

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

between

**THE KITIMAT PUBLIC LIBRARY
ASSOCIATION**

and

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES**

LOCAL 707

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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN:

THE KITIMAT PUBLIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
("hereinafter called the Employer")

Party of the first part

AND:

THE CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 707
("hereinafter called the Union")

Party of the second part

ARTICLE 1 LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & PREAMBLE

Members of the Haisla Nation have occupied and taken care of this area for time immemorial. We respectfully acknowledge that Kitimat is located on the unceded traditional territory of the Haisla Nation, where we are grateful to live, work, and play.

The objective of this Agreement is to promote harmonious relations, co-operation and understanding between the Employer and its Employees, and to provide:

- (a) A basis of mutual understanding on conditions of employment, hours of work, and rates of pay;
- (b) For the prompt, fair and peaceful settlement of disputes or grievances.
- (c) The people of the District of Kitimat with the highest standard of Library operations and services.
- (d) For the promotion of the morale, well-being, and security of all Employees in the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 2 MANAGEMENT'S RIGHTS

2.01 Right of the Employer

Subject to the terms of this Agreement and without restricting the rights of the Employees under the terms of this Agreement, the Union recognizes the right of the Employer to manage its affairs and operations and to direct its working forces, including the right to discipline or suspend or discharge for proper cause, and the right to hire, promote, assign work, demote, layoff, determine job content and evaluate jobs, and the foregoing shall not be deemed to exclude other functions of management not specifically covered in this Agreement. The Employer shall not exercise its rights to direct the working forces in a discriminatory manner.

2.02 Enumeration of Management's Rights

The parties agree that the foregoing enumeration of management's rights shall be vested in the Employer or delegate.

ARTICLE 3 UNION RECOGNITION

3.01 Bargaining Unit

The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole collective bargaining agent for those Employees it is certified to represent by the British Columbia Labour Relations Board.

3.02 Work of the Bargaining Unit

Exempt Employees of the Employer shall not work on any jobs normally performed by a person in the bargaining unit, should the result be a reduction in the normally scheduled hours or regular pay of a bargaining unit Employee.

If the Employer intends to establish an additional exempt position, it shall discuss the matter with the Union.

3.03 Agreement Applies to all Employees

This Collective Agreement is fully applicable to all Employees unless otherwise specified.

3.04 No Other Agreement

No Employee shall be required or permitted to make a written or verbal agreement with the Employer or its representatives which may conflict with the terms of this Collective Agreement.

3.05 Names of Union Representatives

The Union shall notify the Employer in writing of the names of its Officers, officials, and Library shop stewards.

3.06 Work Stoppage or Slowdown

The Union agrees that a dispute shall not result in any work stoppage or slowdown in the Employer's operations.

3.07 Union Representative

The Union shall appoint two (2) Shop Stewards from among the Library workers.

ARTICLE 4 NO DISCRIMINATION

4.01 No Discrimination

The Employer and Union agree that there shall be no discrimination or coercion exercised or practised with respect to any Employee in the matter of hiring, wage rates, training, upgrading, promotion, layoff, recall, discipline, classification, discharge, or otherwise by reason of age, race, colour, place of origin, ancestry, **cultural identity**, religion or lack of religion, political affiliation or activity, sexual orientation, sex or marital status, **gender identity**, physical handicap, family status, familial relationship, nor by reason of their membership or activity or lack of activity in the Union.

4.02 No Harassment or Bullying in the Workplace

The Parties recognize the right of CUPE members to work in an environment free from sexual harassment and agree to cooperate in attempting to resolve, in a confidential manner, any complaints of sexual harassment which may arise in the workplace.

The Parties also recognize the right of CUPE members to work in an environment free from personal harassment and bullying.

The Employer is committed to taking appropriate disciplinary action if an allegation of sexual harassment, personal harassment and/or bullying is substantiated.

Cases of sexual harassment, personal harassment, and bullying shall be considered as discrimination and are eligible to be processed as a grievance and/or through the Human Rights Tribunal.

In cases where sexual harassment, personal harassment or bullying may result in the transfer of an employee, the victim shall not be transferred against their will.

When an allegation of sexual harassment, personal harassment and/or bullying is proven to be malicious or frivolous in nature, the complainant may be subject to appropriate discipline.

ARTICLE 5 UNION MEMBERSHIP

5.01 Employees to be Union Members

All Employees who are members of the Union shall maintain such membership in good standing as a condition of employment.

Every Employee shall, as a condition of employment, join the Union after not more than fifteen (15) calendar days and shall maintain membership in good standing. The Employer, if supplied with Union membership application forms, shall cause these to be delivered to each new Employee on date of hiring, or as soon thereafter as is practicable and require the Employee to sign it and return it to the Employer. The Employer shall cause these to be delivered to the Union.

5.02 Employer to Notify of Staff Changes

The Employer undertakes to advise the Shop Steward, in writing on or before the 5th day of each calendar month, the names of all appointments, hiring, layoffs, recalls and terminations during the preceding calendar month.

5.03 New Employees to be Acquainted

The Employer agrees to acquaint new Employees with the fact that a Union Agreement is in effect, and with the conditions of employment dealing with Union membership and dues check-off. The Employer shall provide each new Employee with a copy of this Agreement and their job description. Each new Employee shall be introduced to their Shop Steward. A copy of the Collective Agreement shall be kept in the staff room.

ARTICLE 6 CHECK-OFF OF UNION DUES

6.01 Check-off Payments

The Employer shall cause to be deducted from every Employee any dues, initiation fees or assessments levied by the Union. An Employee shall, as a condition of employment, provide the Employer with a signed

authorization. For new Employees, deductions shall commence with the second pay period following the day of hiring.

6.02 Deductions

The Employer shall cause to be deducted from the appropriate payroll the amount owing to the Union by each Employee and shall forward such monies to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union during the week following the deduction, accompanied by a list of the Employees for whom the deductions were made.

ARTICLE 7 CORRESPONDENCE

7.01 Correspondence between Parties

All correspondence between the parties arising out of this Agreement or incidental thereto, shall pass to and from the Employer and the Shop Steward. A copy of any correspondence other than routine items between the Employer or designate and any Employee in the bargaining unit, pertaining to the interpretation, administration, or application of any part of this Agreement, shall be forwarded to the Shop Steward, unless otherwise specified in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8 LABOUR/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

8.01 Composition of Committee

The Committee shall be composed of a maximum of three (3) representatives of the Union and three (3) representatives of the Employer. The Union's representative shall include the Shop Steward. The Employer's representatives shall include the Personnel Committee Chair.

8.02 Meetings of Committee

The Committee may meet quarterly at a mutually agreed time and place. Additional meetings can be scheduled by mutual agreement. Agenda items will be provided in advance. Employees shall not suffer any loss of pay for time spent on this committee and shall not be required to attend their scheduled shift during these meetings. Minutes shall be taken at the meeting and a copy of the minutes signed by the Employer and the Union and shall be posted on the staff bulletin board within ten (10) days of the meeting.

8.03 Function of the Committee

The Committee shall be advisory in nature and concern itself with items of mutual concern. Minutes will be circulated to the Shop Steward and the Employer. Chairing of the committee and taking of the minutes shall alternate between the parties.

ARTICLE 9 LABOUR/MANAGEMENT BARGAINING RELATIONS

9.01 Representation

A Union bargaining committee shall be elected or appointed and consist of not more than three (3) representatives of the Union who are Library workers. The Union shall advise the Employer of the Union members on the committee.

9.02 Representation of Canadian Union of Public Employees

The Union and Employer shall have the right at any time to have the assistance of any advisor, when dealing or negotiating with the other party. The Union or Employer shall, when possible, provide reasonable advance notice when advisors are to be present.

9.03 Technical Information

The Employer shall make available to the Union minutes, financial statements, agendas of Board and general meetings and all other available public documents. Requests for further information shall be directed through the Employer.

9.04 Shift Changes for Representation

The Employer agrees to schedule Union representatives elected or appointed under Article 9.01, so they do not double shift for negotiation sessions.

ARTICLE 10 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

10.01 Recognition of Union Stewards and Grievance Committee

In order to provide an orderly and speedy procedure for the settling of grievances, the Employer acknowledges the rights and duties of the Union Steward. The Steward shall assist any Employee which the Steward represents, in preparing and presenting their grievance in accordance with the grievance procedure

10.02 Permission to Leave Work

- (a) The Employer agrees that the Steward shall not be hindered or coerced in the performance of their duties, while investigating disputes and presenting adjustments as provided in this Article. The Union recognizes that the Steward is employed by the Employer and that they shall not leave their work, during working hours, except to perform their duties under this Agreement. Therefore, no Steward shall leave their work without obtaining the permission of their staff supervisor, which permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (b) Upon obtaining the permission required under sub-section (a) of this Article, the Steward shall be permitted time off to handle grievances and their earnings shall be maintained.

