

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

Between:

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

And:

SMOOTH ROCK FALLS HOSPITAL RNs  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Employer")

FULL-TIME/PART-TIME

EXPIRES: March 31, 2014

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**APPENDIX 3****SALARY RATES**

REGISTERED NURSE		
	Effective April 1, 2011	Effective April 1, 2013
START	\$29.36	\$30.17
1 YEAR	\$29.79	\$30.61
2 YEARS	\$30.29	\$31.12
3 YEARS	\$31.78	\$32.65
4 YEARS	\$33.28	\$34.20
5 YEARS	\$35.15	\$36.12
6 YEARS	\$37.04	\$38.06
7 YEARS	\$38.94	\$40.01
8 YEARS	\$41.70	\$42.85
25 YEARS	\$42.44	\$43.61

GRADUATE NURSE		
	Effective April 1, 2011	Effective April 1, 2013
START	\$28.24	\$29.02
1 YEAR	\$28.69	\$29.48
2 YEARS	\$29.13	\$29.93
3 YEARS	\$30.56	\$31.40
4 YEARS	\$32.04	\$32.92
5 YEARS	\$33.80	\$34.73
6 YEARS	\$35.64	\$36.62
7 YEARS	\$37.44	\$38.47
8 YEARS	\$39.35	\$40.43

**APPENDIX 4**

SMOOTH ROCK FALLS GENERAL HOSPITAL

Superior Conditions

11.05 Bereavement Leave

When a death occurs to a spouse or child of a full-time employee who works a seven and one-half (7.5) hour day, the employee will be granted a leave of absence and will be paid seven and one-half (7.5) hours at her/his regular rate of pay for up to five (5) consecutive scheduled working days in the six (6) calendar day period beginning with the date of death.

## APPENDIX 5

### SMOOTH ROCK FALLS GENERAL HOSPITAL

#### **ARTICLE A - RECOGNITION**

- A-1 The Hospital recognizes that the Ontario Nurses' Association is the bargaining agent for all registered and graduate nurses employed in a nursing capacity by the Smooth Rock Falls Hospital in the Town of Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario, save and except supervisors, persons above the rank of supervisor, Long Term Care Co-ordinator and In-Service Co-ordinator.
- A-2 Supervisor, or immediate supervisor, when used in this Agreement, shall mean the first supervisory level excluded from the bargaining unit.

#### **ARTICLE B - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

- B-1 The Union recognizes that the management of the Hospital and the direction of working forces are fixed exclusively in the Hospital and shall remain solely with the Hospital and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it is the exclusive function of the Hospital to:
- (a) maintain order, discipline and efficiency;
  - (b) hire, assign, retire, direct, classify, transfer, promote, demote, layoff, recall, discharge and suspend or otherwise discipline employees provided that a claim by an employee that she/he has been discharged or otherwise disciplined without cause may be the subject of a grievance and dealt with as hereinafter provided;
  - (c) establish, alter and enforce reasonable rules and regulations to be observed by the employees;
  - (d) determine all work procedures, the kind and location of equipment to be used, methods to be used, the allocation and number of employees required from time to time, the services to be performed, the standards of performance of all employees, work assignments, the hours of work and all other rights and responsibilities of management not specifically modified elsewhere in this Agreement.
- B-2 These rights shall not be exercised in a manner inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE C - COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

