for all the hours previously scheduled.

- (d) Regular employees shall not be required to work three (3) different shifts (i.e., day shift, evening shift and night shift) during any six (6) consecutive day period posted in their work schedules.

- (e) Staff filling temporary positions over six (6) months in length will receive a minimum of five (5) working days' notice based on the return of the incumbent.
- (f) Employees shall not be required to work in excess of six (6) consecutive shifts without receiving two (2) consecutive days off, otherwise overtime shall be paid.
- (g) Employees may exchange shifts with the written approval of the Employer, provided that advance notice of seven (7) days are provided and there is no increase in cost to the Employer. The Employer shall respond, in writing, within 48 hours of the written request.

In exceptional circumstances the seven (7) day period may be waived.

## **ARTICLE 20 - OVERTIME**

### **Definition of Overtime**

- (a) "Overtime" means work performed by an employee in excess of eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week.
- (b) "Straight-time rate" means the hourly rate of remuneration.
- (c) "Time-and-one-half" means one-and-one-half times the straight-time rate.
- (d) "Double-time" means employees will be paid at two times (2x) their straight-time rate.

### **20.01 Overtime and Overtime Compensation**

- (a) Employees requested to work in excess of eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week or who are requested to work on their scheduled off-duty days.
- (b) Employees shall be paid the rate of time-and-one-half (1½) of their basic hourly rate of pay for the first four (4) hours in excess of eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week, and double-time (2x) thereafter.
- (c) Regular employees who work thirty-seven-point-five (37.5) hours per week and are called into work on a scheduled day

off shall receive the overtime rate, but shall not have the day off rescheduled.

- (d) If an employee works overtime on a statutory holiday they will be paid time and one half the statutory rate of pay for the first four (4) hours in excess of eight (8) hours, and at the rate of double-time (2x) the statutory rate of pay thereafter.
- (e) Overtime pay shall be paid to the employee in the next pay period in which the overtime was earned.
- (f) An employee who works four (4) hours of overtime immediately before or following their scheduled hours of work shall be provided, where possible, with a meal. One-half (½) hour with pay shall be allowed the employee in order that they may take a meal break either at or adjacent to their place of work.
- (g) Right to Refuse Overtime.

All employees have the right to refuse to work overtime without being subject to disciplinary action for so refusing, except when required to do so in emergency situations.

## **20.02 Rest Interval**

An employee required to work overtime beyond their regularly scheduled shift shall be entitled to eight (8) clear hours between the end of the overtime work and the start of their next regular shift. If eight (8) clear hours are not provided, overtime rates shall apply to the hours by which the time off fell short of eight (8) clear hours.

## **20.03 Authorization and Application of Overtime**

An employee who is required to work overtime shall be entitled to overtime compensation when the overtime worked is authorized in advance.

## **20.04 Call-back and Statutory pay**

An employee reporting for work at the call of the Employer shall be paid a minimum of two (2) hours pay at their regular rate of pay

if they do not commence work, and a minimum of four (4) hours pay at their regular rate if they commence work.

Employees called back to work on their regular time off shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours' overtime pay at the applicable rate.

### **20.05 On-Call Differential**

Employees required to be on-call shall be paid an on-call differential of two dollars (\$2) per hour, or portion thereof.

If called in or required to provide a service via the phone, overtime shall be applicable as per Article 20 at a minimum of two (2) hours.

The minimum on-call requirement shall be four (4) consecutive hours.

Should the Employer require an employee to have a mobile phone available during their on-call period, then all additional related expenses for such device shall be the responsibility of the Employer.

## **ARTICLE 21 - SHIFT PREMIUMS**

(a) Night shift differentials: For all hours worked between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

- RN                    \$1.15 per hour
- LPN                  \$1.15 per hour
- RCA                  \$1.15 per hour

(b) Afternoon shift differential: For all hours worked between 3:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

- RN                                 \$0.75 per hour
- LPN                                \$0.75 per hour
- RCA                                \$0.60 per hour
- RCA                                \$0.65 per hour
- Housekeeping                 \$0.25 per hour
- Dietary and Recreation     \$0.25 per hour

- Rehab Assistance \$0.10 per hour
- (c) RN's in charge shall be paid \$1.25/hour weekday 3pm-7am and all weekend.
- (d) Any employee paid a shift differential at a rate higher than those above shall continue to receive their current shift differential for the term of this collective agreement.
- (e) Weekend shift premium of \$0.25 per hour for the period of midnight Friday until midnight Sunday.

### **21.01 Responsibility Pay**

- (a) RN's or LPN's who shall be responsible for the facility shall receive a premium allowance of \$1.35/hour.
- (b) The premium shall be in addition to any shift premium but not included in the calculation of overtime or any other benefit coverage or costs.
- (c) The Employer shall have the authority to designate the employee responsible.

## **ARTICLE 22 - STATUTORY HOLIDAYS**

**22.01** Full-time employees shall be entitled to twelve (12) statutory holidays and such other holidays as may be in the future proclaimed or declared by either the Provincial or Federal Governments.

Full-time employees receive an average day's pay in the pay period where the statutory holiday falls. Full-time employees regularly scheduled on Monday to Friday shifts shall receive the statutory holiday off with pay.

New Year's Day  
Family Day  
Good Friday  
Victoria Day  
Canada Day  
BC Day  
Labour Day

National Day for Truth  
and Reconciliation  
Thanksgiving Day  
Remembrance Day  
Boxing Day  
Christmas Day

**22.02** Regular part-time and casual employees shall receive four-point-eight percent (4.8%) of their regular straight-time hours in each pay period including all additional hours worked. Casual employees shall receive statutory holiday pay based on the *Employment Standards Act*.

### **22.03 Holiday Falling on a Scheduled Workday**

All employees who work on any of the above-noted holidays shall be compensated at one-point-five times (1.5x) their regular rate of pay for all hours worked, consistent with the *Employment Standards Act*.

All employees who work on Christmas Day shall be compensated at the rate of double-time (2x) for all hours worked.