10.03 Definition of Grievance

A grievance shall be defined as any difference concerning the interpretation, application or operation of this Agreement, or concerning any alleged violation thereof, or in a case where the Employer, the Union, or an Employee has acted unjustly or improperly, and including any questions or difference as to whether any matter is arbitrable, and such question or difference shall be dealt with, without stoppage of work, in the following manner:

Step 1

The Employee(s) shall raise their concern with the Employer or Shop Steward. The Shop Steward or the Shop Steward and the grievor shall meet with the Employer to determine the nature of the problem and to attempt to solve the problem verbally and promptly.

Step 2

Failing a satisfactory settlement being reached within one (1) calendar week after the meeting at Step 1, the Union may submit the dispute in writing outlining the issue to the Employer.

Step 3

Failing a satisfactory settlement being reached within one (1) calendar week after the dispute was submitted under Step 2, the Union may submit the dispute in writing to the Chair of the Personnel Committee, who shall have three (3) weeks to meet with the Employee(s) and the Shop Steward with a view to resolving the dispute.

Step 4

If a satisfactory settlement is not reached under Step 3 within one (1) calendar week after the matter was submitted for settlement, the Union may within three (3) calendar weeks refer the matter to arbitration.

Grievances submitted to a Board of Arbitration shall, where possible, be in writing, and shall clearly specify the nature of the issue.

10.04 Policy Grievance

Union grievances of a general nature shall be submitted to the Employer, as provided in Step 1. If the grievance is not resolved by Step 3, it may proceed to arbitration as provided in Step 4.

10.05 Management Grievance

(a) The Employer shall submit the matter in writing within one (1) week from the date of the occurrence of the incident or incidents which gave rise to the grievance to the Shop Steward of the Union and seek settlement of the matter with such person.

(b) If a satisfactory settlement is not reached within one (1) week after the matter was submitted for settlement to the Union, the Employer may within three (3) weeks refer the matter to arbitration.

10.06 Replies in Writing

All replies to grievances shall be in writing to the Shop Steward who presented the grievance.

10.07 Amending of Time Limits

Time limits mentioned in the Grievance and Arbitration Articles do not include part of a day or the Statutory Holidays of this Agreement and may be extended by agreement in writing by the parties.

ARTICLE 11 ARBITRATION

11.01 Composition of Board of Arbitration

A Board of Arbitration shall consist of three (3) persons, one to be chosen by each party, the third, who shall be chair, shall be selected by the two (2) so appointed. The representatives of the parties concerned must meet within seven (7) days to agree upon a chair. If they fail to agree on a chair, either party may apply to the Minister of Labour to appoint a chair. By mutual agreement, the parties may refer the matter to a single arbitrator, who will be selected by mutual agreement.

11.02 Conflict of Interest of Chair

No person who, either directly or indirectly, has any interest in a grievance submitted to arbitration pursuant to the provision of these sections, or any person acting or who has acted in the capacity of solicitor, legal advisor, counsel or agent of either party within six (6) months immediately

preceding the date when the grievance was first brought to the attention of the other party, shall be appointed as chair of the Board of Arbitration.

11.03 Decision of the Board

The Board shall deliver its award in writing to each of the parties and the award of a majority of the Board shall be the award of the Board and, failing a majority award, the award of the Chair of the Board shall be the award of the Board and shall be binding upon the parties, but in no event shall the Board have the power to alter, modify or amend this Agreement in any respect.

11.04 Expenses of the Board

Each party shall bear the expenses of the Arbitrator appointed by such party and shall pay one-half (½) of the expenses of the chair and of the stenographic and other expenses of the Board, unless paid by the Labour Relations Board.

ARTICLE 12 DISCHARGE, SUSPENSION AND DISCIPLINE

12.01 Warning

Whenever the Employer deems it necessary to censure an Employee in a manner indicating that dismissal or discipline may follow any further infraction or may follow if such Employee fails to bring their work up to a required standard by a given date, the Employer shall, within one (1) week thereafter, give written particulars of such censure to the Employee involved, with a copy to the Shop Steward, unless the Employee indicates otherwise. All written particulars, including counselling letters, of any censure or discipline shall be removed from the Employee's personnel file when twelve (12) months have elapsed since the date of the infraction, and there has been no recurrence of the infraction, and shall not be used in building a case against that Employee.

12.02 Discharge or Suspension

An Employee may only be suspended or discharged for just cause. An Employee being suspended or discharged shall be given the reasons within five (5) working days in the presence of a Shop Steward. The Employer shall confirm the reasons in writing to the Employee with a copy to the Shop Steward of the Union.

12.03 Unjust Suspension or Discharge

Should it be found upon investigation that an Employee has been unjustly suspended or discharged, such Employee shall immediately be reinstated in their former position, without loss of seniority, and shall be

compensated wages for all time lost, or by any other arrangement as to compensation which is just and equitable in the opinion of the parties or in the opinion of a Board of Arbitration, if the matter is referred to such a Board.

12.04 Crossing of Picket Lines During Strike

An Employee covered by this Agreement shall have the right to refuse to cross a legal picket line, which shall result in loss of wages for the period involved. Refusal to cross a legal picket line shall not be grounds for disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 13 SENIORITY

13.01 Seniority Defined

Seniority is defined as the length of service in the bargaining unit. Seniority shall operate on a bargaining unit wide basis.

13.02 Seniority List

- (a) The Employer shall maintain a seniority list for all Library Employees, except Temporary and Casual Employees who shall not acquire seniority. A copy of the Seniority list shall be sent to the Shop Steward and posted on the bulletin board in the Library in January of each year. An updated seniority list shall be issued and posted within thirty (30) days of any change.
- (b) Casual and temporary Employees who become Regular Employees shall have seniority back-dated based on pro-rated hours from the commencement of regular employment, until a break of ninety-one (91) calendar days occurs when the Employee did not work.

13.03 Probation for Newly Hired Employees

All newly hired Employees shall be on probation for six (6) calendar months, from the date of hire. During the probationary period the Employee shall be entitled to all rights and benefits of this Agreement. After completion of the probationary period, seniority, if eligible, shall be effective from the original date of employment. If the Employee's service with the Employer is broken during the probation period, then upon being re-employed the previous probation time shall be reinstated and the Employee shall serve the balance of the six (6) calendar months' probation period, provided the break is twelve (12) months or less. The probation period may be extended with the written consent of both parties.

13.04 Loss of Seniority

- (a) An Employee shall not lose seniority rights if they are absent from work because of:
 - (i) services with the Armed Forces during wartime;
 - (ii) sickness;
 - (iii) disability;
 - (iv) accident;
 - (v) layoff; or,
 - (vi) leave of absence approved by the Employer.
- (b) An Employee shall only lose their seniority in the event:
 - (i) They are discharged for just cause and is not reinstated.
 - (ii) They resign.
 - (iii) They are absent from work without sufficient cause or without notifying the Employer, unless such notice was not reasonably possible.
 - (iv) They fail to return to work within one (1) week following a layoff and after being notified by registered mail to do so, unless through sickness or other just cause. It shall be the responsibility of the Employee to keep the Employer informed of their current address. Laid off Employees engaged in alternate employment and who are recalled shall be permitted to give their current Employer reasonable notice of termination to accept the recall; or,
 - (v) They are laid off for a period longer than six (6) months except that the period for Employees with more than two (2) years' seniority shall be twelve (12) months.

13.05 Notification of Employee Status

On or before the expiration of the probationary period, the Employer shall notify the Employee in writing of their status.

13.06 Transfer and Seniority Outside the Bargaining Unit

An Employee shall not be transferred to a permanent position outside the bargaining unit without their consent. An Employee promoted or transferred by the Employer to a position outside the bargaining unit shall retain their seniority standing during a trial or probationary period of up to twelve (12) months. If prior to the end of this twelve (12) month period, the Employee returns to the bargaining unit as a result of not being confirmed in the new position they shall have such time added to their seniority standing. Such return shall not result in the layoff, demotion or bumping of an Employee holding greater seniority.

An Employee who has been promoted or transferred to a position outside the bargaining unit and has been in that position for over twelve (12) months shall lose their accumulated bargaining unit seniority. If subsequent to losing seniority under this clause the Employee returns to a bargaining unit position such return shall not result in the layoff, demotion or bumping of another Regular Employee.

13.07 Summer Students

A student hired for summer work shall not acquire seniority

ARTICLE 14 EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION

14.01 Employees shall be classified by the Employer as either:

- (a) **Full-Time**: means an Employee hired to fill an established full-time position and has successfully completed the probation period.
- (b) **Regular**: means an Employee working twenty (20) hours or more per week on a regular basis and has successfully completed the probation period.
- (c) **Part-time**: means an Employee working nineteen (19) hours or less per week.
- (d) **Temporary**: means an Employee hired for a specified period of time not to exceed six (6) months. The period may be extended by the Employer to ten (10) months when employment is because of an absent Employee.
- (e) **Casual**: means an Employee hired on a day-to-day basis.

