

**COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

**between**

**SHANNEX RLC LIMITED  
carrying on business at Embassy Hall,  
Quispamsis, New Brunswick (“Shannex”)**

**and**

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES,  
LOCAL 5446 (“Union”)**

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## **ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE**

1.01 The purpose of this Agreement is to:

- (a) Outline the terms and conditions of employment;
- (b) Promote and maintain harmonious relationships between the Employer and all Employees;
- (c) Provide an amicable method of preventing and settling differences which may arise from time to time; and
- (d) Provide for the carrying on of the Employer's business which will further, to the fullest extent possible, efficiency and economy of operation while promoting the safety and welfare of Employees.

## **ARTICLE 2 - RECOGNITION**

2.01 The Employer recognizes the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local **5446** as the exclusive bargaining agent for all Full-time, Part-time and Casual Employees working at **Embassy Hall, 70 Swanton Drive, Quispamsis, New Brunswick in the following classifications:**

- (a) **Client Care Assistants (CCA),**
- (b) **Recreation Assistants,**
- (c) **Restorative Care Assistants (non LPNs),**
- (d) **Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), and**
- (e) **Restorative LPNs.**

**This Agreement covers the above listed classifications, save and except those excluded by the certification order issued by the New Brunswick Labour and Employment Board. The Employer hereby consents and agrees to negotiate with the Union or any of its authorized committees concerning all matters affecting the relationship between the parties to this Agreement, looking forward to a peaceful and amicable settlement of any differences that may arise between them.**

2.02 The benefits contained herein may be waived only by a written agreement of the parties. No Employee shall be required or permitted to make any written or verbal agreement with the Employer, its representatives, or supervisors which is contrary to the terms of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 3 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

3.01 The Union recognizes and agrees that the Employer has the right and authority to manage its facilities and to direct the workforce of the Employer and to make reasonable rules, subject to the terms of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 4 - DEFINITIONS

4.01 The following definitions shall apply to the terms of agreement:

- (a) "Agreement" means this Collective Agreement
- (b) "Casual Employee" means an Employee who works "on-call" or on an "as-needed basis" but is not regularly scheduled. Casual Employees shall be paid the all-inclusive rate in lieu of accumulating sick leave, vacation and holiday credits.
- (c) "Employee" means **an employee in the Bargaining Unit as defined in Article 2.01;**
- (d) "Employer" means Shannex RLC Limited, carrying on business at Embassy Hall, Quispamsis, New Brunswick.
- (e) "Facility" means the Long-Term Care Facility known as Embassy Hall, Quispamsis, New Brunswick.
- (f) "Full-time Employee" means an Employee who is hired to a position on a regular or temporary basis to work the work period described in Article 14 (**Hours of Work**) of this Agreement.
- (g) "Hours Worked" unless otherwise stipulated, includes regular hours worked, vacation hours paid, paid sick leave, paid holidays, paid leaves of absence but excludes overtime hours.
- (h) "**Licensed Practical Nurse" or "LPN" means an Employee who is a Licensed Practical Nurse who is currently registered under the provisions of the *Licensed Practical Nurses' Act for New Brunswick* and is employed by the Employer on a full-time, part-time or casual basis in a position within the LPN classification. References to LPN includes Restorative LPNs.**
- (i) "Part-time Employee" means an Employee who is employed on a regular basis but who is regularly scheduled to work less than the regularly scheduled hours of a Full-time Employee.
- (j) "Probationary Period" means the first six hundred (**600**) Hours Worked as an Employee but excluding orientation hours.
- (k) "Spouse" means a legal marriage partner or a live-in partner who has been identified in writing by the Employee to the Employer as **their** spouse. This includes a same-sex partner for all purposes under this Agreement, but subject to the eligibility provisions of the respective benefit plans.

- (l) **“Temporary Position”** is a Full-time or Part-time position for a designated period in excess of **twelve (12)** weeks but is not a regular position. A Temporary Position may be either a new position for a designated period or a temporary vacancy of a regular position and may be terminated at any time. Full-time and Part-time Employees who accept a temporary position will maintain their entitlement for Group Health Benefits and RASP entitlement, but scheduling, sick leave, accrued statutory holidays and vacation benefits will be **pro-rated** based on the temporary position.
- (m) **“Union”** means the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local **5446**.
- (n) **“Labour Management Committee”** means the committee established in **accordance with** Article 7 (**Labour Management Committee**) of this Agreement.
- (o) **“Provincial Executive”** is the **President, Vice-President/Chief Shop Steward, Recording Secretary, Secretary-Treasurer and Second Vice-Presidents of Local 5446**.

4.02 **The Employer and the Union support the right to gender expression. All references are intended to be gender neutral and will be interpreted on that basis. Whenever the gender-neutral (they/them) appears in this agreement it shall also mean all genders.**

4.03 **Whenever a singular is used, it is deemed to include the plural and vice-versa, as the context requires.**

## **ARTICLE 5 - DISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT**

5.01 **The Employer and the Union are committed to providing a positive environment for staff. All individuals have the right to be treated with respect and dignity. Each individual has the right to work in an atmosphere which promotes respectful interactions and is free from discrimination, harassment and aggression on the basis of grounds protected by Human Rights legislation.**

5.02 **The Employer and the Union agrees to cooperate with each other in preventing and eliminating harassment. All parties to this agreement agree to treat each other with dignity and respect.**

5.03 **The Employer shall post its Policy on Respectful Workplace and Anti-Harassment or any successor policy related to this subject matter. Employees have the right to work in a respectful workplace free from disrespectful behaviour, discrimination, and harassment. All Employees are expected to uphold and abide by the Policy. Disrespectful behaviour, discrimination or harassment will be reported to the direct Supervisor or another member of the management team if the Employee chooses. The Employee has the right to decide to be accompanied by a Union Representative.**

5.04 **Employees will maintain confidentiality related to the investigation process, cooperate with Respectful Workplace and Anti-Harassment process as required (including investigations) and complete mandatory Respectful Workplace and Anti-Harassment training.**

## ARTICLE 6 - UNION SECURITY AND DUES DEDUCTION

- 6.01 The Employer shall deduct from all Employees any dues or assessments in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the Union on its members. Deduction of Union dues shall commence on the first full pay following hiring.
- 6.02 All amounts so deducted, together with a record of names, amounts and dates shall be transmitted by the Employer to the **CUPE National Office** no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month following the month for which such deductions were made and shall provide the names of all Employees from whom deductions were made, amounts deducted and total amount of regular wages earned by each Employee.
- 6.03 The Employer will provide the **CUPE National Office** on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month with a list of all new Employees who are covered under the bargaining unit and all such Employees who were included on the previous month and have since (a) left the Employer; (b) been promoted to a non-bargaining unit position; (c) changed surnames; or (d) been granted leave of absence. **The Union Local Executive may request copies of the submission from the CUPE National office directly.**
- 6.04 The Union must advise the Employer in writing of the amount of regular monthly dues.
- 6.05 The Union agrees to inform the Employer four (4) weeks in advance of the date of any change in the amount of Union dues.
- 6.06 The Union shall indemnify and save the Employer harmless from any liability arising out of deductions made in accordance with this Article 6.
- 6.07 The Employer and the Union agree to share on a fifty/fifty (50/50) basis the cost of reproducing **a limited number of** the Collective Agreement.
- 6.08 The Employer agrees to acquaint new Employees with the fact that a Collective Agreement is in effect, and with the conditions of employment set out in the articles dealing with Union security and dues deductions.
- 6.09 A representative of the Union shall be given an opportunity to speak to new Employees during the orientation of new Employees to the facility for the purposes of acquainting them with the benefits and duties of Union membership.
- 6.10 **A Union Bargaining Committee will consist of not more than two (2) members of the Bargaining Union plus the Union President. The Union will advise the Employer of the names of the Bargaining Committee members. Up to two (2) representatives designated by the Union, shall not suffer loss of pay as a result of involvement in direct negotiations between the Employer and the Union for up to two (2) days. For any further days, the Employer shall continue the wages and benefits of the representatives of the Union and the Union shall reimburse the Employer for such wages including the cost of benefits.**
- 6.11 **All Correspondence between the parties arising out of this agreement or incidental thereto shall pass to and from the Regional Manager and/or designate and the Secretary of the Local or the President of the Local or their designate.**

## **6.12 Work Site Access**

**The President of the Union, or their delegate, will be given access to work sites to meet with employees covered by this Collective Agreement during their meal and other scheduled unpaid breaks.**

## **ARTICLE 7 - LABOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **7.01 Labour Management Committee**

A **Labour** Management Committee ("Committee") shall be established consisting of **four (4)** Employee representatives of the Union and four (4) representatives of the Employer **meeting six (6) times per year.**

- (a) The Committee shall meet at mutually agreeable dates and times. Unless otherwise mutually agreed, there shall be a minimum of six (6) meetings per year. Where an emergency arises, additional meetings can be called by either party.**
- (b) Matters for the proposed agenda to be discussed at any meeting shall be exchanged at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. By mutual agreement of the Committee, other persons may be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee.**
- (c) Employee representatives shall not suffer a loss of pay for time spent at meetings of the Committee.**
- (d) The Committee shall concern itself with matters of the following general nature:**
  - (i) Identification and resolution of common problems;**
  - (ii) The facilitation of communications between Employees and the Employer; and**
  - (iii) Development of viable solutions to identified problems and the recommending of proposed solutions to problems.**

The Committee shall not have any jurisdiction over salary or any condition of employment;

- (e) Minutes shall be prepared and signed by representatives of each of the parties who attended a meeting of the Committee as promptly as possible after the meeting.**

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

**8.01 The Union shall appoint any Employee and the Employer will recognize a Committee of Job Stewards who are employed as Employees of the Employer.**

**8.02 A grievance under this Collective Agreement shall be defined as any difference or dispute arising out of the interpretation, application or administration of this Collective Agreement.**

8.03 The Union shall notify the Employer in writing of the name of each Steward and the name of the Chief **Job** Steward. The Employer shall be required to recognize them. The Employer will notify the Union of the names of supervisors, managers or designates for each level of the grievance procedure.

8.04 **Step 1 - Formal Written Grievance**

**Within ten (10) working days after the date of the occurrence or discovery of the grievance, the Employee and the Union representative or the Union representative shall submit a grievance in writing to the immediate supervisor (or designate). The immediate supervisor (or designate) shall give their reply in writing, within ten (10) working days of receipt of the grievance. In the ten (10) days prior to filing a grievance, the parties may meet to attempt to resolve the grievance informally.**

8.05 **Step 2 - Review by Regional Manager**

**Should the reply given by the immediate supervisor (or designate) at Step 1 not be acceptable to the grievor, the grievance shall be submitted in writing to the Regional Manager (or designate) within ten (10) working days receipt of the decision in Step 1. The Regional Manager (or designate) shall reply in writing, within ten (10) working days following receipt of the grievance. Either party may request to meet to discuss the grievance before the deadline for the Regional Manager's written reply.**

8.06 **Step 3 - Review by Regional Director**

If the decision of the **Regional** Manager (or designate) is not acceptable to the griever, the grievance shall be referred to the Regional Director (or designate) who shall meet, if requested, with the griever and their Union representative within ten (10) working days. The Regional Director (or designate) shall reply in writing, within ten (10) working days following such meeting.