## **ARTICLE 23 - VACATION**

### **23.01 Vacation Accruals**

Current provisions apply - Regular employees shall receive an accrual of four-point-two percent (4.2%) of wages until the completion of 1,950 hours of service (10 working days); after 1,950 hours up to 5,850 hours of service (15 working days), the accrual shall be at six percent (6%) and after 5,850 hours up to 9,750 hours (20 working days), of service the accrual shall be at eight percent (8%) for regular employees; in excess of 9,750 hours (21 working days) accrual shall be at eight-point-four percent (8.4%).

### **23.02 Vacation Earnings for Partial Year**

- (a) Where employment is terminated, employees shall be granted earned and unused annual vacation pay or time calculated on a proportionate basis.
- (b) Any vacation taken but not earned at the time of termination will have the unearned portion deducted from the employee's final cheque. In the event the final cheque does not fully repay vacation time taken but not earned, the employee will be required to pay back the outstanding amount.

### **23.03 Call-back from Vacation**

- (a) Employees who have commenced their vacation shall not be called back to work, except in cases of extreme emergency and will be paid time at the rate of double-time.
- (b) When, during any vacation period, an employee is recalled to duty, they shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred by themselves in proceeding to their place of duty and in returning to the place from which they were recalled upon resumption of vacation, upon submission of receipts to the Employer.
- (c) Time necessary for travel in returning to their place of duty and returning again to the place from which they were recalled shall not be counted against their remaining vacation time.

### **23.04 Vacation Scheduling**

Subject to operational requirements, scheduling of vacations shall be in accordance with seniority as per Article 10 within a department. Where an employee chooses to split their vacation, they shall exercise seniority rights in the choice of the first vacation period. Seniority shall prevail in the choice of the second vacation period, but only after all other first vacation periods have been selected. Seniority shall prevail in the choice of subsequent vacation periods in like manner.

At least one vacation request per year must be for a minimum of five (5) shifts away from work.

### **23.05 Vacation Schedules**

- (a) Employees shall submit their vacation requests to their supervisor on or before:
  - i) November 1<sup>st</sup> for the period January 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>, and
  - ii) March 1<sup>st</sup> for the period May 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Request for vacation will be approved within thirty (30) days of the employee's submission for vacation request.

- (b) An employee who does not exercise their seniority rights by the cut-off date stipulated above, shall not be entitled to exercise those rights in respect to any vacation time previously selected by an employee with less seniority.
- (c) Vacation schedules, once posted, shall not be changed except in cases of emergency with the mutual agreement of the Employer and employee. In the case of an emergency the employee must communicate any potential non-recoverable monetary losses associated with a vacation change. The employer shall revoke their request for vacation change or agree to reimburse the employee for any non-recoverable monetary losses they were advised of associated with the vacation cancellation and the vacation shall be rescheduled.
- (d) Vacation entitlements taken in December of any year may carry over into January of the following year provided there is no break in the vacation period request.
- (e) Employees shall be permitted to carry over a maximum of five (5) accrued vacation days from one year to the next, provided the carried over bank does not exceed ten (10) days at any one time.

### **23.06 Vacation Pay**

Vacation pay will be paid on the employee's scheduled payday.

### **23.07 Vacation Credits Upon Death**

Earned but unused vacation entitlement shall be made payable, upon an employee's death, to the employee's estate.

### **23.08 Reinstatement of Vacation Days - Sick Leave**

In the event an employee is sick or injured prior to the commencement of their vacation, such employee shall be granted sick leave and the vacation period so displaced shall be added to the vacation period if requested by the employee and it is mutually agreed by the employee and the Employer, but where the parties



do not agree, it shall be reinstated for use at a later date.

## **ARTICLE 24 - CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT**

### **24.01 Vaccination and Inoculation**

- (a) The Employer agrees to take all reasonable precautions to limit the spread of infectious diseases among employees, including in-service seminars for employees. Where the Employer identifies high risk areas which expose employees to infectious or communicable diseases for which there are protective immunizations available, such immunizations shall be provided at no cost to the employee. The Employer shall provide Hepatitis B vaccine, free of charge, to those employees who may be exposed to bodily fluids or other sources of infection.
- (b) An employee may be required by the Employer, at the request of and at the expense of the Employer, to take x-ray examination, vaccination and other immunization, unless the employee's physician has advised in writing that such a procedure may have an adverse effect on the employee's health.

### **24.02 Employee's Notice of Termination**

Employees shall make every effort to give fourteen (14) days' notice when resigning their position. The period of notice must be for time to be worked and must not include vacation time.

### **24.03 Employment Abandoned**

Any employee who fails to report for work and does not notify their manager/person in charge within three (3) work days, and who cannot give an acceptable reason for their absence, shall be considered as having abandoned their position. An employee shall be afforded the opportunity to rebut such presumption and demonstrate that there was an acceptable reason for not having informed the Employer.

## **ARTICLE 25 - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **25.01 Uniforms**

The Employer will supply suitable gloves and aprons or other protective clothing to employees consistent with WorkSafeBC requirements.

The Employer shall supply and maintain uniforms for employees who are required to wear same. Employees must return to the Employer uniforms in their possession at the time of termination of employment.

### **25.02 Employer Property and Personal Property Damage**

(a) Employees must return to the Employer all Employer property in their possession at the time of termination of employment. The Employer shall take such action as required to recover the value of Articles which are not returned.

#### **(b) Personal Property Damage**

Upon submission of reasonable proof, the Employer shall pay to repair or reimburse the employee, provided such personal possessions are the type suitable for use while on duty and are required by the Employer. No reimbursement shall be paid in those cases where the damage was a result of the employee's own actions.

#### **(c) Indemnity**

Except where there has been negligence on the part of an employee, the Employer will exempt and save harmless employees from any liability action arising from the proper performance of their duties for the Employer; and assume all costs, legal fees and other expenses arising from any such action.

#### **(d) Tools**

The Employer, where currently supplying tools to employees, shall continue to supply tools to employees. The Employer shall replace tools upon satisfactory proof that they have been

lost, broken, or stolen, while being used in the work of the Employer, with the knowledge and consent of the Employer and upon reasonable proof that reasonable precautions were taken by the employee to protect the tools against loss or theft.