ARTICLE 15 PROMOTIONS AND STAFF CHANGES

15.01 Job Postings

Notices of all new permanent positions and permanent vacancies inside the bargaining unit shall be posted on the notice board at the Library for a minimum of one (1) week, so that all members shall know about the vacancy or new position. Where practical, temporary positions will be appointed from among interested Regular Employees. Temporary positions expected to be in excess of sixty (60) calendar days shall be posted.

The notice shall contain the following information:

Nature of position, qualifications, required knowledge and education, skills and wage rate, current shift, and current number of hours per week.

15.02 Formal Testing

When the Employer intends to give applicants to a job posting formal tests, information on the nature of the test and the desired level of proficiency shall be noted on the posting.

15.03 Seniority

Seniority shall apply in cases of promotion, demotions, and transfers when skills, competence, efficiency, and qualifications of the applicants are relatively equal.

15.04 Trial Period

The successful applicant shall be placed on trial for a period of three (3) months, except in the case of filling the Librarian position, the trial period shall be six (6) months. Conditional on satisfactory service, the Employee shall be declared permanent after the trial period. In the event the successful applicant proves unsatisfactory in the position during the trial period, or if the Employee is unable to perform the duties of the new job classification, or if the Employee is unable or unwilling to continue in the position, they shall be returned to their former position and wage rate, without loss of seniority. Any other Employees promoted or transferred because of the rearrangement of positions shall also be returned to their former positions and wage rates, without loss of seniority.

NOTE: Option to return to old position is limited to the trial period.

ARTICLE 16 LAYOFFS AND RECALLS

16.01 Definition of Layoff

A layoff shall be defined as a reduction in the workforce, or

- (a) A reduction in the hours of a **Full-Time** Employee;
- (b) A reduction in the hours of a **Regular/Part-time** Employee to below thirteen (13) hours per week.

16.02 Order of Layoff

In the event of a layoff, Employees shall be laid off in the reverse order of their seniority providing the remaining Employees can perform the work available

Within ten (10) days of written notice of layoff, Employees shall advise the Employer, in writing, of their intention to bump.

16.03 Order of Recall

Employees shall be recalled in the order of their seniority, providing they are qualified to do the work.

16.04**Notice of Layoff**

Other than casual Employees, Employees who are to be laid off shall be given notice in writing as specified below. It is agreed that an Employee may continue to work on a day-to-day basis after the day of layoff stated in the notice and no further notice of layoff shall be required in such cases.

- (a) Where an Employee has less than one (1) year of service, one (1) weeks' notice.
- (b) Where an Employee has one (1) year and up to three (3) years of service, two (2) weeks' notice, and for each subsequent year of service, an additional weeks' notice, up to a maximum of eight (8) weeks' notice.
- (c) In the case of temporary layoff of less than two (2) months one (1) weeks' notice.

If an Employee has not had the opportunity to work the days as provided in this Article, they shall be paid for the days for which work was not made available.

In the case of a proposed temporary layoff of less than two (2) months that in fact exceeds two (2) months; the Employee shall be entitled to full payment for the balance of notice that would have been required.

16.05**Severance Pay**

A regular Employee who is laid off is entitled to choose severance pay at any time within thirty (30) calendar days from the effective date of layoff. Upon acceptance of severance pay all rights under this Agreement are terminated. An Employee on temporary layoff and not recalled before loss of recall rights, shall automatically be paid severance pay within one (1) week of loss of recall rights.

- (a) less than three (3) years' service at the time of layoff:
 - one (1) week's current pay for each year of service or major part thereof.
- (b) Three (3) or more years' service at the time of layoff:
 - for the first year of service, three (3) weeks' current pay;
 - for the second year of service, three (3) weeks' current pay;
 - for each year thereafter, one-half (½) month's current pay.
- (c) Severance pay is limited to six (6) months' current pay.

ARTICLE 17 HOURS OF WORK

17.01 Regular Weekly Hours

The regular work week shall consist of forty (40) hours as follows:

Any five (5) days from **Sunday** through **Saturday**. The two (2) days off shall be consecutive except for Full-Time Employees who may have split days off one (1) week in three (3). Full-Time Employees may also waive the two (2) consecutive days off by mutual agreement between the Employee and the Employer.

Saturday and Sunday may count as two (2) days off for Full-Time Employees.

17.02 Regular Daily Hours

The regular workday shall consist of eight (8) consecutive hours between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., exclusive of a lunch period which shall not exceed one (1) hour. An Employee who works more than four and one-half (4½) consecutive hours shall be given a meal period. The meal period may be waived by mutual agreement between the Employee and the Employer.

17.03 Work Schedule

The work schedule shall be posted at least two (2) weeks in advance.

17.04 Rest Period

Employees shall be entitled to two (2) ten (10) minute paid rest periods during a regular workday.

Employees working a shorter day shall be entitled to a paid rest period for every three (3) consecutive hours of work.

Breaks must be taken during your working hours and cannot be stacked without prior approval from the Employer. This includes starting work late or leaving early.

17.05 Split Shift

Employees may be required to work a split shift, but such shift shall be confined to a twelve (12) consecutive hour period and may be broken into a maximum of two (2) parts. A break for a meal shall not constitute a split in shift. Each part of a split shift shall be for a minimum of two (2) hours. An Employee shall be given a minimum of twelve (12) hours rest between the end of the previous day's shift and the commencement of the next. The following premiums shall apply to a split shift Employee in accordance with the number of parts worked:

First part	\$1.75 per hour
Second part	\$1.75 per hour (not pyramided)

The above premium shall apply to all straight time hours worked on any split shift day.

17.06 Commencement of Shifts

Shifts shall commence and end at the Library or at the job site within the District of Kitimat as designated by the Employer.

17.07 Sunday Premium

Employees shall receive a premium of two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$2.75) per hour for all straight time hours worked on a Sunday.

17.08 Notice of Shift Change

The Employer has the right to change an Employee's schedule of working hours, provided that an Employee is given at least forty-eight (48) hours' notice of such shift change. Failure to notify the Employee(s) concerned shall necessitate the payment to the Employee at the rate of time and one-half for all regular hours worked throughout their first day of work on the new shift. Notice of shift change shall be given verbally or electronically and confirmed by placing a written notice in the Employee's mailbox at the Library.

17.09 Minimum Daily Pay

An Employee reporting for work shall be paid a minimum of two (2) hours if they do not commence work or, where they commence work, a minimum of four (4) hours.

For Library Assistant I, the minimum daily pay shall be two (2) hours.

17.10 Minimum Daily Pay (Unscheduled Shift Coverage)

Where the Employer must provide unscheduled shift coverage and the coverage is within forty-eight (48) hours of the Employer being advised of an Employee absence, the Employer may vary the minimum daily pay to three (3) hours for an Employee who would otherwise be paid four (4) hours.

ARTICLE 18 OVERTIME

18.01 Overtime Defined

All time worked before or after the regular workday, the regular work week or on a Statutory Holiday, as specified herein, shall be considered overtime.

18.02 Compensation for Working Overtime

All overtime work shall be paid as follows:

- (a) First two (2) hours in excess of the regular workday at one and one-half (1½) times an Employee's regular basic rate but excluding from the calculations for the regular work week hours worked in excess of the regular daily hours.
- (b) All hours in addition to the two (2) hours mentioned in (a) hereof in excess of the regular workday at two (2) times an Employee's regular basic rate, but excluding from the calculations for the regular work week hours worked in excess of the regular daily hours.
- (c) For scheduled overtime on Saturdays or the Employee's first day of rest two (2) times an Employee's regular basic rate.
- (d) On Sundays or the Employee's second day of rest all hours at two (2) times the Employee's regular basic rate.

18.03 Overtime to be Voluntary

Overtime shall be voluntary.

18.04 Compensating Time Off

Employees may perform work outside their regularly scheduled hours of work without pay to compensate for time off with pay approved by the Employer for periods of one (1) day or less.

18.05 No Pyramiding

Unless otherwise provided, there shall be no pyramiding of overtime and premium rates of compensation. When two (2) or more types of overtime and/or premiums apply to the same hours of work, only the higher rate shall be paid.

18.06 Banked Overtime

In lieu of pay for overtime, an Employee may elect to put the hours at the appropriate overtime multiple into banked time.

Banked time must be taken at a time satisfactory to the Employer but shall, if the Employee makes a request in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the requested date, (not exceeding three (3) weeks, exceptions shall be made for those taking banked time as part of their retirement) be arranged where possible in accordance with the express preference of the Employee. Banked time requests shall not be unreasonably denied.

Once an Employee's banked time has been approved it shall not be changed except by mutual agreement, or to attend to work requiring urgent completion or because of essential services requiring urgent attention.