8.07 **Arbitration**

Should the decision of the Regional Director (or designate) not be acceptable, the Union shall notify the Regional Director (or designate) in writing within thirty (30) working days of its desire to proceed to arbitration.

8.08 **Arbitration**

In the event that a grievance is submitted to arbitration, the case shall be heard by a single Arbitrator unless it is mutually agreed by the Employer and the Union that the case should be heard by a three person Board of Arbitration. A three (3) person member of the Arbitration Board shall be selected as follows: the Union and the Employer shall each appoint a member of the Arbitration Board within ten (10) days' notice of **referral to arbitration**. The nominees for the Board shall then jointly appoint a Chairperson within ten (10) days of the date when the last **of those nominees is appointed**. **Should the nominees fail to agree in the selection of a Chairperson, the Chairperson shall be named by the Minister responsible for Labour.** The Union and the Employer shall agree upon a single Arbitrator within four (4) weeks. In the event of a failure to agree, the single Arbitrator shall be appointed by the Minister responsible for Labour.

#### 8.09 **Pre-Hearing Disclosure**

The Arbitrator or Arbitration Board has the power to order pre-hearing disclosure of relevant documents at the request of one party to the arbitration with notice to the other affected party.

8.10 Unless otherwise agreed between the parties, the Board of Arbitration or single Arbitrator shall be requested to render a decision in writing within thirty (30) days following the hearing. Arbitration awards shall be final and binding as provided in the *Industrial Relations Act*. An Arbitrator or Board of Arbitration may not alter, modify or amend any part of this Agreement, but shall have the power to modify or set aside any unjust penalty or discharge, suspension or discipline imposed by the Employer on an Employee.

8.11 The Employer and the Union shall pay the fees and expenses of the member it appoints to the board and bear an equal share of any expenses incurred by the Chairperson of the board.

#### 8.12 **Policy Grievance**

Where a dispute involving a question of general application or interpretation occurs, or in case of a Union Grievance, Step 1 of the grievance procedure may be by-passed.

#### 8.13 **Employer Grievance**

Within **ten (10)** working days after the date of the occurrences or discovery of the grievance, the Employer may institute a grievance by delivering the same in writing to the President of the Union or designate and the President of the Union shall answer such grievance within **ten (10)** working days. If the answer is not acceptable to the Employer, the Employer may, within ten (10) working days from the day the President of the Union gives **their** answer, give ten (10) days' notice to the President of the Union of its intention to refer the dispute to arbitration.

8.14 Any member of the Union who is designated by the Union to handle grievances shall be allowed a reasonable amount of time, without loss of pay to assist in matters relating to the Collective Agreement, provided that staff replacement is not thereby made necessary. Such a representative must request and must obtain permission from **their** immediate supervisor prior to leaving **their** workplace and report to **their** immediately upon **their** return. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

8.15 For the purposes of this Article only, work days shall be Monday to Friday inclusive. The calendar date of holidays is exempt from this count.

8.16 Mediation may be used as an additional or an alternate process to arbitration with mutual agreement of the Union and the Employer.

8.17 No grievance shall be defeated by any formal or technical objection and an Arbitrator or Board of Arbitration shall have the power to allow all necessary amendments to the grievance and the power to waive formal procedural irregularities in the processing of the grievance.

- 8.18 The time limits fixed in both the grievance and arbitration procedure may be extended by consent of the parties to this Agreement.
- 8.19 The Union shall have the right at any time to have the assistance of a staff representative of the Union when dealing with the Employer at Steps 1, 2 or 3 of the grievance procedure **and/or any mediation or arbitration.**

## **ARTICLE 9 - DISCIPLINE AND DISCHARGE**

- 9.01 **Subject to Article 10.01(b),** no Employee shall be disciplined or discharged without just cause. **Principles of procedural fairness apply.**
- 9.02 Employees shall be notified in writing of the reasons for suspension or discharge, with a copy to the Union.
- 9.03 Notwithstanding that the disciplinary procedure is progressive, there is certain conduct of an extremely serious nature which may lead to the immediate discharge of an Employee.
- 9.04 An Employee may have a Union representative present when the Employee is being disciplined with a written warning or more serious discipline. **The Employer will provide up to twenty-four (24) hours notice to allow the Employee to contact a Union representative. There shall be no unreasonable delay as a result.**
- 9.05 **If an Employee refuses the right to union representation, the Employer shall ask the Employee to confirm in writing that they have the right to Union representation and refused representation.**
- 9.06 An Employee shall provide two (2) weeks' notice of resignation of employment by the Employee, unless mutually satisfactory arrangements are made otherwise. Accrued vacation, holiday and overtime benefits shall be paid out on the day of resignation or on the next regular pay day where the resignation day and payday are not the same.
- 9.07 When an Employee resigns, is discharged, retires or dies, the Employee or **their** estate shall receive payment in proportion to any unused vacation leave credits, holiday leave credits and overtime lieu credits, computed as of the last day of employment. The Employer is entitled to withhold any monies owed to the Employer from any accrued benefits.
- 9.08 The Employer may use electronic monitoring and/or surveillance equipment to protect the Employer's premises and property, and to enhance the personal safety of Employees, residents and visitors. Electronic monitoring and surveillance should not be used for the sole purpose of conducting general, ongoing supervision of Employees. When incidents occur, or allegations are made that involve either residents, visitors or Employees, the parties agree the electronic recording can be used by the Employer for purposes of investigating the incident. **Where surveillance is used for discipline, the Union shall have the right to view the video surveillance used in the discipline.**

## ARTICLE 10 - PROBATIONARY PERIOD

### 10.01 Probationary Period

- (a) The first six hundred (**600**) Hours Worked as an Employee, excluding orientation hours, shall be considered as the Probationary Period;
- (b) The employment of a probationary Employee may be terminated at any time during the Probationary Period without recourse to the grievance and arbitration procedure unless the Union alleges a violation of Article 5 of this Agreement as the basis of termination of employment. **The Employer will provide the Union with notice of any bargaining unit member terminated in their probationary period;**
- (c) All the terms of this Agreement except as per (b) above shall apply to probationary Employees;
- (d) Any Employee who resigns after completing **their** Probationary Period but who is rehired by the Employer within six (6) months of **their** resignation shall be required to serve a Probationary Period of up to three hundred (**300**) Hours Worked; and
- (e) The Probationary Period may be extended by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union.

## ARTICLE 11 - SENIORITY

### 11.01 Seniority Lists

- (a) Up-to-date seniority lists of all Employees, including probationary Employees, shall be sent to the Union and posted on the bulletin board(s) by **March 15** and September 15 of each year, showing the total seniority hours of the previous period, the total seniority hours of the current period and the total seniority hours from the date of hiring to the end of the last full pay period prior to **February 28 and August 31**, respectively.
- (b) Any changes in the scheduling of Employees, due to the posted seniority list, shall be implemented within three (3) weeks.
- (c) Within the thirty (30) days following the posting of the seniority list, an Employee in disagreement with **their** seniority thereon must indicate **their** disagreement in writing to the Employer. Within five (5) working days following, the Employer shall respond to the Employee in respect of the problem raised.
- (d) In the event that more than one Employee commences work on the same date, and at the same hour, all such Employees shall have their seniority determined by a draw in the presence of all such Employees and a representative of the Union. Results of such draw are to be acknowledged in writing and signed off by the affected Employees.

- (e) **The Employer shall provide a complete list of employees for Local 5446 including seniority, and current contact information (email and/or phone number) to the Recording Secretary of Local 5446 on March 15, and September 15 of every year.**

#### 11.02 Accumulation of Seniority

An Employee shall accumulate seniority for all hours worked and for unpaid hours as follows:

- (a) Maternity leave up to the maximum set out in the *New Brunswick Employment Standards Act*,
- (b) Child care leave up to the maximum set out in the *New Brunswick Employment Standards Act*,
- (c) The period of disability on account of an occupational accident that is recognized by Worksafe NB, as compensable within the meaning of the *Workers' Compensation Act* of New Brunswick;
- (d) Leave of absence without pay for a period of up to two (2) years which is granted to an Employee who is elected or appointed to a full-time position with the Union. Such leave may be extended with the approval of the Employer;
- (e) Leave of absence without pay for a fixed term of not **more than two (2) years** which is granted to an Employee who is elected or appointed to public office. Up to fifteen (15) days without pay, which is granted per calendar year, to Employees elected or appointed to public office for duties related to their elected or appointed public office provided forty-eight (48) hours notice is given and there is no additional cost to the Employer;
- (f) The amount of seniority to be credited to a Full-time Employee in (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above shall be based on thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours per week. The amount of seniority to be credited to a Part-time Employee in (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above shall be equal to the highest number of hours of seniority credited to any less senior Employee in the same classification and department during the period of the leave. Employees on workers' compensation benefits should not receive less seniority than what they are actually paid for by the Worksafe NB;
- (g) The accumulation of seniority as set out in (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) above shall not entitle the Employee to any credits for vacation, sick leave and statutory holidays during the period of leave subject to Article 22.05(b).

#### 11.03 Loss of Seniority

An Employee shall only lose **their** seniority in the event that:

- (a) **They are** discharged for just cause and is not reinstated;
- (b) **They** resigns or retires;

- (c) **They are** absent from work in excess of three (3) working days without notifying the Employer, unless such notice was not reasonably possible;
- (d) If after receiving notice of recall from a layoff **they have** failed to notify the Employer as to whether or not **they** will accept the recall within seven (7) calendar days. It shall be the responsibility of the Employee to keep the Employer informed of **their** current address;
- (e) **They are** laid off for a period longer than **two (2)** years;
- (f) **They fail** to report to work at the expiration of a leave of absence or maternity leave unless **they have** advised the Employer of **their** inability to return to work with a reasonable excuse; and
- (g) An Employee who retires **or resigns** from employment loses seniority, but if within six months of the retirement **or resignation**, the Employee returns to work at Embassy Hall, the Employee will maintain the seniority the Employee had prior to retirement **or resignation** and will accumulate additional seniority on regular basis depending on the status of the appointment after retirement **or resignation**.

#### 11.04 **Transfer and Seniority outside the Bargaining Unit**

No Employee shall be transferred to a position outside the bargaining unit without **their** consent. If an Employee is transferred to a position outside the bargaining unit, **they** shall retain **their** seniority acquired at the date of leaving the unit but will not accumulate any further seniority. Such Employee has a period of twelve (12) months in which to return to the bargaining unit. If **they return** within the twelve (12) months, **they** shall be placed in a job consistent with **their** seniority. Such return shall not result in the lay-off or bumping of an Employee holding greater seniority.

### **ARTICLE 12 - LAYOFF AND RECALL**

#### 12.01 **Definition of Layoff**

A lay-off shall be defined as a reduction in the work force or a reduction in the regular hours of work of a Full-time or a Part-time Employee.

#### 12.02 **Layoff and Recall**

- (a) In the event of a layoff, Employees shall be laid off in reverse order of seniority provided the remaining Employees have the immediate skill and ability to effectively perform the work that is available;
- (b) Employees on layoff shall be recalled in order of seniority when work becomes available provided they have the immediate skill and ability to effectively perform the work that is available; and
- (c) An Employee who is affected by layoff may claim the job of any less senior Employee provided that the Employee has the immediate skill and ability to effectively perform the job the Employee is claiming.