- C-1 It is understood that the total number of employees as committee members or employee representatives shall not exceed the following:
- (a) Two (2) Employee Representatives
  - (b) Grievance Committee - two (2) employees
  - (c) Negotiating Committee - up to three (3) employees
  - (d) Hospital/Union Committee - The Committee will be composed of two (2) employees with equal representation from Management.
  - (e) A Professional Development Committee comprised of not more than two (2) members. One of these members will be the Bargaining Unit President or designate.
- C-2 Union Interview
- The Hospital will endeavour to schedule the time and place of the interview referred to in Article 5.06, within the first four (4) weeks of employment on hospital premises and at a time mutually agreed by the Union. The Hospital will advise the Bargaining Unit President or designate of all employees to be interviewed prior to the interview.
- C-3 The Employer will pay the Bargaining Unit President, or when the Bargaining Unit President is absent due to vacation or Leave of Absence, a designate at her/his regular straight time hourly rate for all time spent attending meetings with the Employer outside her/his regularly scheduled hours, to a maximum of four (4) hours per month. Such hours cannot be banked as lieu time.
- C-4 Payment for identified members on days off at HAC Meetings
- The Bargaining Unit President/designate will identify to the Hospital which committee members require payment under article 6.03(e) at each Hospital Association Committee meeting.
- C-5 When a nurse is transferred to a position out of the Bargaining Unit under Article 10.10, the Bargaining Unit President will be notified of the following:
- (a) the name and home department of the nurse
  - (b) the date on which her/his transfer is effective
  - (c) the date on which she/he returns to the Bargaining Unit.

**ARTICLE D - PAID HOLIDAYS**

D-1 For the purposes of Article 15.01, the following shall be the designated days:

New Year's Day/January 1	Labour Day
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day
Easter Monday	Remembrance Day/November 11
Victoria Day	Christmas Day/December 25
Canada Day/July 1	Boxing Day/December 26
Civic Holiday	3rd Monday in February – Family Day

D-2 Where a full-time employee is entitled to a lieu day under Article 15.04 or 15.05, such day may be taken at a mutually agreeable time within thirty (30) days prior to or ninety (90) days following the holiday. If there is no agreement within such period, payment shall be made in accordance with Article 15.03. The Director of Nursing or designate will respond to all requests for a lieu day, including the use of levelling hours for lieu days, within seven (7) days following receipt of such written request and where at least fourteen (14) days advance notice as been provided.

Under no circumstances can such employee carry over any lieu day beyond January 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year.

D-3 A tour that begins or ends during the twenty-four (24) hour period of the paid holidays, where the majority of hours worked falls within the holiday, shall be deemed to be work performed on the holiday for the full period of the tour.

D-4 For part-time employees, the Hospital will endeavour to schedule paid holidays in an equitable manner.

**ARTICLE E - VACATIONS**

E-1 The date for determining vacation entitlement under Article 16.01 shall be the employee's anniversary date of employment. Part-time employees shall be entitled to vacation in accordance with Article 16.01.

E-2 Vacations will not be scheduled for the period from December 15 to January 15. During other periods of the year, the Hospital will grant vacation requests subject to the staffing requirements of the Hospital.

E-3 Vacations may be taken at any time of the year subject to the approval of the Director of Nursing or designate. Vacations shall not be unreasonably withheld.

E-4 Prior to leaving on vacation, employees shall be notified of the date and time on which to report for work following the vacation if the schedule has not been posted for such a date.

E-5 Vacations will be scheduled as follows:

All requests for vacation for the period January 16 - May 31 must be submitted by October 1 of each year and such vacation schedule shall be posted by November 1.

All requests for vacation for the period June 1 - December 14 must be submitted by March 31 of each year and such vacation schedule shall be posted by April 30.

Vacation time will normally be taken with a minimum of one (1) week at a time; however, employees may request up to thirty-seven and one-half (37.5) hours of vacation time in single days or multiples thereof.

In scheduling of vacation requests on or before the specified date for submission, preference for approved vacations will be given to employees in accordance with their seniority. Vacation requests submitted after the specified date for submission will be considered on a first come, first served basis and the Employer will respond to such request within two (2) weeks of receiving such request.

E-6 Part-time employees shall be entitled to vacation without pay based on the length of continuous service.

E-7 Vacation pay for part-time employees will be calculated and paid on a bi-weekly basis.

E-8 Vacation lists for full-time employees shall be separate and distinct from part-time employees. The Hospital will grant vacation requests subject to the staffing requirements of the Hospital.

E-9 Provided that it does not conflict with scheduled vacation for other employees, lieu days (under Articles D-2 or F-1 (b)) can be used in conjunction with vacation time.