Banked time shall not exceed one thousand and forty (1040) hours at any one time. Employees may request a maximum of one (1) separate cheque per year and can also have bank time paid out upon request (without limitation) on existing paydays.

Bargaining unit members may offer banked time compassionately to another bargaining unit member in a time of need for their use for a personal emergency.

18.07 Distribution of Overtime

Overtime opportunities will be distributed as equally as practicable among Employees. Upon request the Kitimat Public Library will provide the Union with a list of Employees and overtime worked.

ARTICLE 19 EMERGENCY CALLOUT

19.01 Callout Defined

A "callout" is defined as that occasion when an Employee is contacted, outside of the hours of their working shift in order to perform work for the Employer. Previously scheduled overtime shall not constitute a callout.

19.02 Callout Compensation

"Callout" time shall be paid at double time rates of pay. The minimum pay shall be two (2) hours at double time. The callout shall not extend beyond the conclusion of the work necessitating the callout.

ARTICLE 20 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

20.01 Paid Holidays

The Employer recognizes the following as paid holidays:

New Year's Day	Canada Day	Thanksgiving Day
Family Day	BC Day	Remembrance Day
Good Friday	Labour Day	Christmas Day
Easter Monday	National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Boxing Day
Victoria Day		

and, any other day declared or proclaimed as a Statutory Holiday by the Federal, Provincial or Municipal Government.

If by law or decree another day is substituted for the observance of any holiday, the day of observance shall be considered as the holiday insofar as payment for the listed Statutory Holiday is concerned.

20.02 Entitlement

All Employees shall be entitled to receive pay for statutory holidays, falling within their period of employment, excluding:

- (a) Casuals;
- (b) Employees who receive pay for the Statutory Holiday from the WorkSafe BC;
- (c) Employee's on a leave of absence without pay in excess of thirty (30) days;
- (d) **Full-Time** Employees in their first thirty (30) calendar days of employment.

20.03 Pay for Statutory Holiday

- (a) An entitled **Full-Time** Employee shall receive a day's pay at their regular basic rate for each of the Statutory Holidays. However, where the Statutory Holiday is observed on a day the Employee is not scheduled to work, the Employer shall have the option to grant the Employee another day off in lieu thereof, or require them to take it in conjunction with their annual vacation, but in either case the day's pay shall be the sum to which they were entitled on the day the Statutory Holiday was observed.
- (b) All other entitled Employees will receive the average daily pay based on a regular five (5) day work week. Example: Twenty (20) hours a week equals four (4) hours of stat pay.
- (c) An eligible Employee temporarily employed at a rate of pay higher than their regular basic rate shall be paid, when entitled to pay for a Statutory Holiday, at the higher rate of pay providing they have been continuously employed at the higher rate for at least four (4) days out of their immediately preceding five (5) working days.
- (d) An Employee who receives pay for less hours on a Statutory Holiday than would be received if the regular hours had been worked, shall be offered scheduled replacement hours in the first full week that the amount of shorted hours are known. Article 17.10 shall not be applicable to these hours.

20.04 Statutory Holiday During Vacation

If a Statutory Holiday to which an Employee would otherwise be entitled falls within or in conjunction with their annual vacation period, they shall receive one (1) additional day of vacation with pay in lieu of the said Statutory Holiday, which shall be taken at a mutually agreed time.

20.05 Work on a Statutory Holiday

An Employee who works on a Statutory Holiday shall be paid two (2) times their rate of pay for all hours worked.

ARTICLE 21 VACATIONS

21.01 Length of Vacations

An Employee shall accumulate a vacation period based upon years of service as follows:

- (a) Less than one (1) year - an Employee who has less than one (1) years' service at the end of the vacation year shall be entitled to one and one-quarter (1¼) working days in each calendar month in which they **have** worked at least half the month (hired before the seventeenth [17th] day), to a maximum of fifteen (15) working days.
- (b) In the second (2nd) year to the fifth (5th) year inclusive, fifteen (15) working days per year.
- (c) In the sixth (6th) year or any year thereafter, twenty (20) working days per year.
- (d) In the thirteenth (13th) year or any year thereafter, twenty-five (25) working days per year.
- (e) In the twentieth year (20th) or any year thereafter, thirty (30) working days per year.
- (f) In the twenty-sixth (26th) year or any year thereafter, thirty-five (35) working days per year.
- (g) In the thirtieth (30th) year of service or any year thereafter, thirty-six (36) working days per year.

The "vacation year" shall mean the period between January 1st and December 31st. The vacation period taken in the current year shall be the vacation entitlement accumulated at December 31st of the previous year.

21.02 Payment for Vacations

- (a) Payment for vacations shall be at the Employee's current basic wage rate and shall be on a "continuous" basis by direct deposit.
- (b) For each period consisting of thirty (30) consecutive days an Employee is absent from work in the vacation year, there shall be deducted from the vacation pay to which they would otherwise be entitled in the succeeding year, one-twelfth (1/12) of the vacation pay, provided that for this purpose time spent on vacation for which the Employee is paid under this Article, or time lost because of sickness or accident shall be considered as time worked.

- (c) Part-Time Employees normally scheduled for nineteen (19) hours or less per week, Temporary and Casual Employees shall receive vacation pay on each paycheque at a rate of four percent (4%).

21.03 Vacation Pay Upon Termination

In the event of termination of employment, **Full-Time and Regular** Employees shall receive six percent (6%) of their total wages earned in the vacation year if they have over one (1) years' service; eight percent (8%) of the said amount if they have over six (6) years' service; ten percent (10%) of the said amount if they have over thirteen (13) years' service; twelve percent (12%) of the said amount if they have over twenty (20) years' service; and fourteen percent (14%) of the said amount if they have over twenty-six (26) years of service.

21.04 Request for Vacation Period

All vacations must be taken at a time satisfactory to the Employer but shall, if the Employee makes a request in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to a requested date, be arranged where possible in accordance with the express preference of the Employee and shall be approved in writing. Except for a case of an unforeseen Library emergency once an Employee's vacation has been approved it shall not be changed except by mutual agreement.

21.05 Vacation Carry Over

An Employee whose vacation entitlement is fifteen (15) working days or more, may carry five (5) of those days over into the succeeding vacation year. A request to carry over five (5) days should be submitted to the Employer before December 1st. An Employee whose vacation entitlement is twenty (20) working days or more, may carry over ten (10) of those days into the succeeding year. A request to carry over ten (10) days should be submitted to the Employer before December 1st.

21.06 Illness or Bereavement During Vacation

Sick leave or bereavement leave may be substituted for vacation where it can be satisfactorily established by the Employee that a confining illness, incapacitating accident, or a death occurred while on vacation. A claim based on a confining illness or incapacitating accident must be accompanied by a doctor's certificate and must be for a minimum period of two (2) continuous days. Travel for bereavement would be related to the Employee's location at the time of death.

21.07 Taking Vacation

- a) Vacation entitlement not taken shall be carried over or paid out at the Employee's request, such requests must be made before September 1 in writing to the Employer. Employees are responsible

for making all reasonable efforts to ensure that vacation due in a particular year is either taken or carried over as provided in this Article.

- b) Employees with excess vacation at year end must schedule and take this vacation as soon as possible which shall not be later than March 1st.

21.08 Deferred Vacation for Early Retirement

In the five (5) years before expected retirement, a **Full-Time and Regular** Employee with twelve (12) or more years' service, shall be allowed vacation carryover for early retirement. Any vacation entitlement in excess of ten (10) days may be carried over for early retirement. On taking early retirement vacation the Employee shall receive continuous pay cheques and full Employee benefits. Official retirement day for the purposes of pension and termination shall be on exhausting the deferred vacation. Current year vacation entitlement for the year the Deferred Vacation for Early Retirement – continued Employee retires can either be taken as vacation or paid out. Employees shall have the option.

ARTICLE 22 SICK LEAVE (Short Term Disability)

22.01 Period of Disability

"Period of Disability" means the period of time an Employee is absent from work under the terms of this Agreement with or without pay, by virtue of being sick or disabled, exposed to a contagious disease or under treatment of a physician, chiropractor or dentist, or because of an accident for which compensation is not payable under WorkSafe BC. An Employee must make every reasonable attempt to notify their supervisor of an absence due to illness before the commencement of an Employee's regular shift.

22.02 Sick Leave Payment

The Employer agrees that it shall for all Employees who work exclusively for the Employer, and for a minimum of twenty (20) normally scheduled hours a week (extra shifts excluded), and who have completed three (3) months' continuous employment at or over twenty (20) scheduled hours per week:

- (a)
 - (i) Pay all qualifying Employees full pay at the Employee's regular basic rate commencing with the first working day of disability due to hospitalization as an in-patient, up to a maximum of ninety (90) working days pay; or as an outpatient for non-elective day surgery requiring spinal or general anaesthetic.

