

**COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN:

**CASE MANOR CARE COMMUNITY  
SIENNA SENIOR LIVING**  
(Hereinafter referred to as the "Employer")

AND:

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

Note: Throughout the Collective Agreement, local issues have been indicated with italics.

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## **ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE**

- 1.01 The general purpose of this Agreement is to establish mutually satisfactory employment relations between the Employer and the employees covered by this Agreement. It provides the means for prompt settlement of grievances and establishes salaries, hours of work and other conditions of employment.
- 1.02 It is recognized that the parties wish to work together to secure the best possible nursing care and health protection for residents.
- 1.03 The Employer undertakes that he will not enter into any other agreement or contract with those employees for whom the Union has bargaining rights either individually or collectively which will conflict with any of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 1.04 The Employer agrees to abide by the *Ontario Human Rights Code* as it applies to this collective agreement in its entirety.

## **ARTICLE 2 – SCOPE & DEFINITIONS**

- 2.01 *The Employer recognizes the Ontario Nurses' Association as the bargaining agent of all Registered Practical Nurses employed in a nursing capacity at Case Manor Care Community - Sienna Senior Living in the Town of Bobcaygeon, save and except the Assistant Director of Care and persons above the rank of Assistant Director of Care.*
- 2.02 (a) A full-time employee shall mean an employee covered by this Agreement who is committed to and is regularly scheduled for and regularly works the full work period of *75 hours bi-weekly*.
- (b) A regular part-time employee is one who is committed to and is regularly scheduled for and regularly works less than 75 hours bi-weekly.
- (c) A casual part-time employee means an employee who is called to work on a call in basis, but who does not work a regular schedule, or does so only for a specified period. Such employee has the option of refusing work when it is made available to her, however, it is also understood that a casual part-time employee cannot unreasonably or consistently refuse to work shifts and cannot make themselves unavailable during the months of July, August or December without written agreement from the employer.
- 2.03 Whenever the feminine pronoun is used in this agreement, it includes the masculine pronoun, and non-binary pronoun, where the context so requires and vice-versa. Where the singular is used, it may also be deemed to mean the plural and vice-versa.
- 2.04 Work of the Bargaining Unit
- (a) The Employer shall not contract out the work normally performed by members of this bargaining unit except:
- i) for purposes of instruction,

- ii) in the event of an emergency situation,
  - iii) when performing developmental or experimental work, or
  - iv) when regular employees are not available due to an employee not reporting for work as scheduled or not being available for work.
- (b) Reassignment to other employees of work normally performed by members of the bargaining unit shall not result in the termination, lay-off or reduction in hours of any member of the bargaining unit. It is understood that reassignment of duties normally performed by RPN's to RN's and vice versa (when staff within the bargaining unit are not available to work) shall not constitute a violation of this provision.
- (c) When it is decided to not fill a position following an employee's resignation, the Home will provide the rationale in writing for this decision to the Union. The Union may request a meeting to make representations on this matter.

#### 2.05 Minimum Staffing

The Employer agrees to employ sufficient registered staff and health care aides/ Personal Support Workers to meet the staffing needs that may be set from time to time by statute and/or regulation. In the event that there is insufficient staffing to meet this undertaking, the Employer will post vacancies so that any unmet care undertaking will be satisfied.

2.06 For purposes of this agreement and the benefits contained herein, including insurance coverage, dependent coverage is available to the employee to cover her or his same sex partner and their dependents, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the plans.

2.07 A nurse who holds a Temporary Class Certificate of Registration issued by the College of Nurses of Ontario must obtain their General Class Certificate of Registration prior to the expiry of their Temporary Class Certificate. If the nurse fails to obtain their General Class Certificate of Registration prior to the expiry of their Temporary Class Certificate of Registration they may be placed on an unpaid leave of absence, otherwise they will be deemed to be not qualified for the position of registered practical nurse and they may be terminated from the employ of the Home. Such termination shall not be the subject of a grievance or arbitration subject to the provisions of the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.

A nurse who holds a Temporary Class Certificate of Registration will be classified, for purposes of salary, at the start level of the appropriate wage grid.

2.08 All references to officers, representatives and committee members of the Union in this Agreement shall be deemed to mean officers, representatives and committee members of the bargaining unit who are employed by the Employer.

2.09 A registered practical nurse is a nurse who holds a Certificate of Registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario in accordance with the Regulated Health Professions Act, and the Nursing Act.

2.10 The terms "regular pay" and "straight time pay" when used in this Agreement shall mean the amounts indicated in the wage classifications contained in Schedule "A".

- 2.11 The word “Employee” when used throughout this Agreement shall mean a person included in the above described Bargaining Unit.