## **ARTICLE F - SCHEDULING REGULATIONS**

F-1 Scheduling Provisions for Extended Tours - 11.25 Hour Tours

(a) Tour schedules will be posted at least three (3) weeks in advance and shall cover a eight (8) week period. Copies of schedules will be provided to the Union upon request.

(b) Scheduling Provisions for Extended Tours – 11.25 Hour Tours

Full-time employees, who work seven (7) extended tours on a bi-weekly pay period basis, will bank three and three-quarters (3.75) hours of lieu time for each such period which may be taken at a mutually agreeable time following the accumulation of twenty-two and one half (22.5) hours of lieu time. However, all such lieu time must be completed prior to

December 15th of each year. The Director of Nursing or designate will respond to all requests for lieu time within seven (7) days following receipt of such written request and where at least fourteen (14) days advance notice has been provided.

Effective November 3, 2008, the above article will not apply. At that time, the carry over master schedule will be implemented in accordance with the attached Letter of Understanding.

- (c) Employees will not be required to work more than three (3) consecutive extended tours. Any hours worked on a tour in conjunction with three (3) consecutive extended tours will be paid at the rate of time and one half.
- (d) At least twelve (12) hours will be scheduled off between shifts, at least two (2) consecutive tours will be scheduled off between shift changes and at least forty-eight (48) hours will be scheduled off following two (2) or more consecutive night tours. Unworked paid holidays, or days in lieu for worked paid holidays, may not be included in the two (2) consecutive tours off between shift changes or the forty-eight (48) hours following two (2) or more consecutive nights. A shorter period than two (2) consecutive tours or the forty-eight (48) hours may be agreed upon by mutual consent.
- (e) No split tours will be scheduled.
- (f) Weekend - Full-time

The Hospital shall schedule each full-time employee so as to provide every second weekend off.

A full-time employee will receive premium pay in accordance with Article 14.03 for all hours worked on a second and consecutive weekend, save and except where:

- i) such weekend has been worked by the employee to satisfy specific days off requested by such nurse; or
- ii) such nurse has requested weekend work; or
- iii) such weekend is worked as the result of an exchange of shifts with another employee; or
- iv) when specific nursing units have mutually agreed to do otherwise.

Weekend Part-time

In order to schedule part-time nurses up to commitment on the posted schedule, the Hospital shall schedule each part-time employee so as to provide every second weekend off where possible, but will schedule at least every third weekend off.

A part-time employee will receive premium pay in accordance with Article 14.03 for all hours worked on a third consecutive weekend, save and except where:

- i) such weekend has been worked by the employee to satisfy specific days off requested by such nurse; or
  - ii) such nurse has requested weekend work; or
  - iii) such weekend is worked as the result of an exchange of shifts with another employee; or
  - iv) when specific nursing units have mutually agreed to do otherwise.
- (g) For the purposes of Article F-1 (f), a weekend is defined as a minimum of sixty (60) consecutive hours off work during the period following completion of the Friday day shift until the commencement of the Monday day shift.
- (h) A request by an employee for a change in the posted shift schedule must be submitted in writing and co-signed by the employee willing to make the exchange, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the requested change. Such request is subject to approval by the Hospital and shall not be unreasonably denied. Such exchange shall not in any event result in premium or overtime payment by the Hospital.
- (i) An employee will not be required to change tours of duty more than once during a work week, without mutual agreement.
- (j) If the Hospital should breach the scheduling provisions in Article F-1 (c), (d), or (e), premium pay in accordance with Article 14.03 will be paid to the employee for all hours worked on that shift, except where such work was requested by the nurse.
- (k) Part-time Scheduling
- i) The Hospital agrees to schedule regular part-time employees according to their commitment on the posted schedule in that unit as per Article F-4.
  - ii) Where extra tours become available, they will be offered on the basis of seniority to regular part-time employees provided that no nurse will exceed her commitment as a result of being offered such extra tours where there are regular part-time employees who have not been offered their commitment of shifts.
  - iii) Where all regular part-time employees have been given the opportunity to work up to their committed tours in that pay period, extra tours will then be offered to regular part-time employees on the basis of seniority.