- (d) **Wherever reasonably possible, an Employee on Lay-off who has the immediate skill and ability to effectively perform the job, may be offered an open job position in other CUPE 5446 locations before proceeding to external applications for that position. The Employer agrees to follow current job posting requirements including seniority when making decisions. For greater certainty, internal bargaining unit applications in the other location will be accepted prior to this process.**

#### **12.03 Notice of Layoff**

- (a) The Employer will consult with the Employee representatives on the **Labour** Management Committee regarding ways to minimize the adverse effect on the Employee(s) to be laid off. The Employer may consider additional options presented by the representatives;
- (b) The Employer shall provide forty-eight (48) hours for each displaced Employee to consider the displacement options and to notify the Employer in writing of **their** choice; and
- (c) Twenty-one (21) days' written notice of layoff shall be given to an affected Employee except layoff which results from labour disputes or emergencies beyond the control of the Employer at which time as much notice as possible will be given.

#### **12.04 Casual Shifts**

Any Employee who is on layoff may indicate **their** availability to work casual shifts. An Employee's status shall not change while working casual shifts. If an Employee on recall works casual shifts the recall period will be extended by the number of hours worked.

#### **12.05 New Employees**

No new Full-time or Part-time Employees shall be employed until all those who have been laid-off from Embassy Hall have been given an opportunity for re-employment, up to the level of work before layoff, except where the Employer established the need to recruit those with special skills and qualifications.

#### **12.06 Notice of Recall**

- (a) It is the obligation of each Employee on layoff to keep the Employer advised at all times of **their** current address and phone number; and
- (b) The Employer shall give notice of recall by phone or mail to the last known phone number or address of the Employee. The Employee is expected to return to work on the date requested by the Employer. The Employee may, if **their** personal circumstances require, extend **their** date for a return to work for a maximum of seven (7) calendar days.

12.07 Seniority hours as to the date of written notification of layoff shall be applied where appropriate for determining rights under this article.

## ARTICLE 13 - JOB POSTINGS

- 13.01 When a Full-time or Part-time position is created, or a Full-time or a Part-time vacancy occurs within a job classification which the Employer intends to fill (including a Temporary Position expected to last more than **twelve (12)** weeks) the Employer shall post notice on **the Employer's electronic job posting platform** for a minimum of seven (7) calendar days. Within fourteen (14) days of the close of the competition, the name of the successful applicant will be posted. If the Employer does not intend to fill a vacancy, it shall notify the Union.
- (a) Each posting shall contain the job classification, required knowledge, education and skills, full-time equivalency, **anticipated shift schedule, anticipated start date and expected end date for temporary postings**. Qualifications may not be established in an arbitrary or a discriminatory manner. **The Union shall be notified in writing of any extensions.**
- (b) If an Employee is interested in applying, an application in writing must be submitted directly to the designated representative of the Employer.
- 13.02 In determining the successful candidate, when filling a vacant position, seniority shall be the determining factor when two or more candidates are deemed by the Employer to be relatively equal in their abilities, skills, qualifications and demonstrated work performance (which includes attendance records) to perform the required duties of the position.
- 13.03 No applications received from persons outside the Facility shall be considered until the applications of present Employees have been fully considered.
- 13.04 If an Employee is not successful in an application for a position, the Employer will on request, meet with the Employee and explain the reason(s) why the Employee was not successful.
- 13.05 Should the successful candidate be an existing Employee, **they** shall be placed on a trial period for three hundred (**300**) Hours Worked in **their** new position. If the Employer determines that **they are** unsatisfactory in **their** new position, or if the Employee feels that **they are** unable to perform **their** duties, prior to the expiration of the trial period, the Employee shall be returned to **their** former or equivalent position and salary and any other Employee promoted or transferred because of the rearrangement of positions shall be returned to **their** former or equivalent position and salary. An Employee may only request to leave a new position **during** the three hundred (**300**) hours trial period **one time in a five (5) year period**.
- 13.06 Employee may not hold more than one temporary position at one time.**

## ARTICLE 14 - HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

### 14.01 Normal Work Week

The hours of work for a Full-time Employee will normally average seventy-five (75) hours bi-weekly over a schedule cycle.

#### 14.02 Posting of Schedules

- (a) The Employer will post at least two (2) weeks in advance a schedule of working hours for all Full-time Employees and Part-time Employees, in a designated area out of public access;
- (b) A minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice in advance of the scheduled shift shall be given to the Employee when a shift to be worked is changed. A change of shift occurs when both scheduled start time and length of time for a scheduled shift are changed or the calendar date of the shift is changed;

Except where a change is by mutual agreement between the Employee and the Employer, if a schedule is changed by the Employer without the minimum of forty-eight (48) hours notice prior to the start of the original shift, the Employee shall be paid at an overtime rate of one and one-half (1½) times the Employee's regular rate (excluding Casual Employees and Part-time Employees working on a casual basis);

- (c) The Employer recognizes that Full-time Employees want and deserve as much regularity and predictability in their hours of work as possible. The Employer agrees there will be no arbitrary or unreasonable changes in shifts. **If a shift is cancelled by the Employer without the minimum forty-eight (48) hours notice prior to the start of the original shift, the Employer shall offer a makeup shift within two weeks. Such a make-up shift shall be in addition to any previously scheduled shifts over that two-week period.**
- (d) Shift rotations will be part of the schedule;
- (e) When any major changes are being considered in the shift schedule, the Employer agrees there will be prior consultation with the Employees affected and the Employer will take into consideration the preferences of a clear majority of the Employees affected provided that such wishes do not adversely impact upon operational or cost requirements of the Employer; and
- (f) The Employer shall post the Christmas and New Year's work schedule by November 15<sup>th</sup> each year.

#### 14.03 Breaks

- (a) The following breaks will occur during each shift of eight (8) hours or more, but less than twelve (12) hours:
  - (i) An unpaid meal break of thirty (30) minutes; and
  - (ii) Two paid breaks of fifteen (15) minutes.

- (b) The following breaks will occur during each shift of twelve (12) hours or more:
  - (i) One unpaid meal break of forty-five (45) minutes; and
  - (ii) Three paid breaks of fifteen (15) minutes each; or
  - (iii) At the discretion of the Employer, the breaks may be combined to provide two (2) meal breaks and two (2) coffee breaks.
- (c) For Employees working shifts of four (4) hours, there will be a paid break of fifteen (15) minutes.
- (d) The Employer shall make every reasonable effort to organize the work assignment on a shift in such a way as to allow each Employee to have designated meal and rest break(s) at regular intervals during the shifts.
- (e) Operational requirements may require that Employees remain on the nursing unit or within the Facility for their rest break(s).
- (f) Where operational requirements prevent an Employee from having an uninterrupted meal or rest break(s) and it is not possible to reschedule the missed break(s) or a portion of the break(s) during the remainder of the shift, the Employee shall be paid **their** current rate for **their** one-half (½) hour or forty-five (45) minutes lunch period provided **they notify** the Employer prior to or at the end of **their** shift and shall not be entitled to overtime pursuant to this Agreement under these circumstances.

#### 14.04 Days Off

The Employer will endeavour to:

- (a) For Employees working eight (8) hour shifts, not schedule more than five (5) consecutive days; and
- (b) For Employees working twelve (12) hour shifts, not schedule more than four (4) consecutive days.

**It is agreed that (a) and (b) do not apply where there is a new shift schedule determined in accordance with Article 14.02(e).**

#### 14.05 Weekends Off

- (a) The Employer shall endeavour to provide all Full-time Employees and all Part-time Employees one (1) weekend off out of two (2) but will guarantee one (1) weekend off out of three (3); and
- (b) Provided, however, it is expressly understood that operational needs may require a Full-time Employee or Part-time Employee to work additional shifts, including weekends.

**It is agreed that (a) and (b) do not apply where there is a new shift schedule determined in accordance with Article 14.02(e).**

#### **14.06 Time Off Between Shifts**

The Employer will endeavour to schedule at least twelve (12) hours off between regularly scheduled shifts unless mutually agreed otherwise.

#### **14.07 Additional Shifts**

- (a) When extra shifts or hours of work are available to be assigned to Employees, such extra hours of work will first be offered by seniority to Part-time Employees who have declared their availability and then by seniority to Casual Employees who have declared their availability, provided that by following the provision of this Article no overtime is incurred.
- (b) If the Employer fails to follow the process stated in Article 14.07(a) and fails to schedule and/or call by seniority, the Employee(s) not schedule and/or called will be given the opportunity to work a make up shift within a four (4) week period. Should the make up shift not be given within four (4) weeks, the Employee shall be paid for all hours lost and benefits under the collective agreement. The make up shift shall be as close as possible to the day and shift that was missed and will not be considered overtime and shall be at a mutually agreed time.
- (c) The Employee shall not decline reasonable offers made by the Employer pursuant to the rules defined within 14.07(b). If the Employee declines reasonable offers made with the four (4) week period, they shall have no claim to pay for hours lost and benefits under the collective agreement.

#### **14.08 Shift Exchanges**

An Employee shall be permitted to exchange a shift with another Employee in the same classification, subject to the following:

- (a) The Employees exchanging shifts shall submit the request at least twenty- four (24) hours before the requested shift exchange, and must receive the consent of their immediate supervisor (or designate), such consent not to be unreasonably withheld;
- (b) There shall be no increased cost to the Employer; for example no shift exchange can be made if any Employee would receive overtime because of the exchange unless the Employee and the Employer mutually agree that overtime will not apply; and
- (c) The shifts exchanged shall be in the current or following pay period.

#### **14.09 Guaranteed Work**

- (a) Employees who report for work as scheduled by the Employer will be guaranteed work for that shift.
- (b) Nothing in this Article 14 shall be construed as a guarantee by the Employer to any Employee of a minimum or maximum number of hours of work in a day, a week, or in a bi-weekly period.

#### 14.10 Overtime

- (a) Full-time Employees will be paid an overtime rate of time and one-half (1½) the Full-time Employee's hourly rate for all Hours Worked in excess of seven and a half (7.5) hours (if regularly scheduled for eight (8) hours per day) or eleven point twenty five hours (11.25) hours (if regularly scheduled to work twelve (12) hours per day) or an average of seventy-five (75) hours worked in a bi-weekly period;
- (b) Part-time Employees will be paid an overtime rate of time and one-half (1½) the Part-time Employees basic hourly rate for all Hours Worked in excess of eleven point twenty-five (11.25) hours on any day or seventy eight point seventy five (78.75) hours worked in a bi-weekly period;
- (c) A Full-time Employee who is required by the Employer to work on **their** scheduled day off will be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all hours worked;
- (d) Management must approve overtime in advance;
- (e) Overtime shall be paid within the pay period in which it is worked whenever possible but in any case shall be paid in the following pay period;
- (f) Overtime shall not be claimed for less than fifteen (15) minutes at the end of a shift, but if overtime amounts to fifteen (15) minutes or more, the overtime rates shall apply to the total period in excess of the shift; and
- (g) No Employee shall receive for any work performed more than time and one-half (1½) the Employee's normal hourly rate of pay as outlined in **Appendix "A"**.
- (h) **Where an overtime shift is posted by the Employer, it shall be offered by seniority, first to Full-Time Employees, then to Part-Time Employees, and then to Casuals who meet the overtime threshold.**

#### 14.11 Break and Meal Allowance on Double Shift

- (a) Should an Employee be required to work a double shift that is two (2) consecutive eight (8) hour shifts, **they** shall normally be granted a thirty (30) minute paid break prior to commencing the second shift.
- (b) If an Employee works a double shift, a meal will be provided by the Employer. If a meal cannot be provided by the Employer, the Employee shall be reimbursed for the cost of a meal not to exceed **fifteen (\$15)** dollars upon presentation of a receipt.