Upon request the Employee shall provide verification to the satisfaction of the Employer.

- (ii) For **Full-Time** Employees, pay the Employee full pay at the Employee's regular basic rate commencing with the eleventh (11th) working hour of disability, up to a maximum of ninety (90) working days pay.
 - (iii) For eligible **Regular** Employees, (an Employee working on a regular basis for twenty (20) or more hours per week) pay the Employee full pay at the Employee's regular basic rate commencing with the tenth (10th) working hour of disability, up to a maximum of ninety (90) working days pay.
- (b) On January 1st of each year, eligible Regular Employees actively at work, shall receive banked time as follows (Employees on vacation, banked time absences are considered "actively at work"):
- (i) **Full-Time** Employees – twenty- four (24) hours;
 - (ii) Eligible **Regular** Employees (an Employee working on a regular basis for twenty (20) or more hours per week) eighteen (18) hours;
 - (iii) Employees who become eligible after January 1st, or who return to "actively at work" status, shall receive banked time as follows:
 - Full allotment on becoming eligible or active in the first quarter.
 - Two-thirds (2/3) allotment on becoming eligible or active in the second quarter.
 - One-third (1/3) allotment on becoming eligible or active in the third quarter.
- (c) Where the absence is due to a disability the Employee shall, if requested, furnish the Employer with proof to its satisfaction that they was and/or is totally disabled and is prevented continuously from performing any and every duty of any occupation, and thereafter shall provide the same during the period of disability as and when requested by the Employer, and failure to do so shall result in the stopping of the payment of wages. Charges for the doctor's notes will be paid for by the Employer.
- (d) Where the absence is due to an accident or injury while in the employment of the Employer, and is compensable by WorkSafe BC, the Employee shall, as a condition of receiving benefits under this Article, turn over to the Employer all compensations received from the Board.

- (e) Where an Employee, within fourteen (14) days after returning to work following a disability in respect of which benefits are payable under this Article, again becomes disabled due to the same or related cause or causes, the later disability shall be deemed to be a continuance of the previous disability for the purpose of determining the maximum benefits payable.
- (f) When the Employer requires an Employee to produce medical proof of disability or illness, such cost not covered by medical insurance, shall be borne by the Employer.
- (g) If an Employee on Sick Leave is absent for more than one (1) day from their community of residence for other than medically necessary reasons, the time out of the community shall be unpaid sick leave. Employees on sick leave shall notify the Library Employer in advance of absences from the Community. This leave can be taken as either vacation, banked time, or unpaid leave of absence at the Employee's option.

22.03

Disabilities Not Eligible for Payment

Benefits are not payable under the following situations:

- (a) Disability resulting from wilfully self-inflicted injury or from an attempt at self-destruction.
- (b) Where the absence results from the use of drugs or alcohol unless the Employee is receiving continuing treatment under the care of a licensed physician or on referral from a licensed physician as an inpatient at a recognized treatment centre.
- (c) Where the absence is a result of injury incurred in employment for an Employer other than the Employer.
- (d) In respect of disabilities resulting from pregnancy:
 - (i) During the period commencing with the tenth (10th) week prior to the expected week of birth and ending with the sixth (6th) week after the week of birth.
 - (ii) During any period of formal maternity leave taken by the Employee pursuant to Provincial or Federal law, or pursuant to mutual agreement between the Employee and the Employer.
 - (iii) During any period for which the Employee is paid Employment Insurance Maternity benefits.
- (e) In respect of disabilities resulting in elective or voluntary medical procedures, unless such medical procedures are performed as a result of an illness or accident or for complications resulting from such elective or voluntary medical procedures, or unless certified as necessary for health reasons by a medical practitioner.

22.04

Continuing Disability

- (a) After an Employee has been paid the maximum of one hundred and thirty-five (135) calendar days provided for in Article 22.02 (a), the Employee shall be considered to be on medical layoff. All benefit plans, including recall rights, shall be continued for a further one hundred and thirty-five (135) calendar days. If after one hundred and thirty-five (135) calendar days on medical layoff the Employee is still unable to work in their established position, the Employee, notwithstanding any other provision herein contained, may be terminated, except if, in the opinion of two (2) medical doctors licensed to practice in the Province of BC, the Employee shall recover and be capable of resuming their job within two (2) years of the end of the second one hundred and thirty-five (135) calendar days.
- (b) No Employee shall be terminated while in receipt of benefits under this Article, or while receiving compensation from WorkSafe BC as a result of an injury or sickness arising out of their employment with the Employer, or while in receipt of sick benefits from the Employment Insurance Commission or while **waiting** for Long Term Disability benefits to commence. Provided, however, that where an Employee is unable to return to work because of a compensable illness or injury and has been granted a pension by WorkSafe BC, their employment with the Employer shall be considered terminated and all Employer benefits shall cease as from the effective date of the pension.
- (c) Absence due to sickness or disability resulting from an accident not covered under Article 22.02 shall not in itself constitute a cause for discharge of an Employee, provided it is possible for such Employee, in the opinion of two (2) medical practitioners licensed to practice in the Province of British Columbia, to return to work within three (3) months of such sickness or disability, and to carry on their regular duties in the services of the Employer.
- (d) If an Employee is eligible to apply for WorkSafe BC benefits but declines to apply or refuses WorkSafe BC benefits, then any sick leave shall be paid at sixty percent (60%). If the Employee receives a wage loss settlement from ICBC, for the accident or injury that happens on the job, the Employer shall be reimbursed.

22.05

Minimum Paid Sick Leave

- a) **Notwithstanding any other paid sick leave provisions in the collective agreement, all employees are entitled to a minimum of five (5) days of paid sick leave per calendar year, non-cumulative.**

- b) **Pay under this provision shall be the amount the employee would have earned had they worked the shift.**

ARTICLE 23 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

23.01 Negotiation Pay Provision

Up to three (3) representatives of the Union for the purpose of negotiating in order to carry on collective bargaining, pursuant to the provisions of the BC Labour Relations Code, shall not suffer any loss of pay or benefits for the time involved in such negotiations with the Employer.

23.02 No Loss of Pay When Confering with Employer

Up to two (2) representatives to confer with the Employer regarding Union matters arising out of this Agreement, other than matters at arbitration stage, shall not suffer any loss of pay or benefits for the time involved in such grievance procedures.

23.03 Leave of Absence for Union Functions

Upon request to the Employer, an Employee elected or appointed to represent the Union at conventions, executive and Committee meetings of Canadian Union of Public Employees, it's affiliated or chartered bodies and any labour organizations with which the Union is affiliated, may be allowed leave of absence without pay, but without loss of benefits. Such leave shall not be unreasonably withheld.

23.04 Leave of Absence for Full-Time Union Duties

An Employee who is elected to a Full-Time position of the Union or the Canadian Union of Public Employees shall be granted leave of absence without pay for a period of up to one (1) year. The Employer may, if requested by the Union in writing, extend the leave of absence for a further one (1) year.

23.05 Arrangement for Pay During Leave of Absence for Union Duties

An Employee shall receive the pay and benefits provided for in this Agreement when on unpaid leave of absence for Union duties. However, the Union shall reimburse the Employer for all such pay and benefits during the period of absence.

23.06 Paid Bereavement Leave

- (a) Full-Time and Regular Employee's shall be granted three (3) days' leave of absence without loss of wages or benefits on the death of a member of the Employee's immediate family. Additional leave with pay up to two (2) days, as required, shall be granted when

travel is required. Travel days shall apply to distances beyond Kitimat/Terrace.

(b) Immediate family shall mean the following:

Employees':

- Fiancé(e)
- Spouse (including Common Law)
- Children (including stepchildren and legal wards)
- Parents (including stepparents)
- Brothers/Sisters
- Grandparents
- Grandchildren
- Nieces/Nephews

Spouses':

- Parents (including stepparents)
- Brothers/Sisters

23.07 Paid Jury or Court Duty Leave

The Employer shall grant leave of absence without loss of seniority or benefits to an Employee who serves as Juror, or Witness in any Court. The Employer shall pay such an Employee the difference between normal earnings and the payment received for jury services or Court Witness, excluding payment for travelling, meals or other expenses. The Employee shall present proof of service and the amount of pay received. Time spent by an Employee required to serve as a Court Witness in any matter arising out of their employment shall be considered as time worked at the regular rate of pay.

23.08 Pallbearer's Leave

Full-Time and Regular Employees shall be granted One (1) day leave without loss of pay to attend a funeral as a Pallbearer. Pallbearer's Leave in excess of two (2) per calendar year shall be without pay.

23.09 Maternity/Parental Leave

In addition to the BC Employment Standards, an Employee shall have the following rights:

- (a) An Employee shall have the right, upon written request, to leave of absence for pregnancy on the following basis:
- i. An Employee shall be granted unpaid leave to a maximum of eighteen (18) months at the Employee's option.
 - ii. The Employee shall provide at least two (2) weeks' notice prior to returning to work.