- iv) There is no commitment on the Hospital to offer any of these shifts in this manner to employees where premium payment is required, unless applicable to all part-time employees involved.
  - v) Where no regular part-time employee is willing to perform the available work, the tour will be offered to casual part-time employees on the basis of seniority.
- (l) The employee must request a holiday, levelling hours or time in lieu, in writing, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the requested day where possible. Furthermore, once the time off has been approved, the employee must provide at least twenty-four (24) hours advance notice where the employee cancels the scheduled time off.

F-2 7.5 Hour Tours

If the Hospital wishes to introduce a 7.5 hour tour, the parties will meet to discuss implementation and to negotiate the appropriate scheduling regulations.

F-3 STANDBY

- (a) The Hospital shall endeavour to schedule standby assignments equitably.
- (b) Standby shall be assigned on the schedule at the time of posting.
- (c) The Hospital shall endeavour to equitably distribute standby duty for paid holidays and long weekends on a rotating basis.
- (d) A nurse will not be scheduled for standby on a scheduled day off.

F-4 Regular Part-time Commitment

A regular part-time employee must make the following commitment to be available for work on a regular pre-determined basis as referred to in Article 2.04:

- (a) to be available to work one (1) weekend in two (2);
- (b) to be available to work days and nights;
- (c) to be available to work a minimum of four (4) extended tours, or forty-five (45) hours, in a pay period except over the Christmas/New Year's period; and
- (d) to be available to work as scheduled over the Christmas/New Year's period, subject to Article F-6.

The commitment made by a regular part-time employee and specified herein is not a guarantee that the nurse will be scheduled to work according to this commitment nor is it a restriction on the nurse as to the maximum time worked.

Failure of a regular part-time employee to continue to meet all of the above commitment requirements will result in such employee being classified as a casual employee.

An employee wishing to change her/his employment status from full-time or regular part-time to casual must provide the employer with a minimum of two (2) weeks notice and must do so at the end of a pay period.

F-5 An error in the above mechanism for shift distribution will be remedied by offering the affected nurse a shift as an extra at a mutually agreed time. Such shift will not result in premium pay. The affected nurse working as an extra will not be assigned as a replacement if an absence subsequently arises on that shift which requires a call-in replacement of a regular part-time nurse.

F-6 Christmas/New Year's

Full-time and part-time employees shall be scheduled off work for not less than five (5) consecutive days at either Christmas or New Year's, unless the employee requests otherwise. Once every employee has been granted the five (5) days off, and staffing availability has been secured, the Hospital will endeavour to schedule seven (7) consecutive days off to nurses who have made a request for such days off, granting will be done in order of seniority.

Time off at Christmas shall include the day tour on December 24, December 25 and the day tour on December 26 and time off at New Year's shall include the day tour on December 31, January 1 and the day tour on January 2.

Requests for time off during the Christmas/New Year's period shall be submitted by October 15 and the shift schedule shall be posted by November 15. The Hospital will schedule employees alternate Christmas and New Year's time off on a yearly basis unless the nurse requests otherwise.

In the event that nurses can be granted both Christmas and New Year's Day off the most senior nurse shall be given the opportunity to take both off.

The scheduling provisions found in Article F-1 may be waived between December 15 and January 15 to provide for Christmas and New Year's scheduling.

Notwithstanding the above, the Hospital will not schedule any member for more than four (4) consecutive days of work and will endeavour to schedule no more than two (2) consecutive weekends of work or premium pay will apply.