### **25.03 Badges, Insignia and Union Shop Cards**

A union member shall have the right to wear Union pins or badges displaying the recognized insignia of the Union.

## **ARTICLE 26 - SICK LEAVE**

### **26.01 Probationary Period**

Regular employees in their probationary period as per Article 10.02 are not entitled to sick leave. Upon completion of the probation period, an employee will commence accruing sick leave credits and be entitled to utilize those credits.

### **26.02 Sick Time Accrual and Pay**

- (a) All regular employees shall accrue sick leave credits at the rate of four-point-four percent (4.4%) of regular wages with a maximum of one-hundred-and-fifty (150) hours carried over year to year, and will be granted sick time off with pay as long as the employee has sick time accrual in their bank.
- (b) The employee shall advise the Manager or designated person in charge as soon as possible of their inability to report to work because of illness or injury, the nature of the illness or injury, and the probable date of their return to work.
- (c) Sick leave with pay is only payable because of sickness leave. Employees who are absent from duty may be required to prove sickness. Employees must notify the Employer as promptly as possible of any absence from duty because of sickness and employees must notify the Employer prior to their return.
- (d) Casual employees and part-time employees accruing less than the prescribed number of paid days under the Employment Standards Act, are entitled to the provisions of the ESA. This benefit for casual employees and any topped up sick leave for part-time employees does not accrue and will

not be paid out or carried over from year to year.

## **ARTICLE 27 - PREGNANCY LEAVE, PARENTAL LEAVE AND ADOPTION LEAVE**

### **27.01 Pregnancy Leave**

Employees shall be granted pregnancy leave of absence without pay. The duration of the pregnancy leave of absence before the date of birth and subsequent to confinement shall be at the option of the employee.

Leave of absence for pregnancy may be taken for a period of seventeen (17) weeks. Seniority and continuous service will continue to accumulate during the full period of pregnancy leave. The employer shall maintain the employee's benefit coverage during pregnancy leave provided the employee maintains their share of the cost of the plan.

Pregnancy shall not constitute cause for dismissal.

Medical complications of pregnancy, including complications during an unpaid leave of absence for pregnancy reasons preceding the period stated by the *Employment Insurance Act*, shall be covered by sick leave credits providing the employee is not in receipt of pregnancy benefits under the *Employment Insurance Act* or any wage loss replacement plan.

Employees shall make every effort to give at least fourteen (14) days' notice prior to the commencement of pregnancy leave of absence without pay, and employees shall give at least thirty (30) days' notice of their intention to return to work prior to the termination of the leave of absence.

If an employee is unable or incapable of performing their duties prior to the commencement of the pregnancy leave of absence without pay, the employee may be required to take unpaid leave of absence.

The Employer may require the employee to provide a doctor's certificate indicating the employee's general condition during pregnancy along with the expected date of confinement.

Upon return to work, the employee shall continue in their former position without loss of perquisites accumulated up to the date of commencement of the pregnancy leave of absence without pay and subject to the provisions of Article 27.02.

### **27.02 Parental Leave**

An employee shall be eligible for parental leave of up to sixty- two (62) consecutive weeks without pay or sixty-one (61) consecutive weeks without pay in the case of a birth mother who takes pregnancy leave under Article 27.01, provided such leave is concluded within seventy-eight (78) weeks of the child's birth.

Where both parents are employees of the Employer, the employees shall determine the apportionment of the sixty-two (62) weeks parental leave between them (or sixty-one (61) consecutive weeks in the case of birth mother who takes pregnancy leave under Article 27.01). In such case the Employer shall be advised of the arrangements at least four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of the leave.

If the child has a physical/ psychological or emotional condition requiring an additional period of parental care, an employee who requests leave under this subsection is entitled to up to an additional 5 consecutive weeks of unpaid leave, beginning immediately after the end of parental leave.

### **27.03 Adoption Leave**

Upon request and having completed their probationary period, an employee shall be granted leave of absence without pay for up to sixty-two (62) weeks following the adoption of a child provided such leave is concluded within seventy-eight (78) weeks of the child's adoption. The employee shall furnish proof of adoption.

Where both parents are employees of the Employer, the employees shall determine the apportionment of the sixty-two (62) weeks Parental leave between them. In such case the Employer shall be advised of the arrangements at least four (4) weeks prior to the commencement of the leave.

**27.04** Seniority and continuous service will continue to accumulate during the full period of pregnancy, parental and adoption leave. The Employer shall maintain the employee's benefit coverage during pregnancy, parental and adoption leave consistent with the *Employment Standards Act* or if the employee maintains the cost of the plan.

## **ARTICLE 28 - PAY DAYS**

Employees shall be paid by direct deposit on bi-weekly basis subject to the following provisions:

- The statements given to the employees shall include the amount of statutory holidays paid, the listing of all adjustments including overtime, the cumulative amount of sick and vacation leave credits used and earned, and an itemization of all deductions.

In the event that an employee's pay is short of money owed for the pay period and the employee brings the issue to the attention of the manager, the following shall apply:

- If the money owed is less than one-hundred dollars (\$100), the pay shall be added to the next pay period.
- If the money owed is one-hundred dollars (\$100) or greater, the Employer will make every reasonable effort to correct the error and provide a manual cheque or direct deposit within five (5) business days.

## **ARTICLE 29 - REST AND MEAL PERIODS**

(a) There shall be fifteen (15) minute rest period in each half of

any full shift. Employees working less than a full shift, but a minimum of four (4) hours, will receive one (1) fifteen (15) minute paid rest period.

- (b) An unpaid meal period will be scheduled as close as possible to the middle of each shift of five (5) hours or more and shall be taken away from the work area. Employees required by the Employer to work during their scheduled lunch break will have their lunch break rescheduled to an alternative time during that shift. Employees whose lunch break is not rescheduled will be paid for their lunch period at the applicable overtime rate.
- (c) Employees will be paid straight time for periods when they get to take their meal period but cannot leave the building.
- (d) Staff will have appropriate areas designated for rest and lunch breaks.