#### 14.12 Nursing Coverage

Employees agree to maintain coverage for all units during the shift change subject to the overtime provisions of this Article.

#### 14.13 Semi-Annual Time Change

The changing of daylight saving time to standard time, or vice versa, shall not result in Employees being paid more or less than their normal scheduled daily hours.

## ARTICLE 15 - LEAVES OF ABSENCES

### 15.01 Bereavement Leave

- (a) For purposes of this Article, the following terms or phrases shall have the following meaning:
- (i) Immediate family means the Employees spouse, child, stepchild, parent, stepparents, sibling, **stepsibling**, grandchild, and grandparent.
  - (ii) Non-Immediate family means the Employee's step-grandchild, **parent in-law, child in-law, sibling in-law, parent's sibling, sibling's children** and legal guardian;
  - (iii) **Where "in-law" and "step-relative" relationships are referred to in this Article, they will only be considered in cases where it is a current relationship at the time the benefit is claimed.**
- (b) In the event of the death in the Employee's Immediate family, the Employee shall be granted **a leave of absence for a period of seven (7) consecutive days' leave starting** effective midnight following the death. **During the leave, the Employee shall be paid for up to five (5) days of the leave, provided they are days when the Employee was scheduled to work.**
- (c) **In the event of the death of an Employee's Non-immediate family, the Employee shall be granted a leave of absence for a period of five (5) consecutive days, effective midnight following notification of the death. During the leave, the Employee shall be paid for up to three (3) days of the leave, provided they are days when the Employee was scheduled to work.**
- (d) When an Employee is on vacation at the time of the bereavement leave, the Employee shall be granted bereavement leave and be credited the appropriate number of days to **their** vacation credits; and
- (e) An Employee may defer one (1) day of the bereavement leave if the funeral or service occurs outside the period immediately following the death. Notice of the deferral shall be given at the time of the initial bereavement leave.
- (f) Upon request by the Employee, where the burial occurs outside the province or more than 200 km from the Employee's residence, such leave shall include up to two (2) extra days without pay. The Employee has the option to draw from accumulated holiday or vacation banks to cover the period of unpaid leave.
- (g) **In the event of the death of a non-family member, an Employee may request approval from their manager to take an unpaid leave of absence to attend the funeral. Where leave is granted, an Employee may request to be paid for the leave from their eligible vacation time.**

## 15.02 Personal Leave

- (a) An Employee may request a personal leave of absence without pay from the **Regional Manager**.
- (b) All requests for personal leaves of absence shall be made in writing to the **Regional Manager** and be submitted twenty-one (21) days prior to the start date, except in emergency situations. The request must contain an expected date of return.
- (c) The decision whether to grant the request for leave shall be in the sole discretion of the Employer.
- (d) Personal leaves will not be granted for the purpose of maintaining other employment.
- (e) Benefit coverage may be continued for any period of personal leave provided that the Employee prepay the full costs of the benefits for the period of the leave.
- (f) Employees are not eligible for accrual of vacation, sick, or holiday benefits during the period of leave.

## 15.03 Court Leave

- (a) Leave of absence with pay shall be given to an Employee for each scheduled day of work the Employee **is required to** serve on jury duty (**which includes the jury selection process**), other than an Employee already on leave of absence without pay or under suspension, but all compensation received by the Employee excluding payment for travelling, meals or other expenses for any scheduled day of work for such jury duty will be paid over to the Employer provided that the Employee receives the greater amount;
- (b) Leaves of absence with pay shall be granted by the Employer for each scheduled day of work when an Employee is required to attend as a witness in Court with respect to a matter arising in the course of employment, but all compensation received by the Employee excluding payment for travelling, meals or other expenses for any scheduled day of work for such appearance will be paid over to the Employer provided that the Employee receives the greater amount. "Witness" means a person called by subpoena or summons as a witness to testify under oath or affirmation. However, this term shall not include a person directly or indirectly involved as a party to the proceeding;
- (c) Leave of absence without pay shall be granted to an Employee for each scheduled day off work when an Employee is required to be a witness in Court or before a tribunal or arbitrator by subpoena or summons with respect to a matter other than as referred in this Article 15.03(b); and
- (d) An Employee shall notify **their** supervisor as soon as possible when required to serve under any of the above circumstances, and shall present proof of service on a jury or as a witness and the amount of payment received.

#### 15.04 **Compassionate Care Leave**

- (a) Employees will be entitled to unpaid leave in accordance with the Compassionate Care Leave provisions of the New Brunswick *Employment Standards Act*.

#### 15.05 **Sick Leave**

- (a) Only Full-time, Part-time and probationary Employees can accumulate paid sick time credits, and only Full-time and Part-time Employees can use sick leave credits.
- (b) Paid sick leave credits for Full-time Employees and Part-time Employees shall accumulate as follows:
  - (i) A Full-time or Part-time Employee will accumulate paid sick leave credits at the rate of one (1) hour per fourteen and one-half (14½) hours worked, effective the first day of employment;
  - (ii) The maximum allowable accumulation will be nine hundred seventy-five (975) hours; and
- (c) Sick leave credits shall continue to be added to the sick leave bank on an ongoing basis as earned and shall be available for use by the Employee. A deduction shall be made from the Employee's accumulated sick leave credits for each regular working hour (exclusive of holidays) that the Employee is absent on sick leave.
- (d) An illness or injury for which Workers' Compensation is payable, shall be deemed not to be a personal illness or injury for which an Employee is eligible to receive sick leave pay from the Employer or a Third Party Insurer.
- (e) The Employer reserves the right to require any Employee claiming sick leave to provide appropriate evidence of illness. If such evidence is not produced, the Employee shall have no claim for pay in respect to such absence.
- (f) Employees who are off work and in receipt of Workers' Compensation benefits must keep the Employer aware of their progress/change and condition.
- (g) Payment for time lost due to Workers' Compensation injury will be made according to the *Workers' Compensation Act* (New Brunswick). Workers' Compensation cheques will be made payable directly to the Employee;
- (h) **Employee Representation**

An Employee has the right to be accompanied by a Union representative in a meeting with the Employer to discuss **their** ability to attend work regularly due to **their** health. The Employee shall be advised of this right prior to the scheduling of a meeting.

(i) **Payment for Certificates and Examinations**

Where an Employee is required by the Employer to submit detailed medical certificates or reports pursuant to a required medical examination, the Employer shall be responsible for paying the direct cost of any such examinations, medical certification forms or reports, which are not covered by medical insurance.

(j) **Sick Leave Medical/Dental; Family; Emergency**

Employees with sufficient sick leave credits shall be allowed paid leave of absence of up to a total of thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours per calendar year (pro-rated for Part-time Employees based on regular hours paid) debited against sick leave credits in order to:

- (i) Engage in and facilitate the Employee's personal preventative medical or dental care. Employees shall advise their immediate supervisor when they become aware of their need for personal medical, dental care for a shift the Employee is scheduled to work. Such leave shall not be unreasonably denied;
- (ii) Attend to emergencies where:
  - a) The Employee's own medical or dental health is at an immediate and serious risk;
  - b) A member of the Employee's Immediate Family as defined in Article 15.01 who has become ill or disabled, in order to make alternate care arrangements where the Employee's personal attention is required and which could not be serviced by others or attended to by the Employee outside of **their** assigned shifts; and
  - c) There is a critical condition (e.g. fire, flood) (excluding conditions included in Articles 15.08 and 15.09) which requires the Employee's personal attention, which could not be serviced by others or attended to by the Employee outside of **their** assigned shifts.

The Employer may require verification of the condition claimed; and

- (iii) An Employee will be permitted to use up to fifteen (15) of the hours referred to in this Article 15.05(j) (pro-rated for Part-time Employees based on regular hours paid) to attend to medical and dental appointments for their Immediate Family. Employees shall endeavour to arrange for such appointments during off duty hours.
- (k) **When an Employee has exhausted their accumulated bank of sick leave credits, the Employer will grant unpaid sick time in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act*. The Employer reserves the right to require any Employee claiming sick leave to provide appropriate evidence of illness.**

(l) **Return to Work from Sick Leave**

An Employee is expected to report to work for all scheduled shifts unless **they are** on an authorized leave. Where an Employee has been on an authorized sick leave for a period of two (2) consecutive months or longer, the Employee must provide a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice of **their** intended date to return to work, except where a shorter period of notice is mutually agreed between the Employee and the Employer.

(m) **Outbreak of Infectious Disease**

If an outbreak of an infectious disease affecting Employees is declared in a facility by Public Health/Infection Control and as a result, an Employee is told not to report to work or asked to leave, deduction from sick leave credits shall be made in accordance with Article 15. If the Employee has used all their accumulated sick leave, other available banked time or unpaid sick leave shall be granted.

(n) **If an Employee experiences a miscarriage, termination of pregnancy, or stillbirth, the Employee shall be entitled to sick leave.**

15.06 **Public Office Leave**

- (a) The Employer shall grant a leave of absence without pay upon the request of any Full-time or Part-time Employee to run as a candidate in a Federal, Provincial or Municipal election. If such Full-time or Part-time Employee withdraws as a candidate or is an unsuccessful candidate, **they are** entitled to return to **their** former position without loss of benefits provided that the Employee gives two (2) weeks' notice to the Employer of their intent to return unless mutually agreed to a shorter notice period;
- (b) A Full-time or Part-time Employee who is elected to Full-time office in the Federal, Provincial or Municipal level of Government shall be granted a leave of absence without pay, for a term **of up to two (2) years. Such leave may be extended with the approval of the Employer;** and
- (c) Upon return such Employee will be placed in a position determined in accordance with the needs of the Employer at that time. The Employee shall be placed on the same level of the increment scale the Employee formerly occupied prior to commencing the leave of absence. The Employee shall retain all benefits which accrued up to the time the Employee commenced the leave of absence, including seniority. The Employee shall continue to accrue seniority during the leave of absence subject to Article 11.02(e).

#### 15.07 Education Leave

- (a) The Employer may grant a leave of absence without pay for educational purposes to a Full-time or Part-time Employee who has been employed for a minimum of one year. Such leave must be requested at least three (3) months in advance, **or as soon as reasonably possible if less than three (3) months in advance**, of the requested commencement date and the nature of the educational program must be directly related to the skills and requirements of the Employer;
- (b) An Employee on Education Leave shall retain those benefits which accrued up to the time the Employee commenced the leave of absence. The Employee shall continue to accrue seniority during the leave of absence;
- (c) On return, the Employee shall return to the same or equivalent previous position and appointment status that the Employee had prior to commencing the leave, unless mutually agreed upon otherwise;
- (d) An Employee on Education Leave may be permitted to work for the Employer while on Education Leave subject to the following principles:
  - (i) Such Employee may choose to work for the Employer while on Education Leave. Whether such Employee on an approved Education Leave works any shifts at all for the Employer during such Education Leave will be entirely at the discretion of such Employee. The granting of the Leave of Absence will not be dependent on the Employee agreeing to work during the Education Leave;
  - (ii) When an Employee agrees to work while on an Education leave, the Employee maintains the status of a regular Employee on leave. Any rights or protections **they** would have while on the leave are maintained; and
  - (iii) When an Employee agrees to work while on an Education leave, the Employee will be treated as a Casual Employee for the purpose of determining pay and benefits, excluding provisions for accumulation of seniority and movement along the increment scale.