F-7 Introduction and Discontinuance of Extended Tours

(a) Extended tours shall be introduced into any unit when:

- i) eighty percent (80%) of the employees in the unit so indicate by secret ballot; and

- ii) the Hospital agrees to implement extended tours, such agreement shall not be withheld in an unreasonably arbitrary manner.
- (b) Extended tours may be discontinued in any unit when:
  - i) sixty percent (60%) of the nurses in the unit so indicate by secret ballot; or
  - ii) the Hospital because of:
    - A) adverse affects on patient care;
    - B) inability to provide a workable staffing schedule, states its intention to discontinue extended tours; or
  - iii) the Hospital wishes to do so for other reasons which are neither unreasonable nor arbitrary.
- (c) When notice of discontinuation is given by either party in accordance with paragraph (b) above:
  - i) the parties shall meet, within two (2) weeks of the giving of notice, to review the request for discontinuation; and
  - ii) where it is determined that extended tours will be discontinued, affected employees shall be given sixty (60) days notice before the schedules are so amended.

F-8 For the purposes of shift premium, Article 14.10:

- (a) afternoon shift hours will be 1500 - 2300.
- (b) night shift hours will be 2300 - 0700.

F-9 Daylight Saving Time

Actual hours worked on change over to/from Daylight Saving Time will be the hours paid to the employee.

F-10 In accordance with Article 14.09 of the central document, where a full-time or regular part-time employee chooses equivalent time off, such time off must be taken at a mutually agreeable time. Banked overtime remaining to the nurses' credit in excess of one hundred and fifty (150) hours shall be paid to the nurse by the Hospital at the end of the three (3) month quarters (June, September, December, March).

Notwithstanding the above, any hours in excess of seventy-five (75) remaining in the lieu time bank at the end of the fiscal year will be paid out on the last pay cheque prior to March 31st of the year.

Employees who have in excess of one hundred and fifty hours (150) hours banked on the date of ratification, will have a six month period to reduce the bank to one hundred and fifty (150) hours.

The Director of Nursing or designate will respond to all requests for lieu time within seven (7) days following receipt of such written request and where at least fourteen (14) days advance notice has been provided.

### **ARTICLE G - SENIORITY**

G-1 The seniority list for employees (as at December 31 and June 30) as provided in Article 10.02 will be provided to the Labour Relations Officer, the Bargaining Unit President and a copy will be posted on the Union's bulletin board space by February 15 and August 15 of each year respectively.

### **ARTICLE H - BULLETIN BOARDS**

H-1 The Hospital will provide a bulletin board for the posting of notices related to Union business.

### **ARTICLE I - LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR UNION BUSINESS**

I-1 Leave of absence for Union business shall be given without pay, provided that:

- (a) adequate notice in writing is given to the Hospital; and
- (b) the employer will allow one (1) employee to be absent at the same time, however, the employer will endeavour to allow two (2) employees to be absent at the same time if so requested.
- (c) A bargaining unit member who is on a scheduled day off on a day that she/he is required to attend Union functions will, if she/he so requests and where possible, be granted an alternate day off without pay at a mutually agreeable time. The original scheduled day off will then be treated as a leave of absence for Union business under 11.02.

I-2 Local Coordinator Leave

The Hospital agrees to grant leaves of absence, without pay, to nurses elected to the position of Local Co-ordinator. Subject to reasonable notice, it is understood and agreed that a Local Co-ordinator shall be granted such leave(s) as she or he may require fulfilling the duties of the position.

### **ARTICLE J - PAYROLL DEPOSIT**

J-1 An employee's earnings will be deposited by the Hospital in its account at the financial institution by 0900 hours on Friday of the pay week. An employee's pay

stub (an itemized statement) will be distributed to each employee on Friday of the pay week.

#### **ARTICLE K - PRE-PAID LEAVE PLAN**

K-1 One (1) employee may be absent from the Hospital on pre-paid leave at any one time.