### **ARTICLE 30 - JURY DUTY**

Regular employees, who are required to serve as jurors or witnesses in any court provided such court action is not occasioned by the employee's private affairs, shall be granted an unpaid leave of absence.

### **ARTICLE 31 - HEALTH CARE PLANS**

- (a) All employees entitled to coverage under the plans shall themselves be responsible for completing a requisition form requesting such coverage. Such requisition form shall be made available by the Employer.
- (b) The Employer shall maintain, at a minimum, the health and welfare coverage for benefits in place as at the date of ratification.
- (c) The Employer shall pay 100% of the premiums for full-time employees.
- (d) The Employer shall pay 50% of the premiums for eligible part-time employees who are regularly scheduled to work a minimum of 20 hours per week.

## **ARTICLE 32 - EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE**

All employees affected by this Agreement shall be covered by the *Employment Insurance Act*, or succeeding Acts.

## **ARTICLE 33 - GROUP REGISTERED RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

### **Group RRSP**

- (a) Upon successful completion of 1,950 hours as a regular employee, they shall have the option of enrolling in the Plan. Participation in the plan is voluntary. The employee must exercise the option upon completion of the probationary period.
- (b) Employee contributions to the Plan through payroll deduction will be on one (1) of the following basis:
  - i) 1% of regular earnings; or
  - ii) 2% of regular earnings; or
  - iii) 3% of regular earnings.
- (c) Employees may opt in or out of the plan, or increase or decrease their contribution levels, as noted in (2) above, on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year by providing at least thirty (30) days written notice to the Employer.
- (d) The Employer will administer the Plan. Employer shall match employee contributions.
- (e) The Employer will ensure that all new employees are informed of the options available to them under this group RRSP.

## **ARTICLE 34 - CHANGE IN AGREEMENT**

Any change deemed necessary in this Agreement may be made by mutual agreement at any time during the life of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 35 - PRINTING OF THE AGREEMENT**

The Union and the Employer desire every employee to be familiar with the provisions of this Agreement and their rights and obligations under it. For this reason, the Union shall print sufficient copies of the Agreement for distribution to employees on staff, and



the Employer will share the cost of printing and distributing the Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 36 - OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**36.01** The parties to this Agreement agree to co-operate in the promotion of safe work habits and working conditions.

The parties further agree to adhere to the provisions of the *Workers' Compensation Act* and related Regulations.

The Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee will be established in accordance with and governed by the provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations made pursuant to the *Workers' Compensation Act*.

Unless otherwise mutually agreed, the Occupational Health and Safety Committee shall be composed of equal representation of the Employer and the Union and shall be a maximum of four (4) members from each of the Employer and Union. Two co-chairs, one selected by the worker representatives and the other by the Employer representatives.

In addition to persons appointed by the parties, either party may involve other employees of the facility who are neither members of the Bargaining Unit or Management, provided such is done by mutual agreement.

Alternates shall be selected to attend meetings or conduct committee business when regular members are not available. Alternates shall be selected at the same time as regular members. The parties recognize the importance of continuity of representation at meetings of the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

### **36.02 Committee Responsibilities**

The Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee shall function pursuant to the provisions of the *Workers' Compensation*

Act and related Regulations. The Occupational Health and Safety Committee may use the resources of the WorkSafeBC to provide information to the Committee members in relation to their role and responsibilities. The Committee will increase the awareness of all staff on such topics as: workplace safety, safe lifting techniques, dealing with aggressive residents, WHMIS and the role and function of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee. The Committee will foster knowledge and compliance with the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations by all staff.

Minutes of all Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee meetings shall be kept and copies of such minutes shall be posted in the workplace in a conspicuous area for at least three (3) months and shall be sent to the Employer and the Union designate.

### **36.03 Date of Injury**

An employee who is injured during working hours and is required to leave for treatment or is sent home for such injury shall receive payment for the remainder of their shift at their regular rate of pay without deduction from sick leave, unless a doctor states that the employee is fit for further work on that shift.

### **36.04 Transportation**

Transportation to the nearest physician or hospital and return transportation to the worksite or the employee's residence for employees requiring immediate medical care as a result of an on the job accident shall be at the expense of the Employer. Return transportation to the employee's home shall not be provided by the Employer where someone at the employee's home can reasonably provide such transportation.

### **36.05 Right to Refuse Unsafe Conditions**

No Employee shall be disciplined for refusal to work when excused by the provisions of the *Workers' Compensation Act* and Regulations.

### **36.06 In Lieu Time to Attend Committee Business**

Employees who are members of the Committee shall be granted leave without loss of pay or receive straight-time regular wages while attending meetings of the Committee or to participate in workplace inspections and accident investigations at the request of the Committee pursuant to the WCB Occupational Health and Safety Regulations.

Each member is entitled to an annual educational leave totaling eight (8) hours to attend courses identified by the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee to promote a safe and healthy workplace that are conducted by WorkSafeBC or with the approval of WorkSafeBC. Courses must be approved by the Employer.

### **36.07 Investigation of Accidents**

The Occupational Health and Safety Committee shall be notified in a timely manner of each accident and/or injury involving an employee which has occurred since the last meeting of the Committee. The Committee may investigate the incident upon receiving the report. Where the Committee makes a report, the Committee shall decide on the format of the report and whether the report should be sent to the Workers' Compensation Board.

### **36.08 Orientation and In-Service**

- (a) No employee shall be required to work on any job or operate any piece of equipment until they have received proper orientation and instruction.
- (b) The Employer shall provide sufficient and adequate in-service training and/or orientation to any employee working in a new or unfamiliar work area or position.
- (c) The Employer will provide orientation and/or in-service, which is necessary for the safe performance of work, including universal precautions, the safe use of equipment, safe techniques for lifting and supporting residents and the safe handling of materials and products. The Employer will also make readily available information, manuals and procedures

for these purposes. The Employer will provide appropriate safety clothing and equipment.

### **36.09 Aggressive Residents**

When the Employer is aware that a resident has a history of aggressive behaviour the Employer will make such information available to the employee. In-service and/or instruction in caring for the aggressive resident and on how to respond to the resident's aggressive behaviour will be provided by the Employer. The appropriate Occupational Health and Safety Committee will be consulted on the curriculum. The Employer shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that sufficient staff is present when any treatment or care is provided to such residents. It is understood the Employer is responsible for staffing levels.