#### 15.08 Adverse Weather Conditions

It is the responsibility of the Employee to make every reasonable effort to arrive at their work location as scheduled; however, during adverse weather conditions, an Employee who is unable to come to work on time, due to unsafe or impassable road conditions as declared by the highway authority or the police **and/or where the roads have been restricted to emergency vehicles only** will be:

- (a) Paid for a full shift if the Employee arrives for work within the first two (2) hours of the scheduled shift;
- (b) Only be paid for hours of actual work if the Employee arrives past the first two (2) hours of **their** scheduled shift, and scheduled hours the Employee is absent shall be deemed to be leave, and the Employee has the option to:

- (i) take the absent time as unpaid; or
  - (ii) deduct the absent time from accumulated holiday time or vacation.
  - (iii) the Employee may, with prior approval of the Employer, make up the absent time as the scheduling allows.
- (c) An Employee who has been called in or who is working overtime as a result of replacing the Employee, who is late, shall be paid for all hours worked at applicable rates. At the time of arrival of the originally scheduled Employee, the replacement Employee will be relieved and no further payment will ensue;
  - (d) The above clauses do not remove the responsibility from an Employee to contact the Employer, if able, in regard to **their** intent to come to work; and
  - (e) Such time shall not be referred to or used in calculations with respect to the attendance of the Employee.

#### 15.09 Union Business

- (a) Subject to operational requirements as determined by the Employer, leave of absence, upon request and without pay, shall be granted by the Employer to Employees elected or appointed to represent Union business. However, not more than two (2) Employees shall be entitled to leave of absence at the same time for this purpose. Application for such leave shall be made two (2) weeks in advance whenever possible;
- (b) The Employer shall maintain full salary and benefits of the Employee during a leave of absence granted in accordance with Article 15.10(a). The Union shall reimburse the Employer;
- (c) Leave of absence without pay for a period of up to two (2) years shall be granted to an Employee elected or appointed to a Full-time position with the Union. Such leave may be extended with the approval of the Employer. When leave of absence without pay is granted pursuant to this Article 15.10(c) the following conditions shall apply with respect to the Employee's return to work:
  - (i) twenty-one (21) days' notice of intention to return to work shall be given to the Employer; and
  - (ii) if the Employee returns to work, **they** shall be returned to **their** previously held position. If that position is no longer available, **they** shall be returned to a bargaining unit position in accordance with the provisions set out in Article 15.06.
- (d) **For Employees holding union positions on the Provincial Executive, the Employer may grant additional union leave requests in excess of what is described in Article 15.10(a), subject to operational requirements.**

#### 15.10 Domestic Violence

- (a) **The Employer recognizes that Employees sometimes face situations of violence or abuse in their personal life that may affect their attendance and performance at work.**
- (b) **Employees will be entitled to leave in accordance with the provisions under *Employment Standards Act Leave* where applicable.**
- (c) **Protection from Discipline**

**The Employer agrees that no adverse action will be taken against an employee if their attendance at work suffers as a result of leave taken in accordance with the provisions under *Employment Standards Domestic Violence Leave*.**

- (d) **Confidentiality**

**All personal information concerning domestic violence will be kept confidential in line with relevant legislation.**

#### 15.11 Pregnancy/Birth Leave

- (a) **Employees will be entitled to unpaid leave in accordance with the Pregnancy and Parental leave provisions in the New Brunswick *Employment Standards Act*.**
- (b) **Supplementary Employment Benefit Plan**

**Subject to approval by the New Brunswick Department of Social Development and funding by that Department:**

- (i) **After completion of one (1) year continuous employment, an Employee who agrees to return to work for a period of at least six (6) months and who provides the Employer with proof that **they have** applied for and is eligible to receive employment insurance benefits pursuant to the *Employment Insurance Act*, shall be eligible to be paid a maternity leave allowance in accordance with the Supplementary Employment Benefit Plan for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) continuous weeks immediately following the minimum waiting period for employment insurance benefit eligibility.**
- (ii) **In respect of the period, maternity leave payments made according to the Supplementary Employment Benefit Plan will consist of payments equal to the difference between the employment insurance benefits the Employee is eligible to receive and seventy- five percent (75%) of **their** regular rate of pay at the time maternity leave commences, less any other monies received during the period which may result in a decrease in employment insurance benefits to which the Employee would have been eligible if no extra monies had been received during this period.**

- (iii) "Regular rate of pay" shall mean the rate of pay the Employee was receiving at the time maternity leave commenced, but does not include retroactive adjustment of rate of pay, acting pay, shift premium, overtime or any other form of supplementary compensation.
- (iv) An applicant under Article 15.11(b)(i) above shall return to work and remain in the Employer's employ for a period of at least six (6) months after **their** return to work. Should the Employee fail to return to work and remain at work for a period of six (6) months, the Employee shall reimburse the Employer for the amount received as maternity leave allowance on a pro rata basis.
- (v) An Employee who is absent from work and is receiving workers' compensation benefits is not entitled to any benefits under this Article.

#### 15.12 Parental and Adoption Leave

Employees will be entitled to unpaid leave in accordance with the Parental and Adoption leave provisions in the New Brunswick *Employment Standards Act*.

#### 15.13 Return To Work

An Employee on pregnancy/birth or parental, or adoption leave must provide a minimum of four (4) weeks' notice of **their** intended date to return to work, or such shorter period of notice as mutually agreed between the Employer and the Employee. When an Employee reports for work upon the expiration of pregnancy/birth or parental, or adoption leave, the Employee shall resume work in the position held by the Employee immediately before the leave began or where that position is eliminated, in a comparable position within the Facility. An Employee shall be entitled to the appropriate level on the increment scale and benefits, with no loss of benefits accrued to the commencement of the leave.

#### 15.14 Benefit Plan Continuation

Employees shall be entitled, during unpaid Leaves of Absence under **Article 15** to continue participation in the Benefit Plans, subject to eligibility provisions within the specific Benefit Plans. The Employee shall prepay one hundred (100%) percent of the cost of participation both the Employer and Employee portion in the Benefit Plans and when an Employee commences leave in accordance with any of these articles:

- (a) The Employer shall pay its share of the premiums for group insurance benefits for the calendar month in which the leave commences; and
- (b) After the first calendar month, an Employee may elect to continue group coverage by paying the Employer, on a monthly basis in advance of the Employer's remittance of premiums to the insurer, one hundred percent (100%) of the premiums payable with respect to the Employee, and the Employer will remit the premium to the insurer. Failure on the part of the Employee to submit payments by the date premiums are due may result in the cancellation of benefits.

### 15.15 **Special Leave - Birth**

Where an Employee's spouse gives birth to a child, the Employee shall be granted special leave:

- (a) without loss of regular pay for one shift up to a maximum of twelve (12) scheduled hours; and
- (b) without pay for an additional shift.

during the confinement of the mother. This leave may be divided into periods and granted on separate days.

### 15.16 **Special Leave - Adopted Child**

Special leave shall be granted as follows:

- (a) without loss of regular pay for one shift up to a maximum of twelve (12) scheduled hours; and
- (b) without pay for an additional shift;

to an Employee when an adopted child arrives in the Employee's home. This leave may be divided into periods and granted on separate days.

## **ARTICLE 16 - VACATIONS**

16.01 Paid vacation leave credits shall be earned based upon Hours Worked as per Article 4.01(g).

16.02 Annual vacation leave for Full-time Employees and Part-time Employees shall accumulate as follows:

- (i) Less than 9787.50 Hours Worked shall be entitled to vacation with pay at the regular rate. Effective the date of hire, vacation shall accumulate at the rate of one (1) hour for each 17.4 regular Hours Worked paid to a maximum of 112.50 hours;
- (ii) Between 9787.50 Hours Worked and less than 31,320 Hours Worked shall be entitled to vacation with pay at the regular rate. Vacation shall accumulate at the rate of one (1) hour for each 13.1 regular Hours Worked paid to a maximum of 149.43 hours;
- (iii) Between 31,320 Hours Worked and less than 33,277.50 Hours Worked shall be entitled to vacation with pay at the regular rate. Vacation shall accumulate at the rate of one (1) hour for each 12.44 regular Hours Worked paid to a maximum of 157.36 hours;

- (iv) Between 33,277.50 Hours Worked and less than 35,235 Hours Worked shall be entitled to vacation with pay at the regular rate. Vacation shall accumulate at the rate of one (1) hour for each 11.89 regular Hours Worked paid to a maximum of 164.63 hours;
  - (v) Between 35,235 Hours Worked and less than 37,192.50 Hours Worked shall be entitled to vacation with pay at the regular rate. Vacation shall accumulate at the rate of one (1) hour for each 11.39 regular Hours Worked paid to a maximum of 171.86 hours;
  - (vi) Between 37,192.50 Hours Worked and less than 39,150 Hours Worked shall be entitled to vacation with pay at the regular rate. Vacation shall accumulate at the rate of one (1) hour for each 10.87 regular Hours Worked paid to a maximum of 180.08 hours; and
  - (vii) At 39,150 Hours Worked or more Hours Worked shall be entitled to vacation with pay at the regular rate. Vacation shall accumulate at the rate of one (1) hour for each 10.46 regular Hours Worked paid to a maximum of 187.14 hours.
- 16.03 No Employee shall be allowed to waive vacation and receive pay in lieu of vacation.
- 16.04 An Employee can accumulate up to the entitlement in Article 16.02 and an additional thirty-seven and one-half (37½) hours, but **they** will then have to take vacation or be scheduled in for this vacation by **their** supervisor.
- 16.05 If the Employer is satisfied that an Employee's prolonged illness or injury prevented the Employee from taking vacation during the vacation year, the Employer may allow the Employee to carry over all or a part of **their** unused vacation credits to the subsequent vacation year.
- 16.06 (a) The Employer shall post a vacation request schedule by March 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Employees shall select their respective vacation period by April 1<sup>st</sup> (for the period from June 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>) and October 1<sup>st</sup> (for the period from January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>). Vacation preference will be granted in order of seniority, subject to operational requirements which will be the determining factor in granting vacation requests. Employees who have not indicated their preference by April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> shall not be permitted to displace junior Employees who have made their selection in accordance with the time frames outlined in this Article. The Employer shall post no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup> a finalized list upon which the Employee's vacation dates **for the respective six-month period** shall appear.
- (b) **For vacations other than vacations approved following the process outlined in (a), vacation requests will be approved in order of submission, subject to operational requirements.**
- 16.07 **The vacation schedule will not be changed unless mutually agreed upon between the Employer and the affected Employees.**

- 16.08 Employees who have not indicated vacation preference within the time periods provided herein, shall not have the right to exercise "bumping rights" over Employees who have confirmed, but may, by mutual agreement with the Employer, request dates that remain available; such request will not be unreasonably denied.
- 16.09 Upon termination of employment, an Employee's earned vacation entitlement during the year will be calculated and paid out with the final pay.
- 16.10 An Employee hospitalized or sick at home for four (4) consecutive days or more during **their** vacation period will qualify for use of sick leave credits upon presentation of a Doctor's certificate, providing the Employer is notified during the illness. The portion of **their** vacation while the Employee was hospitalized or sick shall be rescheduled later.