#### **ARTICLE L - JOB SHARING**

L-1 If the Hospital agrees to a job sharing arrangement pursuant to Article 20.01 of the Central Agreement, the following conditions shall apply unless otherwise agreed by the parties:

- (a) Job sharing requests with regard to full-time positions shall be considered on an individual basis.
- (b) Total hours worked by the job sharers shall equal one (1) full-time position. The division of these hours on the schedule shall be determined by mutual agreement between the two (2) employees and the Supervisor of the Unit.
- (c) The above schedules shall conform with the full-time scheduling provisions of the collective agreement.
- (d) Each job sharer may exchange shifts with her/his partner, as well as with other employees as provided by the Collective Agreement.
- (e) The job sharers involved will have the right to determine which partner works on scheduled paid holidays and job sharers shall only be required to work the number of paid holidays that a full-time employee would be required to work.
- (f) Coverage:
  - i) It is expected that both job sharers will cover each other's incidental illnesses. If, because of unavoidable circumstances, one cannot cover the other, the Supervisor must be notified to book coverage. Job sharers are not required to cover their partner in the case of prolonged or extended absences.
  - ii) Vacation, Maternity Leave and other leaves pursuant to Article 11 of the Central Agreement:

In the event that one member of the job-sharing arrangement goes on any of the above leaves of absence, the coverage will be negotiated with the unit supervisor, but it is hoped that the remaining member of the position would be prepared to cover the leave of absence as much as possible.

Implementation:

- (g) Where the job-sharing arrangement arises out of the filling of a vacant full-time position, both job-sharing positions will be posted and selection will be based on the criteria set out in the Collective Agreement.
- (h) Any incumbent full-time employee wishing to share her/his position may do so without having her/his half of the position posted. The other half of the job-sharing position will be posted and selection will be made on the criteria set out in the Collective Agreement.
- (i) If one of the job sharers leaves the arrangement, her/his position will be posted. If there is no successful applicant to the position, the shared position must revert to a full-time position. The remaining employee will have the option of continuing the full-time position or reverting to a part-time position for which she/he is qualified. If she/he does not continue full-time, the position must be posted as a full-time position in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

Discontinuation:

Either party may discontinue the job-sharing arrangement with ninety (90) days notice. Upon receipt of such notice, a meeting shall be held between the parties within fifteen (15) days to discuss the discontinuation. It is understood and agreed that such discontinuation shall not be unreasonable or arbitrary.

**ARTICLE M – WORKPLACE SAFETY AND INSURANCE BOARD/MODIFIED WORK PROGRAM**

- M-1
  - (a) The Hospital will notify the President (Contact Person) of the Local Nurses' Association of the names of all employees off work due to a work related injury.
  - (b) Prior to any employee returning to work on a modified work programme, the Hospital will notify and meet with the employee, a member of the local executive and a staff representative of the Ontario Nurses' Association, to discuss the circumstances surrounding the employee's return to suitable work.
  - (c) The Hospital agrees to provide the employee with a copy of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) Form 7 at the same time as it is sent to the Board.

M-2 Modified Work/Return to Work Programs

The Hospital and the Union recognize the purpose of modified work/return to work programs, is to provide fair and consistent practices for accommodating nurses who have been ill, injured or permanently disabled, to enable their early and safe return to work.

The parties undertake to provide safe and meaningful employment for both permanently or temporarily disabled nurses based on the following principles:

1. A nurse has the right to employment following an injury or illness if the Employee is able to perform either the essential duties of their pre-injury/illness job or any other suitable modified work.
2. A nurse participating in this program will be paid the applicable hourly rate in accordance with the Collective Agreement.
3. A nurse with a disability has the right to have the work or workplace modified to accommodate their needs in order to facilitate an early and safe return to work to their pre-injury/illness job or other suitable work.
4. A nurse with a disability, whose pre-injury/illness job cannot be accommodated to allow them to perform the essential duties of that particular job, shall be offered alternative suitable work. Every reasonable attempt will be made to offer alternative work that is comparable in nature and salary to the pre-injury/illness employment.
5. In order to return a worker with a disability to her/his pre-injury/illness job, appropriate accommodation may include, but is not limited to modifications to the job or work station, reorganization of the work, provision of additional staff and/or retraining of the worker in order to perform the essential duties of the pre-injury/illness job or alternative suitable work.