### **36.10 Communicable Diseases**

In-service training will be provided for all employees with regards to Infection Protection and Control (IP&C) Guidelines as mandated by Ministry of Health.

In-service training may include definitions of commonly encountered infectious processes in long term care, as well as precautions (standards, contact, airborne, blood borne) to be observed, personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning and handling procedures concerning resident care, resident environment, resident belongings and articles of use.

### **36.11 Working Alone or in Isolation**

The Occupational Health and Safety Committee shall have the mandate to review procedures established by the Employer for checking the well-being of employees working alone or in isolation under conditions which present a risk of disabling injury where the employee might not be able to secure assistance in the event of injury. The Committee shall have the right to make recommendations to the Employer regarding such procedures.

### **36.12 Employee Workload**

The Employer shall ensure that an employee's workload is not unsafe. Where the absence of one or more employees may create an increase in the workload for other employees, the Employer will resolve the matter by:

- (a) The supervisor will discuss duty priorities with the affected employee(s).
- (b) Re-assigning work.
- (c) Utilizing casual employees in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

The prioritizing of duties or the re-assignment of work shall not as a rule result in an unsafe workload for other employees.

An employee who believes their workload is unsafe or excessive shall discuss the problem with their immediate supervisor.

### **36.13 Violence Program**

The Employer will establish a violence program or review the existing program where one is in place. This will be done within the Occupational Health and Safety Committee or a subcommittee of that committee.

The parties recognize that it is important to provide an environment that is properly secure for all those who receive care or work in health care. A safe environment is important for all staff and contributes to providing the highest possible standard of care. Staff should expect to work in and residents should expect to be treated in an environment where the risk of violence is minimized.

### **36.14 Respectful Workplace**

The parties are committed to promoting a work environment in which all those who enter the facility will conduct themselves in a civil, respectful and cooperative manner. A safe environment is important for staff and contributes to providing the highest possible standard of care. Staff should expect to work in and

residents should expect to be treated in a respectful environment free from discrimination, harassment and workplace bullying.

The Employer will publish a clear policy for promoting and maintaining a working environment in which all persons are treated with respect and dignity. These policies will be accessible to staff and the users of the facility.

### **36.15 Critical Incident Stress Defusing**

Critical incident stress defusing shall be made available and be known to employees who have suffered a serious work-related, traumatic incident of an unusual nature. If the Employer requires such a session it will be without loss of pay.

### **36.16 Return to Work Programs**

#### **Mutual Commitment and Voluntary Participation**

The Employer and the Union are committed to a voluntary return to work program that addresses the needs of those able to return to work. An employee's participation must include the consent of the employee's physician.

### **36.17 Electronic Monitoring**

Families will be advised that electronic monitoring must be inoperative, or covered when care is being provided by staff. In addition, the Employer will ensure that appropriate signage is displayed on a resident's room when electronic monitoring is being utilized.

### **Individual Employee Participation in a Return to Work Program**

Prior to commencement of a return to work initiative for individual employees, the Employer, the Union, and the employee shall discuss the planned program and its duration. The specifics shall be confirmed in writing to all involved.

**ARTICLE 37 - TRANSPORTATION**

Employees will not be required to use their own motor vehicle to conduct business of the Employer, however in cases where an employee agrees to use a personal vehicle, an allowance of \$0.55/km will be paid.

**ARTICLE 38 - WAGE SCHEDULES, ATTACHMENTS AND ADDENDA**

Employees shall be compensated in accordance with the applicable Wage Schedules, Attachments and Addenda appended to this Collective Agreement.

	<b>Start</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>5,850</b>	<b>11,700</b>
<b>Dietary Aides, Housekeeping/Laundry Rehab</b>	\$16.50	\$17.00	\$18.00	\$18.75
	\$21.50	\$22.00	\$22.75	\$24.00

	<b>Start</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>5,850</b>	<b>11,700</b>
<b>NSA, Cooks, Rec Aides</b>	\$21.50	\$22.00	\$22.50	\$23.50

	<b>Start</b>	<b>1,950</b>	<b>5,850</b>	<b>11,700</b>
<b>LPN</b>				
Current	\$27.00	\$27.50	\$28.00	\$29.00
Upon termination of wage levelling	\$27.00	\$27.50	\$28.00	\$29.00

RN annual increments. The level they start can vary depending on experience.

- 1: \$32.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2: \$33.08 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3: \$34.35 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4: \$35.40 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5: \$36.50 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6: \$37.92 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7: \$38.83 \_\_\_\_\_

8: \$40.05\_\_\_\_\_  
9: \$41.08\_\_\_\_\_  
10: \$42.11\_\_\_\_\_  
11: \$43.10\_\_\_\_\_  
12: \$44.25\_\_\_\_\_

There shall be no increases to the current wage schedule during the term of this Collective Agreement.

The above noted wage increases are in recognition of the current wage leveling put in place by the BC Government. The current agreement of wage increases will allow for the Union and the Employer move forward in the best interest of their respective Principals.

### **ARTICLE 39 - VARIATIONS**

The general provisions of this Agreement shall have application save and except where specific variations are provided in Attachments to this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE 40 - ARBITRATION SETTLEMENT TO CONCLUDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Should the parties reach an impasse following bargaining in good faith and providing the Union Membership has voted in favor, as an alternative to Strike or Lockout, any or all unresolved bargaining demands may, by mutual agreement be submitted to resolution and binding settlement by an Arbitrator mutually agreed to by the parties or appointed by the Labour Relations Board.

Prior to commencing the arbitration proceedings, the Arbitrator shall act as a mediator to assist the parties in reaching a voluntary resolution of the issues in dispute. In the event of an impasse, the proceedings shall be immediately reverted to arbitration. The Arbitrator will take into account the financial situation and ability to pay of the Employer in rendering the decision. Lawyers shall not be used except where mutually agreed.