- iii. Upon return to work, the Employee shall be placed in their former job, or another which is consistent with their classification, seniority, qualifications, and former wage rate.
 - iv. Upon return to work, a Regular Employee shall be credited with all seniority benefits based on calendar time to which they would have been entitled had the leave not taken place. Non-Regular Employees shall resume their hour accumulation and their one hundred (100) day count-down on their return to work at the point where they left off.
 - v. Upon return to work, an Employee shall be credited with any wage increments to which they would have been entitled had the leave not taken place.
 - vi. The Employer shall continue to provide coverage and pay its share of premiums for all the Employee benefits to which the Employee is entitled while on maternity leave.
 - vii. When an Employee gives birth before a request for maternity leave is made, maternity leave will be deemed to have started on the day of the birth.
 - viii. A birth father shall be eligible for up to thirty-seven (37) consecutive weeks of unpaid leave beginning after the child's birth and within fifty-two (52) weeks of the birth.
 - ix. The Employer may require an Employee to commence maternity leave where the Employee cannot reasonably perform their duties.
 - x. Employees who meet the requirements for Sick Leave shall be eligible for the benefits of the Supplemental Unemployment Benefits Plan.
- (b) A non-birthing Employee shall receive three (3) days for the birth of their child or adoption of their child.
- (c) Supplemental Employment Benefits Plan:**
- i. The object of the Plan is to supplement employment insurance benefits received by eligible employees for temporary employment caused by pregnancy and childbirth.
 - ii. The Plan shall cover all employees represented by CUPE Local 707 who meet the requirements for sick leave under the Collective Agreement.
 - iii. The Plan shall provide supplemental employment insurance benefits for the period the employee is on maternity leave and concurrently has applied for and is eligible to receive maternity employment insurance benefits (including the employment insurance waiting period).

- iv. The maximum period covered by the plan shall be the shortest of the period of maternity leave; the period of employment insurance eligibility (including a two (2) week waiting period); or seventeen (17) weeks.
- v. The Library will pay ninety-five percent (95%) of the employees normal, regular weekly earnings for a two (2) week employment insurance waiting period.
- vi. For those weeks that the employee receives employment insurance maternity benefits, the Library will pay the difference between the amount of the EI benefits plus other earnings received by the employee and ninety-five percent (95%) of the employee's normal, regular weekly earnings.
- vii. If the employee's weekly earnings from any other source(s) reduces the employee's entitlement to EI benefits, the Library may reduce its benefit payment to the employee under the plan by a corresponding amount.
- viii. Employees disentitled or disqualified from receiving EI benefits are not eligible for benefits under the plan.
- ix. Where a pregnancy terminates, the employee will be eligible for SUB benefits as if they are on maternity leave. If the employee cannot qualify for SUB benefits, sick leave qualification and
- x. payments shall apply in the normal manner.

23.10 Adoption Leave

The period of leave and other conditions in the Maternity/Parental Leave Article apply when an Employee requests in writing Adoption Leave.

23.11 General Leave

Leave of absence without pay and without loss of seniority may be granted upon the written application to the Employer. Such leave must be taken at a time satisfactory to the Employer.

23.12 Leave for Public Duties

The Employer recognizes the right of Employees to run for public office. Upon written request to the Employer, an Employee shall be granted up to three months leave of absence without pay to be a candidate for a full-time office as an MP or MLA. On being elected, and upon written request to the Employer, the Employee shall be granted an indefinite leave of absence without pay or benefits for a period of up to five (5) years or until a subsequent election is held - whichever period is longer.

23.13 Leave for Medical and Dental Appointments

An Employee shall make every reasonable effort to schedule medical and dental appointments on non-work time. Should this not be possible, the Employer shall grant such unpaid time as necessary, or arrange such time through scheduling, or compensating time off, or shift exchange or shift rescheduling. An Employee shall make every reasonable effort to minimize time away.

23.14 Family Responsibility Leave

All Employees are entitled to up to five (5) days unpaid Family Responsibility Leave per year in accordance with the rules of the Employment Standards Act.

An excerpt from the Employment Standards Act providing details of this leave appears at the back of the Collective Agreement as Appendix "A".

23.15 Compassionate Care Leave

Employees shall be eligible for leave without pay to care for a terminally ill family member in accordance with the Employment Standards Act.

23.16 Quarantine Paid Leave

- a) **When ordered by the Employer or by a certified medical doctor or public health official, or by federal, provincial, or regional public health orders to stay home. The Employer agrees that any employee required to stay home will have no loss of pay, benefits, seniority, and their position will remain the same upon return as it was when they were asked to stay home.**
- b) **The Employer may also require an employee to continue to work from home during the time of quarantine. If refused by the employee, they will still have no loss of benefits, seniority or position but will receive no pay during this time.**

ARTICLE 24 PAYMENT OF WAGES AND ALLOWANCES

24.01 Paydays

- (a) **The Employer shall pay wages bi-weekly (Friday), in accordance with Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Agreement, for wages earned up to and including the previous Saturday. On each payday each Employee shall be provided with an itemized statement of their wages, overtime and other supplementary pay and deductions. Employees' statements shall be available at the Library by 4:00 p.m. on payday. An Employee's pay shall be deposited by direct deposit before 4:00 p.m. on payday.**

- (b) Notwithstanding anything contained herein, it is agreed that the Employer may vary the procedure for payment of wages to meet the requirements and/or limitations of computer processing and preparation of payroll cheques.

24.02 Pay on Termination

Employees shall be paid as soon as possible after termination, or arrangements may be made for the paycheques to be mailed.

24.03 Pay on Promotion

- (a) An Employee promoted to a higher paying position shall receive the rate for the new position. When the new position carries a wage range, the Employee shall receive the wage next higher than their previous wage.
- (b) When the promotion is to a position which carries a wage range and the Employee has served six (6) months in the position they were promoted to, they shall, no later than six (6) months after the date of promotion, advance to the next step level above that in which they entered the new position.

24.04 Pay on Temporary Assignment

(a) Higher Rated Job

When an Employee temporarily relieves in or performs the principal duties of a higher paying position, they shall receive the rate for the job. When that position carries a wage range, they shall receive the rate next higher than their previous rate.

An Employee relieving in a position carrying a wage range shall qualify for the higher rate for all hours worked after having worked more than one (1) day.

In the event that an Employee is required to work for a prolonged period in a higher rated job (including acting librarian) the Employee shall have the option of accumulating the pay difference to be taken as time off at a mutually agreed time or receiving the increase as regular pay.

(b) Lower Rated Job

When an Employee is temporarily assigned to a position paying a lower rate, their rate shall not be reduced.

24.05 Use of Personal Automobile

An Employee who agrees to use their personal automobile for Employer business shall be paid an allowance equal to that paid by the District of Kitimat. The Employer shall pay the amount of the insurance deductible

in the event of an accident while on Employer business to the maximum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

24.06 Training and Conferences

When Employees are scheduled to undergo training or conferences their work hours per week will not exceed their regularly scheduled work hours. Tuition for coursework will be reimbursed depending on the current year's available funding, with receipt and prior approval by the Library Employer. Travel time, to and from conference and training makes up regularly scheduled work hours. Studying for coursework is unpaid.

ARTICLE 25 JOB EVALUATION

25.01 New Classification

The Employer may institute new job classifications. Notice of any new classifications, including the pay rate plus a job description, shall be provided to the Union in writing at least two (2) weeks in advance of the institution of the new job. Such wage rates, which shall be determined by the Employer, shall then be subject to confirmation or amendment by negotiation between the Employer and the Union, and if agreement cannot be reached, the Union shall have the right to submit the matter to arbitration. The Union agrees to respond in writing within one (1) month of the date of the letter notifying the Union of the new job classification(s), the date of institution and the pay established, and failure to do so shall mean acceptance of the Employer's advice on this matter.

25.02 Request for Review

The Union or the Employer may request the review of an Employee's classification where, in the opinion of either of them, there has been a substantial change in their job content relative to other Employees' jobs in the same classification. Such requests shall be in writing and the review shall be carried out between the Employer and the Union. If agreement cannot be reached, either party may refer the matter to arbitration.

25.03 Red Circle

Whenever there is a reduction in the wage rate as a result of the review of a job, the Employer agrees that an Employee with seniority incumbent in such job shall not suffer any reduction in pay as long as they remain on the job. Such an Employee shall be considered to have a "red circle" rate and shall not receive a wage increase until the basic wage rate for the job exceeds their "red circle" rate.

ARTICLE 26 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

26.01 Employer to Provide Benefit Plans

- (a) The Employer agrees to maintain the following Employee Benefit Plans, as long as it is within its power to do so, for all Employees who are classified as "**Full-Time**" and "**Regular**" who work for a minimum of twenty (20) normally scheduled hours a week (extra shifts and temporary positions excluded) and have completed at least three (3) months' continuous employment at or over twenty (20) scheduled hours per week unless otherwise specified.