## ARTICLE 17 - HOLIDAYS

### 17.01 Holidays

The following **thirteen (13)** calendar dates shall be recognized as "holidays":

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| 1. New Year's Day                   | 8. Labour Day                                      |
| 2. Family Day                       | 9. <b>National Day of Truth and Reconciliation</b> |
| 3. Good Friday                      | 10. Thanksgiving Day                               |
| 4. Easter Sunday                    | 11. Remembrance Day                                |
| 5. Victoria Day                     | 12. Christmas Day                                  |
| 6. July 1                           | 13. Boxing Day                                     |
| 7. 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday in August |  |

and any other day proclaimed as a holiday by the Federal or Provincial Government.

- 17.02 To be eligible for holiday pay under this Article a Full-time or Part-time Employee must work **their** scheduled shift immediately preceding and immediately following the holiday unless such absence is approved.
- 17.03 Full-time Employee will receive seven and one-half (7½) hours of holiday pay when they do not work on the listed holiday, subject to meeting the requirements of 17.02.
- 17.04 Part-time Employees will receive pro-rated holiday pay when they do not work on the listed holiday, subject to meeting the requirements of Article 17.02. The calculation for prorating will be 0.04597701 times paid hours in the sixty (60) days immediately preceding the holiday.
- 17.05 When a Full-time Employee is required to work on any of the paid holidays, the Employer shall pay the Employee for all hours worked at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times **their** regular rate of pay, with the exception of Christmas Day when the Employee shall be paid at two times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked during the 24 hour period of Christmas Day. The Full-time Employee shall also be granted their seven and one-half (7½) hours off with pay subject to Article 17.02. The time off must be mutually agreed upon between the Employer and the Employee sixty (60) days after the calendar date of the holiday where operational requirements permit.

- 17.06 When a Part-time Employee is required to work on any of the paid holidays, the Employer shall pay the Employee for all hours worked at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times **their** regular rate of pay, with the exception of Christmas Day when the Employee shall be paid at two times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked during the 24 hour period of Christmas Day. Subject to Article 17.02, based on the pro rata formula in Article 17.04 the Part-time Employee shall also be granted time off with pay at a time mutually agreed upon between the Employer and the Employee sixty (60) days before or after the calendar date of the holiday where operational requirements permit.
- 17.07 Subject to operational requirements and costs, the Employer will make *every* reasonable effort to limit to eight (8) hours all shifts on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve, subject to individual Employees who request a twelve (12) hour shift on Christmas Day or New Year's Eve. The Employer will request Employees to volunteer to work on Christmas Day and New Year's Day and will meet with and consult with Employees and reasonably consider proposals advanced by Employees regarding the scheduling of shifts between Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
- 17.08 Subject to Articles 17.10 and 17.12, an Employee shall be entitled to accumulate holidays to a maximum of **thirteen (13)** days at any one time and take such days off at a mutually agreed time.
- 17.09 When a holiday falls within the Employee's vacation period or on an Employee's scheduled day off, the Employee may schedule another day at a time mutually agreeable to the Employee and the Employer. If the Employer is unable to accommodate an alternate day due to operational requirements, the Employee will be paid for the holiday.
- 17.10 For a Full-time Employee who is working a twelve (12) hour rotating shift schedule, the seven and one-half (7½) hour holiday off referred to in Article 17.03 may be built into the rotation as a seven and one-half (7½) hour holiday pay.
- 17.11 In the *event* that any of the seven and one-half (7½) hour holidays are not built into the rotation, the holiday off will be scheduled at a mutually agreed upon time, **no later than January 31 of the subsequent calendar year.**
- 17.12 In the event that the Employee has any banked holiday time **remaining from** the previous calendar year **on January 31**, the holiday will be paid out **on the second pay in February.**

## **ARTICLE 18 - WAGES**

### **18.01 Rates of Pay**

Employees shall be paid in accordance with the rates of pay set out in Appendix "A".

### **18.02 Pay Day**

- (a) Payment of wages will be on a bi-weekly basis and is on a direct deposit system;

- (b) If an Employee has a shortfall in **their** pay of more than four (4) hours pay, the Employer shall pay the shortfall to the Employee within four (4) business days of being notified by the Employee provided the Employee has followed the procedure for reporting time worked; and
- (c) The Employer recognizes the importance of regularity in pay practices and to the greatest extent possible the Employer will not alter the payment routines. Employees will be notified in writing by the Employer not less than sixty (60) days in advance of a change to the pay practices.

18.03 When an Employee is promoted permanently into a higher paid position, **they** will be paid the rate for the new position.

18.04 When an Employee is assigned temporarily to perform work in a classification paying a higher rate than **their** own, **they** shall receive the rate for the higher classification. When an Employee is assigned temporarily to perform work in a classification paying a lower rate than **their** own, **they** shall receive the rate of **their** own classification. This Sub-article does not apply to Employees who chose to work in a classification with a lower rate of pay.

18.05 A Casual Employee who accepts a temporary position with an anticipated duration of **six (6)** months or less shall have the option, exercisable only at the start of the temporary position, to remain on the all-inclusive rate of pay while working in the temporary position. In the event the actual duration of the temporary position is extended beyond **six (6)** months, an Employee who opted to remain on the all-inclusive rate of pay may be required to change to the regular hourly rate of pay and accrue benefits for holidays, vacations and sick leave in accordance with this Agreement for the remainder of the temporary position.

## **ARTICLE 19 - SHIFT AND WEEKEND PREMIUMS**

### **19.01 Shift Differential Premium**

Full-time and Part-time Employees who work rotating shifts will be provided with a shift premium of one dollar and forty-**three** cents (**\$1.43**) greater than their regular rate of pay for all hours worked between 07:00 p.m. and 07:00 a.m. (19:00 hours and 07:00 hours).

### **19.02 Weekend Premium**

Full-time and Part-time Employees who work rotating shifts will be provided with a weekend premium of one dollar **and three cents (\$1.03)** greater than their regular rate of pay for all hours worked between 7:00 p.m. Friday and midnight Sunday (19:00 hours, Friday and 24:00 hours, Sunday).

## **ARTICLE 20 - BENEFITS**

20.01 Full-time and Part-time Employees shall participate in the benefit plans currently made available by the Employer, in accordance with the terms and conditions of those plans.

20.02 The premiums for such benefit plans shall be shared as follows:

- (a) Extended Health - seventy-five (75%) percent Employer and twenty-five (25%) percent Employee;
- (b) Prescription Drugs - seventy-five (75%) percent Employer and twenty-five (25%) percent Employee;
- (c) Dental - fifty (50%) percent Employer and fifty (50%) percent Employee;
- (d) AD&D - fifty (50%) percent Employer and fifty (50%) percent Employee; and
- (e) Life Insurance - fifty (50%) percent Employer and fifty (50%) percent Employee.

20.03 **LPNs employed on a full-time or part-time basis shall participate in the Employer's long term disability plan ("LTD Plan") in accordance with the terms of that plan. Premiums payable for the participation in the LTD Plan shall be one hundred (100%) percent payable by the LPN.**

## **ARTICLE 21 - RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE AND RRSP**

### **21.01 Retirement Allowance**

When an Employee having seniority with Shannex of five (5) years or more, retires in accordance with the regulations/policy as stipulated by the New Brunswick Department of Social Development and, subject to approval by that Department, the Employee shall be entitled to a retirement allowance equal to five (5) days pay for each full year of seniority with Shannex but not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five (125) days at the regular rate of pay.

### **21.02 RRSP**

The Employer will offer up to a five (5%) percent matching RRSP Defined Contribution Pension Plan to all Full-time and Part-time Employees.

**LPNs will be eligible for a matching of up to six (6%) percent.**

## **ARTICLE 22 - EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **22.01 Comply with OH&S Act**

The Employer, the Union and Employees shall comply with the provisions of the New Brunswick *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and Regulations.

### **22.02 Joint Occupational Health and Safety**

- (a) The Employer and the Union will mutually cooperate to maintain a **psychologically and physically** safe workplace.

- (b) A Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee shall be established pursuant to the provisions of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. The Committee shall be composed of equal numbers of Employee and Union representatives.
- (c) The Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee shall have all the powers, rights and responsibilities as set out under the *Act*. The Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee shall be authorized and directed to carry out the functions and duties of that Committee as required by the *Act* and shall be entitled to all rights and privileges accorded to the Committee and to the individual Members thereof by the said *Act*.
- (d) The Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee shall hold meetings at least one per month, and shall maintain minutes of all meetings. The minutes shall be posted and available to all Employees as soon as reasonably possible after the meeting.
- (e) The Committee shall review all Form 67s and/or Incident Reports within thirty (30) days of production.
- (f) Time spent by Employees in Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee meetings or investigations conducted in accordance with responsibilities under the *Act* shall be considered as time worked and shall be paid for in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.
- (g) New Employee members of the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee will complete committee member training required under the *Act*, and shall be paid for such time at their regular hourly rate.

#### **22.03 Make Reasonable Provisions**

The Employer shall make reasonable provisions in respect to the health and safety of Employees during their hours of employment. Protective devices and other equipment deemed necessary by the Employer to protect Employees from injury or health hazards shall be provided by the Employer and Employees shall be required to use them. Employees and the Employer shall co-operate to the fullest extent possible towards the prevention of accidents and in reasonable promotion of health and safety of Employees through the Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

#### **22.04 Modified Work Program**

Employees and Employer recognize that a modified work program is a process which gives structure and organization to the activity of returning injured or ill Employees to the work place as soon as possible after an injury or illness. The Employees agree to cooperate in the Early and Safe Return to Work Program implemented by the Employer in partnership with the WSNB for workplace related injuries or illness. The Employees agree to cooperate in the accommodation process and the Employer's return to work program implemented for non-occupational injury or illnesses.