## **ARTICLE 41 - SAVINGS CLAUSE**

In the event that present or future legislation renders null and void or materially alters any provision of this Collective Agreement, the following shall apply:

- (a) The remaining provisions of the Collective Agreement shall remain in full force and effect for the term of the Collective Agreement.
- (b) The Employer and the Union shall, as soon as possible, negotiate mutually agreeable provisions to be substituted for the provisions so rendered null and void or materially altered.
- (c) If a mutual agreement cannot be struck as provided in (b) above, the matter shall be arbitrated pursuant to Article 9 of the Collective Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 42 - CONFLICT WITH REGULATIONS**

In the event that there is a conflict between the contents of this Agreement and any rule or order made by the Employer, or on behalf of the Employer, this agreement shall take precedence over the said rule or order.

## **ARTICLE 43 - VOLUNTEERS**

It is agreed that volunteers have a role to fill in the operation of a long-term care facility and are an important link to the community being served. Volunteers shall be supernumerary to established positions in the bargaining unit and will not result in the layoff of bargaining unit employees, nor will volunteers be used to fill established positions within the bargaining unit.

It is further agreed that the current practice regarding the use of volunteers, as of the date of execution of this agreement, is consistent with the above.

## **ARTICLE 44 - PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LPN'S AND RN'S**

### **44.01 Employee Concerns**

In the interest of resident safety and safe care practice, the parties agree to the following problem solving process to address employee concerns relative to resident care including:

- a) care practice conditions
- b) safety of residents and staff
- c) workload

### **44.02 Discussion with Care Leader**

The employee with a concern will discuss the matter with the Care Leader with the objective of resolving the concern. At their request the employee may be accompanied by a steward.

### **44.03 Report Form**

If the matter is not resolved to their satisfaction, the employee may complete a Report Form within seven (7) calendar days of their discussion with the Care Leader or designate. One report will be forwarded to the Labour/Management Committee for review along with a copy being provided to the steward and a further copy being forwarded to the Union.

### **44.04 Labour/Management Committee Meeting**

The Labour/Management Committee shall meet with regard to the matter within fourteen (14) calendar days of receiving the Report form.

## **ARTICLE 45 - CASUAL EMPLOYEES**

1. (a) Casual employees shall be employed only to relieve in positions occupied by regular full-time and regular part-time employees, provided that a casual employee shall not be used for a period in excess of sixty (60) calendar days. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Employer may call casual employees to perform the following work:

- i) vacation relief;
  - ii) sick leave relief;
  - iii) education relief;
  - iv) maternity leave relief;
  - v) compassionate leave relief;
  - vi) union business relief;
  - vii) educational leave relief;
  - viii) such other relief as is provided by the Collective Agreement.
- (b) In an emergency, or non-recurring short-term relief, a casual employee may be used to do work having duration of less than sixty (60) calendar days.
2. Casual employees shall be called to work in the order of their seniority.
  3. Where it appears that the regular employee whose position is being filled by a casual employee will not return to their position within sixty (60) calendar days that position shall be posted and filled.
  4. A casual employee who is appointed to fill a position under Section 3 shall not thereby become a regular employee. A casual employee may become a regular employee only by successfully bidding into a regular vacancy in respect of which there is no present regular incumbent. Upon completion of an assignment, a casual employee shall be reverted to the casual list.
  5. Casual employees are entitled to all benefits of the Collective Agreement except where modified by specific provisions.
  6. Casual employees shall accumulate seniority as per Article 10.01 – Seniority Defined.
  7. The Employer shall maintain both a master casual seniority list which shall include all casual employees employed by the Employer listed in descending order of their seniority, and a

classification registry for each job classification in which casual employees may be used. Each classification registry shall list those employees who have been qualified to work in that job classification in descending order of hours worked.

8. The manner in which casual employees shall be called to work shall be as follows:
  - (a) The Employer shall commence by calling the most senior qualified employee in the registry. In the event of a busy signal, the next person on the list shall be called. Where an answering machine is in place a message will be left relaying the date and time of the call, as well as the details of the relief work being offered.
  - (b) All such calls shall be recorded in a log book maintained for the purpose which shall show the name of the employee called, the time that the call was made, the job required to be done, whether the employee accepts or declines the invitation to work, or fails to answer the telephone and the signature of the person who made the call. In the event of a dispute, the Union shall have reasonable access to the log book and shall be entitled to make copies.
  - (c) If the casual employee who is being called fails to answer or declines the invitation to work or is unable to work, the Employer shall then call the next most senior employee registered in that job classification and so on until a casual employee is found who is ready, willing and able to work.
  - (d) Where a block of shifts remains unfilled after exhausting the registry, the block may be broken up and the casual employees shall be called again in order of seniority.
  - (e) A casual employee who accepts an assignment shall be deemed to have the same obligation to fulfil the assignment as a regular employee and shall not cancel their accepted shift unless illness, injury or a family emergency prevents the casual employee from working.
  - (f) Regular employees shall be entitled to register for additional shifts over and above their regular work schedule when the hours of work do not exceed forty (40) hours in a

week.

9. Casual employees may be laid off from the casual list in the inverse order of their seniority where it becomes necessary to reduce the work force due to economic circumstances. Laid-off casual employees shall retain their seniority for one (1) year, subject to which they shall be reinstated to the casual list in the order of their seniority when it becomes necessary to expand the work force.
- 10.(a) The master casual employee seniority list and each classification registry shall be revised and updated every three (3) months as at seven (7) calendar days following the first (1st) pay period as at January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 (the "adjustment dates") in each year. The seniority of each casual employee thus determined shall be entered in the classification registry in descending order of the most hours worked to the least. Casual employees hired after an adjustment date shall be added to such classification registry or registries as are applicable in the order that they are hired.
  - (b) For purposes of a call-in to do casual work, any time accumulated in a current period shall not be reckoned until the next adjustment date.
  - (c) Within two (2) weeks of each adjustment date the Employer shall send to the Union a revised copy:
    - i) of the master casual seniority list;
    - ii) of each classification registry maintained by the Employer.
- 11.(a) Except for regular employees who transfer to casual status, casual employees shall serve a probationary period.
  - (b) A casual employee who has not completed probation under this clause and who successfully bids into a regular position, shall serve a probationary period pursuant to Article 6.02 of the Collective Agreement but at no time will this period be longer than the full period of one probationary period.