## **ARTICLE N - MISCELLANEOUS**

N-1 The Hospital will continue its policy of providing free parking for the employees and access to free electrical plug-in outlets (during the months of December through to March) for the employees.

Prior to any change in this rate to reflect changes in the costs of providing parking services, the proposed changes will be discussed at the Hospital/Union Committee. In the event the Hospital changes the rate, the Union has the right to grieve.

N-2 **Notification to Unsuccessful Job Applicants**

The parties agree that any unsuccessful candidate for an ONA job posting will be notified, in writing, within one (1) week of the decision being made and prior to the posting of the name of the successful candidate.

The parties further agree that the above notification will be copied to the ONA bargaining unit president.

**ARTICLE O – VIOLENCE IN THE WORKPLACE**

O-1

1. Definition of Violence

The Hospital agrees that no form of verbal, physical, sexual, racial or other abuse of employees will be condoned in the workplace.

2. Violence Policies and Procedures

The Employer agrees to have in place explicit policies and procedures to deal with violence. The policy will address the prevention of violence, the management of violent situations, provision of legal counsel and support to employees who have faced violence. The policies and procedures shall be part of the employee's health and safety policy and written copies shall be provided to each employee. Prior to implementing any changes to these policies, the employer agrees to consult with the Union.

3. Notification to the Union

The Hospital, with the nurse's consent, will inform the Union within three (3) days of any nurse who has been assaulted while performing her/his work. Such information shall be submitted, in writing, to the Union as soon as possible.

4. Function of Joint Health and Safety Committee

All incidents involving aggression or violence shall be brought to the attention of the Joint Health and Safety Committee. The Employer agrees that the Joint Health and Safety Committee shall concern itself with all matters relating to violence to staff.

5. Staffing levels to deal with Potential Violence

The Employer agrees that, where there is a risk of violence, an adequate level of trained employees should be present.

6. Training

The Employer agrees to provide training and information on the prevention of violence to all employees who come into contact with potentially aggressive persons. This training will be done during a new employee's orientation and updated on an annual basis for all employees.

7. Support and Counselling

The Employer and the Union recognize that, where preventative measures have failed to prevent violent incidents, counselling and support must be available to help victims recover from such incidents.

8. Damage to Personal Property

The Hospital will consider requests for reimbursement for damages incurred to the nurse's personal property, such as eyeglasses, ripped uniforms, personal clothing, as a result of being assaulted while performing his/her work.

**ARTICLE P – BENEFITS**

P-1 Voluntary Part time Benefits - Process for payment

The Employer agrees to provide part-time nurses with the option of voluntary participation in all of the group health and welfare benefit programs set out in Article 17. It is understood and agreed that the part-time nurses who participate will assume the monthly premiums.

Any part time nurse who wishes to participate will provide payment of the benefits either through post-dated cheques provided on a yearly basis or through a preauthorized withdrawal process.

It is understood that any transaction would be dated the first of each and every month.

The Employer will notify the Union of the benefit costs to part time nurses in January of each year, and each time the benefit costs are renegotiated by the Employer.

P-2 Retiree Benefits – Process for payment

Any bargaining unit nurse who retires and wishes to participate in the benefit plans as outlined in article 17.01(h) will provide advance payment of the benefits either through post-dated cheques provided on a yearly basis or through a preauthorized withdrawal process.

It is understood that any transaction would be dated the first of each and every month.

The Employer will notify the Union of the benefit costs to retired nurses in January of each year, and each time the benefit costs are renegotiated by the Employer.

DATED AT SMOOTH ROCK FALLS, ONTARIO THIS 20 DAY OF December, 2011.