Upon becoming eligible to participate in the Plans, an Employee shall be enrolled either on the date the Employee became eligible or no later than the first day of the next month as determined by the carrier of each Plan. Benefits shall be as specified by each Plan's rules and regulations.

- (b) Participation in the Employee Benefit Plans listed herein shall be mandatory for all Employees eligible.
- (c) Unless otherwise specified, the Employer shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premiums or costs involved.
- (d) The Employer shall continue to maintain and pay its share of the premiums for the Employee Benefit Plans for an Employee under the following circumstances:
- (i) While in receipt of WorkSafe BC benefits, up to one hundred and eighty (180) working days, after which the Employee may elect to continue coverage for the Medical Services Plan (MSP) and Pacific Blue Cross at the expense of the Employee.
 - (ii) While on a period of disability, as defined in Article 22.01, up to one hundred and eighty (180) working days, after which an Employee may elect to continue coverage for the Medical Services Plan (MSP) and Pacific Blue Cross plans, at the expense of the Employee, so long as the carriers of the Plans shall permit such continuance.
 - (iii) While on a temporary layoff of up to one (1) month beyond the month in which the layoff occurred, after which an Employee may elect to continue coverage for the MSP and Pacific Blue Cross plans, so long as the Employee retains recall rights, but at the expense of the Employee, and further that the carriers of the Plans shall permit such continuance.
- (e) The Employer agrees to maintain coverage for Employees in the District of Kitimat's Employee and Family Assistance Plan, so long as it is within the Employer's power to do so.

26.02

Health Plans

The Employer agrees to maintain the following plans:

- (a) BC Government Medical Plan, to become effective on the first day of the month following the date of hiring.
- (b) Pacific Blue Cross Extended Health Benefit Plan at ninety percent (90%) coverage **as per the Pacific Blue Cross Employee Handbook.**
 - (i) Hearing aid maximum per ear at one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$1750) over a two (2) year period.
 - (ii) Adult custom-made foot orthotics to a maximum of **eight** hundred dollars (\$800) every twenty-four (24) months. For dependents under age sixteen (16) years, custom made foot orthotics and arch supports to a maximum of five hundred dollars (\$500) every twelve (12) months.
 - (iii) Smoking cessation aids prescribed by a medical doctor licensed by the British Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, three hundred and seventy-five (\$375) annually to a lifetime maximum of seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750).
 - (iv) Chiropractic/naturopathic to a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) annually.
 - (v) Psychologists to a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1000) annually.
 - (vi) Acupuncture treatments to a maximum of nine hundred dollars (\$900) annually.
 - (vii) Podiatrist yearly maximum six hundred dollars (\$600).
 - (viii) Speech therapist yearly maximum two thousand dollars (\$2000).
 - (ix) Physiotherapist or massage therapist yearly maximum one thousand dollars (\$1000).
 - (x) Orthopaedic shoes yearly maximum of six hundred dollars (\$600) for adults and six hundred dollars (\$600) for dependent child.
 - (xi) Lifetime limit five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) not retroactive to former Employees.
- (c) The Dental Plan shall provide:
 - (i) one hundred percent (100%) coverage on type "A" expenses,
 - (ii) seventy-five percent (75%) coverage on type "B" expenses, and
 - (iii) seventy percent (70%) coverage on type "C" expenses.

- (iv) Maximum Orthodontic coverage is six thousand dollars (\$6000) and to include white fillings.
- (v) Provide for white fillings.
- (d) Travel Allowance Supplement. (This is a Plan that provides for the same conditions as the Pacific Blue Cross Travel Plan.)
 - (i) Provide for a maximum accommodation allowance of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175) per night from October 16th to April 14th and two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$225) from April 15th to October 15th (Sports Medicine Clinic and G.F. Strong are eligible for medical travel if criteria of accessing a specialist or service not available locally is met.) The allowance for lodging in facilities, such as Heather House, shall be one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500).
 - (ii) Medical Travel Plan to include reconstructive jaw surgery.
 - (iii) Medical travel ground transportation (taxi, bus, rental car, or limo) to a maximum of one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120) per trip.
- (e) Eyeglasses and contact lens coverage of up to six hundred dollars (\$600) per family member every two (2) years, and one hundred and ten dollars (\$110) for eye examination per family member every two (2) years. (This is a Plan that provides for the same conditions as the Pacific Blue Cross Vision Plan. Laser eye surgery, up to one thousand six hundred dollars (\$1600) per eligible person in a six (6) year period may be applied towards the cost of laser eye surgery. Any eligible person choosing laser eye surgery cannot make a claim under the vision care plan for a six (6) calendar year period.
- (f) The Employer shall introduce and maintain a Prescription Drug Card, as long as it is within its power to do so, for all eligible Employees.
- (g) Birth Control – provide for oral contraceptives benefits of up to four hundred dollars (\$400) per year and non-oral contraceptives for benefits of up to four hundred dollars (\$400) per year.
- (h) Coverage for the full cost of all work vaccinations (e.g. Hepatitis, Shingles).
- (i) Wigs and hairpieces required as a result of medical treatment, injury, alopecia, to a maximum of one thousand dollars (\$1000).
- (j) The Employer recognizes the benefit of a strong and active workforce through the promotion of a healthy lifestyle. The Employer will offer to its Employees, their dependents (children and spouse), one hundred percent (100%) off all public drop-in sessions (open gym, weight room, public skate, public swim), and fitness programs offered by the Kitimat Leisure Services Department by

reimbursement with a receipt and proper proof of attendance form filled out.

26.03 Group Insurance

The Employer agrees to maintain a Group Life Insurance Plan with a basic coverage of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000). The Plan shall also provide an optional amount of coverage to a maximum of another two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) but this optional coverage shall be at the total expense of the Employee. The Plan shall further provide optional coverage for the Employee's spouse, if the carrier shall allow such coverage, to a maximum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) but this optional coverage shall be at the total expense of the Employee.

26.04 Accidental Death and Dismemberment

Insurance to be consistent with the Employer's current coverage.

26.05 Long Term Disability Plan

- (a) The Union shall institute a Long-Term Disability Plan, determine the carrier, and determine the Plan's terms and conditions.
- (b) All **Full-Time** and **Regular** Employees shall enrol in the Plan as a condition of employment as determined by the Union and the carrier.
- (c) The premiums of the Long-Term Disability Plan shall be paid seventy-five percent (75%) by the Employer and twenty-five percent (25%) by the Employees through payroll deduction. (It is understood the existing plan will be revised to change the payment from sixty percent (60%) to seventy percent (70%) with a revised cap of six thousand dollars (\$6000) per month), for the first three (3) years of the Collective Agreement. The final year of the Collective Agreement the Kitimat Public Library will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the Long-Term Disability Plan and assume full control of the plan.
- (d) The Employer agrees to provide administration of the Long-Term Disability Plan, including but not limited to having the Employees sign the deduction authorization, enrolling the Employees in the Plan, deducting the premium, forwarding the premiums, and completing such regular reports as the carrier may require. These regular reports shall be available for inspection by the Union on request.
- (e) Employee Benefits payable under the terms of the Collective Agreement shall be continued to expiry (maximum one hundred eighty (180) working days) unless such benefits are provided by the Long-Term Disability Plan.

26.06 Municipal Pension Plan

Full-Time Employees and Regular Employees (who qualify) shall, upon completion of their probationary period, participate in the pension plan under the terms of the Municipal Pension Plan.

26.07 MSP/Pacific Blue Cross Extended Health for Retiring Employees

The Employer shall pay the premiums for Medical Services Plan (MSP) and Pacific Blue Cross Extended Health for retiring Employees from the date of retirement to the end of the calendar month following retirement.

26.08 Pay In-Lieu of Benefits

Part-time Employees that are normally scheduled for nineteen (19) hours or less per week shall receive two percent (2%) on straight time hours in lieu of benefits.

26.09 Dependants to Continue with Benefits

Upon the death of an Employee, any dependents enrolled in the benefits of Article 26.02 shall continue to be enrolled for a period of twelve (12) months.

ARTICLE 27 SAFETY AND HEALTH

27.01 Pay for Injured Employees

If an Employee is injured on the job, the Employer shall maintain their earnings throughout the day of injury. An Employee returning to work after time off due to an accident on the job recognized as a compensable claim by WorkSafe BC, may have, upon request, time off without loss of pay at their regular rate to take necessary medically approved physiotherapy treatment, if they are unable to obtain reimbursement for such time off from WorkSafe BC or any other source.

27.02 Working Alone

No Employee shall be required to work alone while the library is open to the public.