- (c) Where a casual employee who has completed probation successfully bids into a regular position, such employee shall not be required to serve another probationary period.
12. A regular employee who is laid off shall be entitled, as of right, to transfer to casual status. Upon transfer, such employees shall be entitled only to such benefits as are available to casual employees. Such employees shall maintain all accumulated seniority and shall have their sick leave bank frozen and only accessible if they return to regular status.
13. The parties have agreed that upon return to work from receiving WorkSafeBC Benefits, casual employees receive seniority hours for their time away based on the rate of seniority hours earned in the twenty-six (26) weeks immediately preceding the date of injury.
14. A casual employee shall provide the employer with their availability to work, in writing, for the forth coming month. This will be submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.
15. The Employer shall only be obliged to call an employee for those days and shifts the employee has identified as being available. A Casual employee may amend their availability by submitting a request to the Employer for the change but will not bump a junior casual from previously assigned shifts.
16. Casual employees shall not be dismissed except for just and proper cause, unless they are in their probation period and therefore would be accessed under the criteria found under Article 10.02 - Probationary Period. Casual employees who have not been available for three (3) consecutive months without sufficient reason, or have refused work on more than 3 occasions in a two-month period of time, may have their names removed from the casual list.

Declining a call out to work because the casual employee has already accepted paid work will not be consider a refusal. In

the event of a grievance, the burden of proof is on the grievor to establish proof of other paid work.

17. Casual Employees are entitled to vacation pay at the rate of 4.2% of gross pay to be paid each pay day.
18. Casual employees are entitled to statutory pay at a rate of 4.8% to be paid each pay period.

## **ARTICLE 46 - EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATING DATES**

### **46.01 Duration**

The term of the Agreement shall be for three (3) years and shall expire on May 31, 2026.

### **46.02 Change in Agreement**

Any change deemed necessary in this Agreement may be made by mutual agreement at any time during the life of this Agreement.

### **46.03 Agreement to Continue in Force**

Both Parties shall adhere fully to the terms of this Agreement until such time as a strike or lockout commences.

During the term of this Collective Agreement, the Union agrees that there shall be no strike, and the Employer agrees that there shall be no lockout.

### **46.04 Effective Date of Agreement**

The provisions of this Agreement shall come into full force and effect on the date of ratification unless otherwise specified.

**APPENDIX**

**Summary of Health Care Benefit Plans**

<b>BENEFITS</b>		
<b>Co-insurance:</b> your plan will cover up to 80% of the bill and you would pay the rest.		
<b>Benefit Details</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Your Plan's Coverage</b>
<b>Dental</b>		
Level I - Basic Services	80%	\$2,000 per calendar year
Level II - Supplementary Services	80%	\$2,000 per calendar year
Level III - Dentures	50%	\$2,000 per calendar year
Level IV - Major Restorative Services	50%	\$2,000 per calendar year
Level V - Orthodontics	50%	\$2,000 per lifetime
<b>Extended Health Care Benefit</b>		
Co-insurance	100%	for Hospital Care, Professional Services, Vision, Medical Services & Supplies
Co-insurance	80%	for Drugs
<b>EHC - Drug (80% Co-Insurance)</b>		
		\$500 lifetime maximum on anti-smoking prescription drugs
<b>EHC - Vision (100% Co-Insurance)</b>		
Prescription Glasses, Contact Lenses, Laser Eye Surgery, Eye Exams, Visual Training		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$200 per calendar year for prescription glasses, elective contact lenses, repairs and elective laser vision correction procedures</li> <li>• If contact lenses are required to treat a severe condition, or if vision in the better eye can be improved to a 20/40 level with contact lenses but not with glasses, the maximum payable will be \$200 during any 2 calendar year(s)</li> <li>• Eye Exams - <u>\$85</u> per calendar year for persons under age 19</li> </ul>



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		and \$85 per 2 calendar year(s) for persons age 19 and over
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visual Training - \$200 per lifetime</li> </ul>
<b>EHC - Health Care Professionals (100% Co-Insurance)</b>		
Chiropractor, Osteopath, Podiatrist/Chiropodist, Massage Therapist, Naturopath, Speech Therapist, Physiotherapist, Psychologist/Social Worker, Acupuncturist		\$330 per calendar year(s)
<b>EHC - Medical Supplies and Services (100% Co-Insurance)</b>		
Private Duty Nursing Services		\$10,000 per calendar year(s)
Hearing Aids		\$500 per 5 calendar year(s)
Orthopaedic Shoes/Orthotics		\$200 per calendar year(s) for Custom Made Orthotic Foot Appliances
Medical Equipment		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 per calendar year for surgical brassieres</li> <li>• \$500 per lifetime for wigs and hairpieces</li> <li>• \$10,000 per prosthesis for myoelectric arms</li> <li>• \$2,000 per lifter once every 5 calendar year(s) for mechanical or hydraulic patient lifters</li> <li>• \$2,000 per lifetime for outdoor wheelchair ramps</li> <li>• 1 every 4 calendar years for blood glucose monitoring machines</li> <li>• \$1,500 per lifetime for transcutaneous nerve stimulators (TENS)</li> <li>• \$1,500 per lifetime for extremity pumps for lymphedema</li> <li>• \$2,000 every 5 calendar years for CPAP machines</li> </ul>
Surgical Stockings		\$100 per calendar year
<b>EHC - Hospital (100% Co-Insurance)</b>		
<b>Life &amp; AD&amp;D Insurance</b>		
Benefit Amount		\$50,000
Non-Evidence Limit		\$50,000

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<b>Survivor Benefit</b>	
<p>If you die while your dependents are insured under the program, Manulife Financial will continue coverage for some benefits without payment of premium:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extended Health Care</li> <li>• Dental Care</li> </ul>	<p>Coverage will continue until the earliest of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the date your dependent is no longer a dependent</li> <li>• the date similar coverage is obtained elsewhere</li> <li>• the date which is 2 years from your death or</li> <li>• the date the Group Policy terminates</li> </ul>
<b>Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance</b>	
Benefit Amount	\$50,000
Non-Evidence Limit	\$50,000

**Note:** This is a summary only to the Health Care Plans. The Plans provisions can be found in the benefit booklet.

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT #1**

**BETWEEN**

**SUNCREEK DEVELOPMENTS LTD.  
SUNCREEK VILLAGE**

**AND**

**HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION**

**Re: Contracting Out**

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The Employer agrees that it will not contract out bargaining unit work to any outside agency which would result in the laying off of employees within the Bargaining Unit.