## 22.05 Injury on Duty - WCB

- (a) Where an Employee asks the Employer in writing at the time of a WSNB claim to pay **them** any supplement amount from the accumulated sick leave credits of the Employee, the Employer shall pay an Employer Workers' Compensation payment supplement to the Employee to the extent of the pre injury bi-weekly pay of the Employee while maximizing the amount payable from the WSNB. It is the intent of the parties that in no circumstance shall the Employee receive an increase of income while in receipt of Workers' Compensation benefits with the exception of increments and pay increases. When this Employer supplement is being paid, the Employer shall deduct from the Employee's sick leave credits an equivalent number of sick leave hours as were paid in the supplement. When an Employee's sick leave credits are exhausted, the Employee shall be paid only the Workers' Compensation benefits payment; and
- (b) Where an Employee is being compensated under the *Workers' Compensation Act* the Employee shall continue to accrue up to one year's maximum vacation credits.
- (c) **Where an Employee is on leave and being compensated under the *Workers' Compensation Act* for an injury on duty, the Employee shall be entitled to continue participation in the Benefit Plans, subject to eligibility provisions within the specific Benefit Plans as follows:**
  - (i) **The Employer and Employee shall pay their respective share of the premiums for group insurance benefits for the calendar month in which the WCB leave commences;**
  - (ii) **After the first calendar month, the Employee shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premium payable;**
  - (iii) **The Employee shall prepay one hundred (100%) percent of the premiums associated with the Benefits Plan; and failure to submit payments by the date premiums are due may result in the cancellation of benefits.**

## 22.06 Sick Leave while waiting for Workers' Compensation Benefits

- (a) An illness or injury for which Workers' Compensation benefits are payable, shall not be deemed to be sick leave except for the supplement as provided in Article 22.05(a);
- (b) A Full-time or Part-time Employee who is unable to attend work for greater than one pay period due to workplace illness or injury and who is awaiting approval of a claim for Workers' Compensation benefits may have the Employer provide payment equivalent to the benefits **they** would earn under the *Workers' Compensation Act* providing the Employee is able to establish, satisfactory to the Employer, that the illness or injury prevents the Employee from working and the Employee has sufficient sick leave credits; and
- (c) In such case, the Employee must provide a written undertaking to the Employer and the required notification to the WSNB that the initial payment(s) from the WSNB is to be provided directly to the Employer on behalf of the Employee, up to the level of the payment advanced by the Employer.

## 22.07 **WSNB and Return to Work**

Where an Employee has returned to work after being absent for injury on duty for which Workers' Compensation benefits are not payable, and where the absence due to injury on duty was for two (2) days or less after the day of the injury, the Employee shall receive an amount equal to regular pay from accumulated sick leave credits for the period in which the Employee was unable to work as a result of the Employee's injury on duty.

## 22.08 **Personal Property**

The Employer agrees that in a case where damage to an Employee's **uniforms, swipe cards**, eye glasses, contact lenses, hearing aid, dentures, or watch is done by a resident, either the Employer or Workers' Compensation will reimburse the Employee for damages. **The Employee shall report the damages during the shift they are incurred.**

## 22.09 **Workplace Violence Prevention**

Definition of Violence: Violence includes any threats, attempts or actual acts of violence. Threats are defined as threatening statements or threatening behaviour that gives an employee reasonable cause to believe that the employee is at risk of injury. Attempted or actual acts of violence include the use of physical force against a person that endangers the physical health or physical safety of an employee.

The Employer acknowledges that violence in the workplace is an occupational health and safety hazard that can cause physical and emotional harm. The Employer and all Employees are responsible for creating and maintaining a safe environment.

The Employer and the Union view Violence in the workplace as unacceptable. There is mutual commitment to working to prevent workplace Violence and to respond appropriately if workplace Violence does occur.

The Employer and the Union acknowledge that education and training on dealing with and responding to potentially violent situations, is indispensable to any violence prevention program. The Employer provides training to Employees who may be exposed to a risk of violence in the performance of their job, which may include, but not be limited to, training on:

- causes of violence;
- factors that precipitate violence;
- recognition of warning signs;
- prevention of escalation;
- controlling and defusing aggressive situations; and
- the Employer's policy and procedures for dealing with incidents of Violence.

Where reasonably possible, the Employer will provide violence prevention programming and training in a format that is most conducive for the learning objectives and audience, including in person training.

## ARTICLE 23 - PERSONNEL FILE

- 23.01 An electronic personnel file shall be maintained for all Employees. Each Employee is entitled to have access to their personnel file.
- 23.02 The Employer will not introduce in any hearing relative to a disciplinary action any disciplinary document from the file of the Employee the existence of which the Employee was not made aware of at or before the time of the filing.
- 23.03 **Except for discipline relating to residents**, the disciplinary record of a Employee shall not be used against them at any time after eighteen (18) months following a suspension or disciplinary action provided that there have been no other suspensions or disciplinary action during that eighteen (18) month period.

## ARTICLE 24 - GENERAL

### 24.01 Alcohol and Drug Dependency

Without detracting from the existing rights and obligations of the parties recognized in other provisions of this Agreement, the Employer **and Union** agree to co-operate in encouraging Employees **struggling** with alcohol or drug dependency to **seek treatment and** rehabilitation.

### 24.02 Position Descriptions

An Employee shall have access to a copy of **their** current position description. The Employer will endeavour to ensure that position descriptions are reviewed and revised where necessary. All revised position descriptions shall be provided to the Union representatives of the Union Management Consultation Committee within fifteen (15) days of revision. Employees newly hired by the Employer shall normally be provided with five (5) days of planned orientation during normal hours of work. The planned orientation will contain essential information including Standards of Employee Conduct, location of policy manuals, supplies and equipment, and fire and disaster plans. Employees shall be required to attend the orientation as a condition of employment. The Employer will provide a copy of each position description of Bargaining Unit positions to the Union within ninety (90) days of signing the collective agreement.

### 24.03 Required Education

- (a) The Employer shall provide and fund any Employer required training/education for an Employee; and
- (b) The Employer will make every effort to arrange for the presentation of the required training/education during an Employee's scheduled hours of work;
- (c) **Such training/education shall not interfere with an Employee's break and meal entitlements under this Collective Agreement.**

**24.04 Proper Accommodation**

Proper accommodation shall be provided for Employees to have their meals, keep and change their clothes.

**24.05 Bulletin Boards and Locker**

The Employer shall supply bulletin board(s) which shall be placed so that all Employees will have access to them and upon which the Union shall have the right to post notices of meetings and other notices as may be of interest to the Employees. **The Employer shall also designate one locker for the union to store articles and materials such as binders, collective agreements, etc.**

24.06 The parties agree to cost share 50/50 the cost of printing a limited number of collective agreement booklets, within sixty (60) days of ratification of the collective agreement.

24.07 **All employees will receive an annual uniform allowance calculated at the rate of nine cents (\$0.09) per regular hour paid for the period between September 1 and August 31 to a maximum of 1957.5 hours. Such allowance to be paid by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Employees must be actively employed as of the date of payment to be eligible.**

**24.08 LPN Dues**

**The Employer shall reimburse receipted professional fees for LPNs who are required to hold such a professional designation for their position. The Employer will pay such fees to a maximum of one hundred (\$100) dollars per year.**

**ARTICLE 25 - TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE**

**25.01 Definition**

In this Article, "*Technological Change*" means the introduction of equipment or material of a different nature or kind than that previously used by the Employer, and a change in the manner in which the Employer carries on its operations that is directly related to the introduction of that equipment or material.

**25.02 Training**

Where the equipment or material so introduced is to be operated by Employees of the same classification as those formerly carrying on the operation, the incumbents are to be given an opportunity for training at the Employer's expense, without loss of pay or benefits to the Employee, in the operation of the equipment or material in question, with the intent that they may be retained in their positions.

**25.03 Introduction**

If, after the period of training referred to in 26.02 the Employee is unable to acquire sufficient competence, the Employer will make every effort to retain the Employee in such position as may be available within the competence of the Employee (including the exercise of such rights as are otherwise contained in this Agreement).

#### **25.04 Notice**

The Employer agrees to give the Union at least sixty (60) days notice of the introduction of technological change that is expected to result in the displacement of Employees in the bargaining unit, or substantial changes in the hours of work or the duties performed by Employees in the bargaining unit.

#### **25.05 Layoff**

An Employee who is affected by a layoff because of technological change shall have all rights set out in Article 12.

### **ARTICLE 26 - JOB SHARING**

**26.01 Taking into consideration the fact that the Employer wishes to retain well-qualified staff who are unable to provide a full-time commitment and that a job-sharing arrangement can enable this to happen, the Employer and the Union agree to the following provisions:**

- (a) Job sharing requests with regard to Full-time positions shall be considered on an individual basis and the Employer reserves the right to determine the appropriateness of any such arrangement and whether or not to grant a request to job share.**
- (b) An Employee who is in a job-sharing arrangement shall be considered a Part-time Employee as defined in Article 4.01 of this Agreement and shall share rotation of the position.**
- (c) Either of the Employees in a job share arrangement may discontinue the job sharing by giving the Employer and the partner thirty (30) days prior written notice.**
- (d) The Employer may cancel any job-sharing arrangement by giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Employees affected. The affected Employees will return to their former or equivalent positions. The Employer will make reasonable efforts to continue job sharing arrangements.**
- (e) If one job partner leaves a job-sharing arrangement which the Employer has agreed to, and the Employer agrees to continue with that job share arrangement, the vacancy will be posted by the Employer in accordance with the provisions of Article 13.01.**

**If one of the job partners leaves and the Employer does not wish to continue the job-sharing arrangement, the regular Part-time Employee(s) in the job sharing arrangement will return to their former or equivalent positions. In the event that this is not the original full-time position which became the job share position, the full-time position will be posted in accordance with the provisions of Article 13.01.**

- (f) The Employees will determine the division and scheduling of their assigned hours between them and then seek agreement to that schedule from the Employer.
- (g) The Employer will be responsible for scheduling a replacement Employee where it deems necessary in cases of absence due to illness, or holidays.
- (h) Overtime shall be payable to an Employee who is participating in a job-sharing arrangement in accordance with this Agreement, unless the Employee has exchanged shifts with another Employee for their convenience.
- (i) The overall cost to the Employer for holidays or any other employment related benefits shall not increase because of a job-sharing arrangement.

#### **ARTICLE 27 - NO STRIKE NO LOCKOUT**

29.01 It is agreed that there shall be no slow down, curtailment of work, strike or lockout during the term of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 28 - TERM OF AGREEMENT**

28.01 This Agreement shall be for a term commencing on January 1, **2023** and ending on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December **2028**. The Employer agrees to implement any change in the hourly rates of pay in Appendix "A" of this Agreement provided for in a collective agreement negotiated between the Nursing Home Association of New Brunswick and the Canadian Union of Public Employees with respect to any period of time during the term of this Agreement.

28.02 Any changes to the existing terms and conditions of employment provided for in this Agreement shall be effective on the date of signing of this Agreement or such other date as may be agreed upon by the Union and the Employer. The wages will be effective as per **Appendix "A"** attached. All other terms if the agreement will be effective as per the date of signing of the agreement.

28.03 This Agreement shall remain in effect from year to year after unless one of the parties hereto notifies the other within a period of not less than thirty (30) working days prior to the automatic renewal date of its intention to revise or amend this Agreement or to conclude a new Agreement. Such notices in order to be effective must be in writing and given in accordance with the provisions of the *Industrial Relations Act* (New Brunswick).

28.04 This Agreement and everything contained herein shall enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto, their successors and assigns.