ARTICLE 28 TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

28.01 Definition

Technological change means:

- (a) The introduction by the Employer into its work, undertaking or service of equipment or material of a different nature or kind than previously used by the Employer in that work, undertaking or service, or
- (b) A change in the manner, method, or procedure in which the Employer carries on its work, undertaking or service that is related to the introduction of that equipment or material.
- (c) Technological change does not include normal layoffs resulting from a decrease in the amount of work to be done.

28.02 Terms

Where the Employer introduces or intends to introduce a technological change, the following conditions shall apply:

- (a) An Employee shall not be laid off or denied recall as a consequence of the introduction of technological change.
- (b) An Employee who is directly affected by technological change and requires new or greater skills shall receive priority for new training to maintain their job security with the Employer. Such training shall be at the expense of the Employer and there shall be no reduction in pay.
- (c) An Employee who is demoted or whose job classification is devalued as a consequence of technological change, shall not suffer any reduction in pay. Such an Employee shall be "red circled" and shall not receive a wage increase until the wage rate for the job exceeds the "red circle" rate.

28.03 Severance Pay

An Employee who is demoted or whose job classification is devalued as a direct consequence of technological change, may elect to terminate their employment with the Employer and receive severance pay. The Employee must notify the Employer of choosing severance pay within three (3) months of the job change taking place.

- (a) Less than three (3) years' service at the time of choosing severance:
 - One (1) week's current pay for each year of service or major part thereof.

- (b) Three (3) or more years' service at the time of choosing severance:
 - for the first (1st) year of service, three (3) weeks' current pay;
 - for the second (2nd) year of service, three (3) weeks' current pay;
 - for each year thereafter, one-half (½) month's current pay.
- (c) Severance pay is limited to six (6) months' current pay.

ARTICLE 29 CONTRACTING OUT

29.01 Contracting Out Conditions

Where the Employer introduces or intends to introduce contracting out of any work or services, the following conditions shall apply:

- (a) An Employee shall not be laid off or denied recall as a consequence of the introduction of contracting out.
- (b) An Employee who is directly affected by contracting out and requires new or greater skills shall receive priority for new training to maintain their job security with the Employer. Such training shall be at the expense of the Employer and there shall be no reduction in pay.
- (c) An Employee who is demoted or whose job classification is devalued as a consequence of contracting out, shall not suffer any reduction in pay. Such an Employee shall be "red circled" and shall not receive a wage increase until the wage rate for the job exceeds the "red circle" rate.

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An Employee who is demoted or whose job classification is devalued as a direct consequence of contracting out, may elect to terminate their employment with the Employer and receive severance pay. The Employee must notify the Employer of choosing severance pay within three (3) months of the job change taking place.

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 - for the first (1st) year of service, three (3) weeks' current pay;
 - for the second (2nd) year of service, three (3) weeks' current pay;
 - for each year thereafter, one-half (½) month's current pay.
- (c) Severance pay is limited to six (6) months' current pay.

29.03 Notification

When considering contracting out a major function which normally is done by members of the bargaining unit, the Union shall be advised in writing of the Employer's intention or consideration of such action.

ARTICLE 30 GENERAL CONDITIONS

30.01 Employee Records

An Employee, upon providing reasonable notice to the Employer or their designate, shall be granted access to their personnel file, within a reasonable time. Employees shall be permitted to insert written, signed, and dated comments regarding information contained in their files.

30.02 Chain of Command

Employees shall be required to act only on directions made under the direct or delegated authority of the Employer.

30.03 Bulletin Boards

The Employer shall provide a bulletin board which shall be placed so that all Employees shall have access to it and upon which the Union shall have the right to post notices of meetings, and such other notices as may be of interest to the Employees.

30.04 Union Label

The Union shall have the right to display the Union label on the Library building, provided that the number and location of these labels is subject to mutual agreement before the label or labels are placed on any building.

30.05 Printing of Agreement

The Employer and the Union agree that each party shall be responsible for the costs of printing of the Collective Agreement for their respective Principals, except new Employees as per Article 5.03 of which the costs shall be borne by the Employer.

30.06 Union Activities

Unless otherwise herein specifically provided, Union activities shall not be pursued during working hours. The Union shall use its own stationery and supplies. Printing and photocopying shall apply at the same rate as for public use (excluding Collective Agreements).

30.07 Attendance at Conferences

- (a) Prior to an Employee agreeing to attend a conference or workshop, the Employer shall advise the Employee, in writing, which costs shall be borne by the Employer and wages to be paid.
- (b) Should an Employee agree to use their personal vehicle for transportation to an out-of-town event, the Employer shall reimburse the cost of any required additional insurance coverage provided the amount is confirmed and agreed to prior to travel.

30.08 Municipal Pension Plan - Buyback

Subject to the rules of the Pension Corporation, the Employer agrees to participate in the buy back of an Employee's probation period to a maximum of one (1) year subject to the following:

- (a) the Employee is currently employed in the Library and has completed four and a half (4½) years of service;
- (b) the cost of the buyback shall be shared fifty percent (50%) by the Employee and fifty percent (50%) by the Employer.

30.09 Indemnification

The Employer will maintain an indemnification policy covering all Employees.

ARTICLE 31 GENERAL

31.01 Plural or Feminine Terms May Apply

Whenever the singular, masculine, or feminine is used in this Agreement, it shall be considered as if the plural, feminine, masculine or gender neutral has been used where the context of the party or parties hereto so required.

ARTICLE 32 TERM OF AGREEMENT

32.01 Term of Agreement

This Agreement shall take effect from March 1, 2024 and shall remain in effect until February 28, 2026 and shall be automatically renewed annually thereafter unless either party hereto shall give notice pursuant to the Labour Relations Code of British Columbia requiring the other party to commence collective bargaining. During the period of negotiations, this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

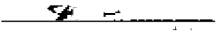
32.02 Retroactivity


All revisions to the Collective Agreement mutually agreed upon shall, unless otherwise specified, apply retroactively to the aforesaid anniversary date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties have hereunto affixed their seal in the presence of their duly authorized officers in that behalf this 19th day of September, 2024.

KITIMAT PUBLIC LIBRARY
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CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC
EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 707


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President CUPE Local 707

SCHEDULE "A"

	March 1, 2024	March 1, 2025
Base Rate Minimum Increase	2.00%	2.00%
Library Budget (less 0.5%) *		
Library Assistant I**		
Start	\$18.96	\$19.34
6 months	\$19.49	\$19.88
12 months	\$20.01	\$20.41
18 months	\$20.54	\$20.95
24 months	\$21.07	\$21.49
Library Assistant II		
Start	\$32.45	\$33.10
6 months	\$34.29	\$34.98
12 months	\$35.21	\$35.91
18 months	\$36.07	\$36.79
24 months	\$37.08	\$37.82
Library Assistant III		
Start	\$37.48	\$38.23
6 months	\$40.04	\$40.84
12 months	\$41.32	\$42.15
18 months	\$42.57	\$43.42
24 months	\$43.86	\$44.74

*** The March 1, 2025 increase will be a minimum 2%. If the Library is approved for funding for wages above 2%, the increase will be the approved budget less 0.5%. For example, if the approved Library budget is 4% for 2025/2026, then the wage increase shall be 3.5% effective March 1, 2025.**

**** The Library Assistant I wage rate will never be less than \$2.00/hour above British Columbia minimum wage, as set by the Employment Standards Act.**

Letter of Intent #1


RE: High School (or equivalent) Student Positions

The Kitimat Public Library and the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 707, agree that high school students may be given hiring preference over the general public for weekend LAI shifts.


SIGNED THIS 14th DAY OF April, 2024

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APPENDIX "A"

Information on Family Responsibility Leave and Compassionate Care Leave

The following excerpts from the Employment Standards Act provide the details of these leaves:

Family Responsibility Leave

52 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 or health of any other member of the Employee's immediate family.

Compassionate Care Leave

- 52.1 (1) In this section, "family member" means
- (a) a member of an Employee's immediate family, and
 - (b) any other individual who is a member of a prescribed class.
- (2) An Employee who requests leave under this section 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 a significant risk of death within twenty-six (26) weeks, or such other period as may be prescribed, after
- (a) the date the certificate is issued, or
 - (b) if the leave began before the date the certificate is issued, the date the leave began.
- (3) The Employee must give the Employer a copy of the certificate as soon as practicable.
- (4) An Employee may begin a leave under this section no earlier than the first (1st) day of the week in which the period under subsection (2) begins.
- (5) A leave under this section ends on the last day of the week in which the earlier of the following occurs:
- (a) the family member dies;
 - (b) the expiration of twenty-six (26) weeks or other prescribed period from the date the leave began.
- (6) A leave taken under this section must be taken in units of one (1) or more weeks.
- (7) If an Employee takes a leave under this section and the family member to whom subsection (2) applies does not die within the period referred to in subsection, the Employee may take a further leave after obtaining a new certificate in accordance with subsection (2), and subsections (3) to (6) apply to the further leave.