The Employer shall discuss with representatives of the Local Union any functions that it intends to contract out that could otherwise be performed by members of the Hospital Employees' Union within the facility, except where an emergency exists.

This Memorandum of Agreement will expire on May 31, 2026.

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF  
THE UNION:**



**Parm Sandhar**  
Bargaining Representative

October 8, 2024

**Date**

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF  
THE EMPLOYER:**



**Peter Kafka**  
Negotiator

Nov 23 / 2024

**Date**

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT #2**

**BETWEEN**

**SUNCREEK DEVELOPMENTS LTD.  
SUNCREEK VILLAGE**

**AND**

**HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION**

**Re: Job Sharing process**

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The Parties agree to a Job Sharing process during this Collective Agreement, as follows:

**Preamble**

1. Job Sharing shall only be possible when an employee holding a single full-time position has requested it.
2. There will be not be any increased cost to the Employer, including benefit costs.
3. The decision and approval for any job share request is at the sole discretion of the Employer.
4. Each job share arrangement shall be subject to a specific written and signed agreement between the Employer and the Union.
5. This Memorandum of Agreement and any job share arrangements or decisions shall not be subject to the grievance procedure.

**Participation**

6. Any employee may request a job sharing arrangement in writing to the Employer and the Union.
7. If the Employer is willing to consider this request, a notice for an expression of interest will be posted and employees may apply to be considered for the job share arrangement.
8. If more than one qualified employee, as per Article 14,

- expresses an interest, then seniority shall apply.
9. There shall be a trial period of thirty (30) calendar days to ensure the job share will be successful. Any vacancy created by the job share, shall not be posted until the completion of the trial period.
  10. Where a vacancy is created as a result of an employee being successful in a job share, the vacancy shall be treated in accordance with the Collective Agreement.
  11. A shared position shall in all respects, with the exception that it is held by two individuals, be treated as though it is a single position with regard to scheduling and job descriptions.
  12. Job share partners shall relieve for each other for all scheduled absences including annual vacation.

**Terminating the Job Share Arrangement**

13. Either employee participating in the job share arrangement or the Employer may cancel the job share arrangement for any reason with thirty (30) days' notice.
14. The original owner of the full-time regular job being shared, shall have the first opportunity to revert back to that job. After which the job will be posted.
15. If the original owner chooses to take back their full-time job, the remaining job share employee may post into a vacancy in accordance with Article 11, or revert to casual status or resign.
16. There are no bumping rights in the job sharing arrangement.

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF  
THE UNION:**



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**Parm Sandhar**  
Bargaining Representative

October 8, 2024

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**Date**

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF  
THE EMPLOYER:**



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**Peter Kafka**  
Negotiator

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**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT #3**

**BETWEEN**

**SUNCREEK DEVELOPMENTS LTD.**  
**SUNCREEK VILLAGE**

**AND**

**HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION**

**Re: 19.03 Scheduling Provisions Task Force**

The parties agree to create a Task Force with the following provisions:

- (a) Three members of the Union and three members from the Employer.
- (b) The Task Force shall review shift changes to provide a minimum of 10 consecutive hours off duty between the completion of one work shift and the commencement of the next.
- (c) There shall be no additional cost to the Employer.
- (d) There shall be no reduction in the number of full-time employees.
- (e) The Task Force shall make recommendations to the Employer within 3 months of the ratification of the Tentative Settlement agreement.

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF  
THE UNION:**



**Parm Sandhar**  
Bargaining Representative

October 8, 2024

**Date**

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF  
THE EMPLOYER:**



**Peter Kafka**  
Negotiator

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**Date**

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT #4**

**BETWEEN**

**SUNCREEK DEVELOPMENTS LTD.**  
**SUNCREEK VILLAGE**

**AND**

**HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION**

**Re: Wage Rates**

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- (a) The parties acknowledge that they have not entered into wage rate discussions.
- (b) The parties agree that should levelled up wage rates be terminated by the Government prior to the Collective Agreement expiring, the Parties shall meet to discuss wage rates.
- (c) No other Article of the Collective Agreement shall be subject to the wage rate discussions, unless mutually agreed to by the parties.

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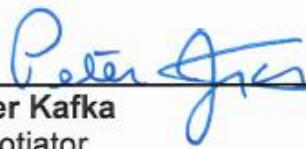


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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**SUNCREEK DEVELOPMENTS LTD.**  
**SUNCREEK VILLAGE**

**AND**

**HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION**

**Re: Temporary Vacancies Exceeding 2 years**

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to confirm the Employer and the Union are in agreement that any temporary position that exceeds 2 (two) years of vacancy by the incumbent, can be posted as regular.

The Employer will contact the individuals attached to the position, to advise the members that their position will be posted regular and upon their return, they will have bumping rights, as per Article 6 of the Collective Agreement.

**SIGNED ON BEHALF OF  
THE UNION:**



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Bargaining Representative

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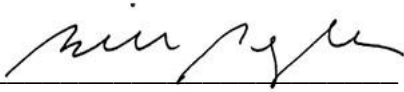
  
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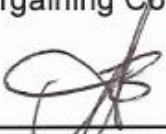
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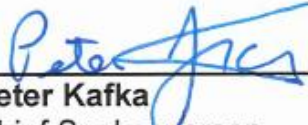
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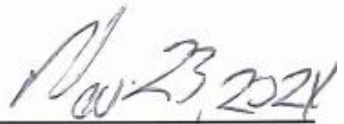
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**Date**