FOR THE UNION

  
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Labour Relations Officer

  
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**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING**

Between:

**SMOOTH ROCK FALLS HOSPITAL  
(the Employer)**

And:

**ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION  
(the Union)**

**RE: Four (4) Hour Tours**

1. Where a regular part-time employee is scheduled to work a four (4) hour tour, the following portions of Article F apply (F-1 (a), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j) and (k), F-4 and F-7) except as amended by the following:
  - (a) During a pay period when regular part-time employees are scheduled on four (4) hour tours and an extended tour become available, such extended tour will be offered to the most senior regular part-time employee who has not reached her/his commitment.
  - (b) Where extended tours become available after the posting of the schedule, such extended tours will be offered to the most senior regular part-time employee until all regular part-time employees have reached their commitment. Following this, such extended tours will be offered to regular part-time employees on the basis of seniority, whether or not they are scheduled on four (4) hour tours.
  - (c) Where no regular part-time employee is willing to perform the available work, the tour will be offered to casual part-time employees on the basis of seniority.
  - (d) There is no commitment on the Hospital to offer any tours in this manner where premium payment is required, unless applicable to all part-time employees involved.
2. If the staffing pattern in the emergency department changes, the parties shall meet to discuss the staffing of that department and the need for continuing four (4) hour tours.

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Letter of Understanding  
Four (4) Hour Tours

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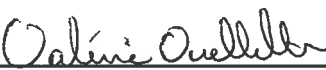
3. The Hospital does not currently expect that there will be a need to introduce four (4) hour tours elsewhere in the Hospital. The parties agree that, should there be a need to consider the introduction of four (4) hour tours elsewhere in the Hospital, the parties shall meet to discuss the rationale of this and to discuss the implementation of this.

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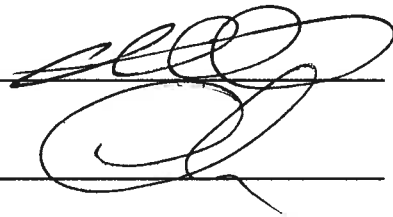
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Between:

**SMOOTH ROCK FALLS HOSPITAL  
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And:

**ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION  
(the Union)**

RE: Meal and Relief Periods

The parties agree that for the purposes of Article 13.02, the following shall apply:



1. On the day shift tour, unpaid meal breaks will normally fall between 1130 and 1330 hours (for the lunch break) and 1700 and 1815 hours (for the supper break).  
  
On the night shift tour, unpaid meal breaks will normally fall between 2330 and 0100 hours (for the first break) and 0400 and 0500 hours (for the second break).
2. The Hospital will take reasonably practical means to ensure that nurses receive their meal breaks during the appropriate time periods and that nurses are permitted to leave the Hospital during such meal breaks.

DATED AT SMOOTH ROCK FALLS, ONTARIO THIS 20 DAY OF December, 2011.


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**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING**

Between:

**SMOOTH ROCK FALLS HOSPITAL  
(the Employer)**

And:

**ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION  
(the Union)**

RE: Scheduling Provisions for Extended Tours – 11.25 Hour Tours

The parties agree that the current practice of scheduling employees for seven (7) extended tours bi-weekly will not be changed without consultation with and the agreement of the Union. Such agreement will not be unreasonably withheld.


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**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING**

Between:

**SMOOTH ROCK FALLS HOSPITAL  
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And:

**ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION  
(the Union)**

RE: Carry Over Schedule

The parties have agreed to the implementation of a carry over schedule as follows:

1. Effective November 3, 2008, Article F-1 (b) of both the RN and RPN Collective Agreements will cease to apply and the carry over schedule will be implemented.
2. The initial schedule will be posted no later than October 10, 2008.
3. Prior to this date, each nurse will be given the opportunity to select a line on the master rotation. This selection will take place according to seniority.
4. There will be a trial period consisting of three (3) rotations of the master schedule. The parties will meet no later than March 20th to discuss any problems or propose any amendments to the master schedule.
5. The master schedule will not be changed without consent of the Union.
6. A copy of the master schedule as agreed is attached as part of this letter of understanding.


DATED AT SMOOTH ROCK FALLS, ONTARIO THIS 20 DAY OF December, 2011.


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