DATED this 15 day of July, 2025.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

Maria Ferris

[Signature]

FOR THE UNION

Kathy Johnson

[Signature]

**APPENDIX "A"**

Classification	Step (Hours Worked)	Current	Date					
			16 Oct 22	16 Oct 23	16 Oct 24	16 Oct 25	16 Oct 26	1 Jul 27
CCA	Step 1 (0-1957.5 hrs)	\$21.74	\$22.74	\$23.84	\$25.14	\$26.74	\$26.82	\$28.42
	Step 2 (1957.5-3915 hrs)	\$22.56	\$23.56	\$24.66	\$25.96	\$27.56	\$27.65	\$29.25
	Step 3 (3915+ hrs)	\$23.41	\$24.41	\$25.51	\$26.81	\$28.41	\$28.51	\$30.11

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			16 Oct 22	16 Oct 23	16 Oct 24	16 Oct 25	16 Oct 26	1 Jul 27
CCA All Inclusive	Step 1 (0-1957.5 hrs)	\$25.00	\$26.15	\$27.42	\$28.91	\$30.75	\$30.84	\$32.68
	Step 2 (1957.5-3915 hrs)	\$25.94	\$27.09	\$28.36	\$29.85	\$31.69	\$31.80	\$33.64
	Step 3 (3915+ hrs)	\$26.91	\$28.07	\$29.34	\$30.83	\$32.67	\$32.79	\$34.63

Classification	Step (Hours Worked)	Current	Date					
			16 Oct 22	16 Oct 23	16 Oct 24	16 Oct 25	16 Oct 26	1 Jul 27
Restorative Assistant	Step 1 (0-1957.5 hrs)	\$22.85	\$23.85	\$24.95	\$26.25	\$27.85	\$28.53	\$30.13
	Step 2 (1957.5-3915 hrs)	\$23.71	\$24.71	\$25.81	\$27.11	\$28.71	\$29.42	\$31.02
	Step 3 (3915+ hrs)	\$24.61	\$25.61	\$26.71	\$28.01	\$29.61	\$30.35	\$31.95

Classification	Step (Hours Worked)	Current	Date					
			16 Oct 22	16 Oct 23	16 Oct 24	16 Oct 25	16 Oct 26	1 Jul 27
Restorative Assistant All Inclusive	Step 1 (0-1957.5 hrs)	\$26.28	\$27.43	\$28.69	\$30.19	\$32.03	\$32.81	\$34.65
	Step 2 (1957.5-3915 hrs)	\$27.27	\$28.42	\$29.68	\$31.18	\$33.02	\$33.83	\$35.67
	Step 3 (3915+ hrs)	\$28.30	\$29.45	\$30.72	\$32.21	\$34.05	\$34.90	\$36.74

Classification	Step (Hours Worked)	Current	Date					
			16 Oct 22	16 Oct 23	16 Oct 24	16 Oct 25	16 Oct 26	1 Jul 27
Recreation Assistant	Step 1 (0-1957.5 hrs)	\$20.68	\$21.68	\$22.78	\$24.08	\$25.68	\$26.82	\$28.42
	Step 2 (1957.5-3915 hrs)	\$21.46	\$22.46	\$23.56	\$24.86	\$26.46	\$27.65	\$29.25
	Step 3 (3915+ hrs)	\$22.27	\$23.27	\$24.37	\$25.67	\$27.27	\$28.51	\$30.11

Classification	Step (Hours Worked)	Current	Date					
			16 Oct 22	16 Oct 23	16 Oct 24	16 Oct 25	16 Oct 26	1 Jul 27
Recreation Assistant All Inclusive	Step 1 (0-1957.5 hrs)	\$23.79	\$24.93	\$26.20	\$27.69	\$29.53	\$30.84	\$32.68
	Step 2 (1957.5-3915 hrs)	\$24.67	\$25.83	\$27.09	\$28.59	\$30.43	\$31.80	\$33.64
	Step 3 (3915+ hrs)	\$26.18	\$26.76	\$28.03	\$29.52	\$31.36	\$32.79	\$34.63

Classification	Step (Hours Worked)	Current	Date			
			16 Oct 22	16 Oct 23	16 Oct 24	16 Oct 25
LPN	Step 1 (0-1957.5 hrs)	\$29.04	\$30.04	\$31.14	\$32.44	\$34.04
	Step 2 (1957.5-3915 hrs)	\$30.10	\$31.10	\$32.20	\$33.50	\$35.10
	Step 3 (3915+ hrs)	\$31.19	\$32.19	\$33.29	\$34.59	\$36.19

Classification	Step (Hours Worked)	Current	Date			
			16 Oct 22	16 Oct 23	16 Oct 24	16 Oct 25
LPN Restorative	Step 1 (0-1957.5 hrs)	\$29.04	\$30.04	\$31.14	\$32.44	\$34.04
	Step 2 (1957.5-3915 hrs)	\$30.10	\$31.10	\$32.20	\$33.50	\$35.10
	Step 3 (3915+ hrs)	\$31.19	\$32.19	\$33.29	\$34.59	\$36.19

Classification	Step (Hours Worked)	Current	Date			
			16 Oct 22	16 Oct 23	16 Oct 24	16 Oct 25
LPN All Inclusive	Step 1 (0-1957.5 hrs)	\$33.37	\$34.55	\$35.81	\$37.31	\$39.15
	Step 2 (1957.5-3915 hrs)	\$34.62	\$35.77	\$37.03	\$38.53	\$40.37
	Step 3 (3915+ hrs)	\$35.87	\$37.02	\$38.28	\$39.78	\$41.62

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**SHANNEX RLC LIMITED**  
carrying on business at Embassy Hall  
Quispamsis, New Brunswick  
("Shannex")

**AND**

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 5446**  
("Union")

**Re: LPN In Charge Premium**

The parties agree that when Shannex determines that, due to the absence of an RN in the building, an LPN may be offered the LPN In Charge Premium.

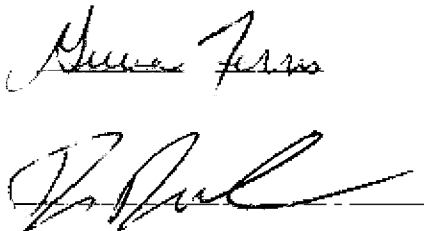
- LPNs shall be paid a premium of \$5.00/hr for each hour working as an LPN in Charge.
- LPNs shall be required to identify their interest in advance in working as an LPN in Charge and meet eligibility requirements.
- Training and support shall be provided to LPNs who have met the eligibility requirements.
- The LPN In Charge shall have the support of a Registered Nurse on call during their shift.
- For partial shifts, if no LPN on site has identified their interest in the LPN in Charge premium, the shift shall be offered based on seniority to those who have received training.

Shannex reserves the sole and exclusive right to determine when an LPN In Charge shift is offered.

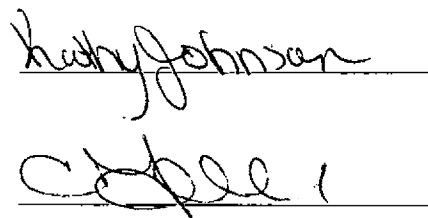
This agreement is for the term of this Collective Agreement.

DATED this 15 day of July, 2025.

FOR THE EMPLOYER



FOR THE UNION



**Memorandum of Agreement**

**RETROACTIVITY**

**BETWEEN**

**SHANNEX RLC LIMITED ('SHANNEX')**

**-AND-**

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 5446  
("UNION- EMBASSY HALL")**

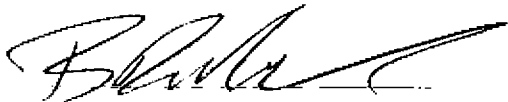
Shannex agrees to wages under this Agreement for Local CUPE 5446 Embassy Hall are effective from October 16, 2022. Retroactive pay shall apply to all paid hours including regular, overtime and call back by any employee in the bargaining unit.

Persons not eligible for retroactive payment are as follows:

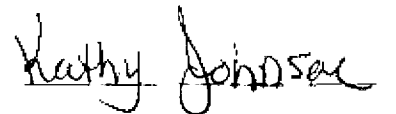
- (1) Those who left the employ of the nursing home before completing their probationary period.
- (2) Those persons who became employed on or after January 1, 2023, and who voluntarily left the employ of the nursing home prior to the date of the signing of this Agreement.
- (3) Those persons who have been discharged for matters of discipline and haven't been reinstated.
- (4) All other changes in the Collective Agreement will be effective the date of signing or the date mentioned in this Agreement.

DATED this 15 day of July, 2025.

FOR THE EMPLOYER



FOR THE UNION



**Memorandum of Agreement**

**Re: Wage Parity Adjustment for Licenced Practical Nurse (LPN)**

**BETWEEN**

**SHANNEX RLC LIMITED ('SHANNEX')**

**-AND-**

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 5446  
("UNION- EMBASSY HALL")**

**Background:**

1. The Employer and the Union are bound by a Collective Agreement.
2. The Employer has identified problems with recruitment and retention of LPN's which have resulted in staffing shortages; and
3. To ensure parity between the Long Term Care Sector and CUPE 5446 (Embassy Hall) for the LPN classification.

**The Parties hereby agree that:**

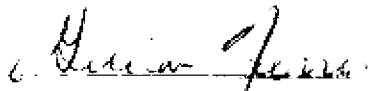
In the event the NBANH and NBCNHU negotiates a collective agreement settlement that contains any further GEI and wage adjustments for LPN's greater than those contained in this collective agreement, the Parties agree to apply any and all wage adjustments for the LPNs to the collective agreement until the expiration of this collective agreement.

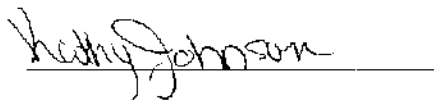
For clarification, parity for the LPNs in the collective agreement with the NBCHNU collective agreement referenced above will be effective the same dates as fixed in the NBCNHU collective agreement and will not exceed nor be in addition to the NBCNHU collective agreement.

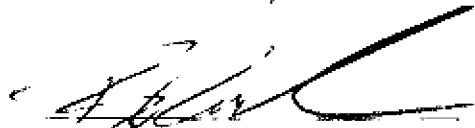
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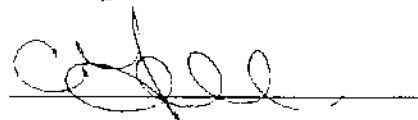
**FOR THE EMPLOYER**

**FOR THE UNION**









**LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN**

**SHANNEX RLC LIMITED ('SHANNEX')**

**-AND-**

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL 5446  
("UNION- EMBASSY HALL")**

**RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION**

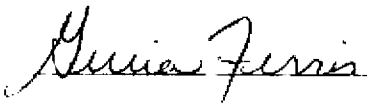
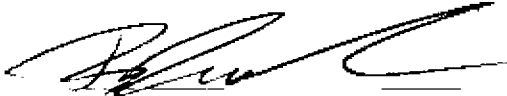
The Parties agree to implement the following retention premiums for bargaining unit members:

- (a) An employee in the bargaining unit shall, after completing 15 years of continuous service be entitled to a 1% adjustment to their regular rate of pay. The employer shall implement such adjustment during the first pay period following the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the employee's commencement date.
- (b) An employee in the bargaining unit shall, after completing 20 years of continuous service be entitled to a 2% adjustment to their regular rate of pay. The employer shall implement such adjustment during the first pay period following the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the employee's commencement date.
- (c) An employee in the bargaining unit shall, after completing 25 years of continuous service be entitled to a 3% adjustment to their regular rate of pay. The employer shall implement such adjustment during the first pay period following the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the employee's commencement date.

For the purposes of the initial implementation of the Recognition and Retention Premium, all employees who have already completed the requisite years of service with the Employer as of the date of signing of this collective agreement shall be entitled to each increment of the Retention Premium effective the date of signing.

DATED this 15 day of July, 2025.

**FOR THE EMPLOYER**

**FOR THE UNION**