### **ARTICLE 3 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

- 3.01 The Union acknowledges that all management rights and prerogatives are vested exclusively with the Employer and without limiting the generality of the foregoing; it is the exclusive function of the Employer:
- (a) To determine and establish standards and procedures for the care, welfare, safety and comfort of the residents in the facility.
  - (b) To maintain order, discipline and efficiency and in connection therewith to establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations.
  - (c) To hire, transfer, lay-off, schedule, recall, promote, demote, classify, assign duties, discharge, suspend or otherwise discipline employees for just cause, provided that a claim of discriminatory transfer, promotion, demotion of classification or a claim that an employee has been discharged or disciplined without just cause, may be the subject of a grievance and dealt with as hereinafter provided.
  - (d) To have the right to plan, direct, and control the work and direction of employees and the operation of the facility. This includes the right to introduce new and improved methods, facilities, equipment and to control the amount of supervision necessary, work schedules, the combining or splitting up of departments, and the increases or reduction of personnel in a particular area or on the whole.
- 3.02 The Employer will exercise these rights in a manner consistent with the Collective Agreement and apply the provisions of the Collective Agreement in a reasonable manner.

### **ARTICLE 4 – RELATIONSHIP**

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.

- 4.01 The Employer and the Union agree that there will be no discrimination, interference, intimidation, restriction or coercion exercised or practised by any of their representatives with respect to any employee because of her membership or non-membership in the Union or activity or lack of activity on behalf of the Union or by reason of exercising her rights under the collective agreement.
- 4.02 There shall be no discrimination on the part of the Employer, the Union or any employees covered by this Agreement by reason of race, creed, colour, ethnic origin, marital status, family status, sex, citizenship, ancestry, sexual orientation, disability, place of origin, residence, age, political or religious affiliation or other

factors not pertinent to performance with respect to employment, placement, promotion, salary determination or other terms of employment.

The employee rights set out above shall be interpreted within the context of the Ontario Human Rights Code.

- 4.03 The Union and the Employer agree to abide by the Ontario Human Rights Code.
- 4.04 "Harassment" means engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome". ref: *Ontario Human Rights Code, Sec. 10 (1)*

- (a) "Every person who is an employee has a right to freedom from harassment in the workplace by the Home or agent of the Home or by another employee because of race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, age, record of offences, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, family status or disability" ref: Ontario Human Rights Code.
- (b) "Every person who is an employee has a right to freedom from harassment in the workplace because of sex by their employer or agent of the employer or by another employee," [ref: Ontario Human Rights Code, Sec. 7 (2)]
- (c) Every person who is an employee has a right to freedom from workplace harassment in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety Act, Sec. 1 (1).

"Workplace Harassment" means engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct against a worker in a workplace that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome". Ref: Occupational Health and Safety Act, Sec. 1 (1).

The employee rights set out above shall be interpreted within the context of the Ontario Human Rights Code.

An employee who believes that they have been harassed, contrary to this provision shall be encouraged by both parties to follow the Employer's policy on harassment and process. Failing resolution, an employee may follow the process set out in the Complaint, Grievance and Arbitration procedure in Article 8 of the Collective Agreement. The employee shall be encouraged by both parties to exhaust these processes prior to filing a complaint with the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

- 4.05 The parties are committed to promoting workplace diversity and inclusion. The parties are committed to a workplace that is inclusive of diverse communities, including but not limited to Black, Indigenous, People of Colour (BIPOC) and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and/or Agender, Two-Spirited and the countless affirmative ways in which people choose to self-identify (LGBTQIA2+).

The parties agree diversity and inclusion is an appropriate discussion for Labour Management. The Labour Management Committee will discuss initiatives and programs for the workplace to promote an environment that encourages, supports, and celebrates equity, diversity and inclusivity for staff.

#### 4.06 Return to Work

- (a) The parties recognize the duty of reasonable accommodation for individuals under the Human Rights Code of Ontario and agree that this Collective Agreement will be interpreted in such a way as to permit the Employer and the Union to discharge that duty. To that end, the Home and the Union agree to cooperate in complying with the Ontario Human Rights Code.
- (b) The Home and the Union agree to ongoing and timely communication by all participants. For the purposes of expediting communication the Home and the Union agree that participants will use electronic communication where available.
- (c) If an employee becomes disabled, including WSIB, with the result that she is unable to perform the regular functions of her position, the Employer may determine a special classification and salary, with the hope of providing an opportunity for continued employment.

Positions established under this article will not constitute new classifications and shall lapse upon the termination, resignation, or retirement of the employee in question.

- (d) Prior to any disabled employee returning to work from a disability including WSIB to a modified/light/alternate work program, the Employer will notify and meet with members of the bargaining unit executive to consult on a back to work program for the worker. Any agreement resulting from these discussions which conflicts with the collective agreement shall, subject to agreement by the Union, prevail over any provision of this agreement in the event of a conflict.

Nothing in this language obligates the Employer to establish a modified/light/alternative work program, except as required by law.

#### 4.07 Whistle Blowing Protection

The employer agrees to adhere to the whistle blowing protection pursuant to the *Long-Term Care Homes Act (LTCHA)*.

### **ARTICLE 5 – NO STRIKES OR LOCKOUTS**

- 5.01 The Union agrees there will be no strikes and the Employer agrees there will be no lockouts during the term of this Agreement. The term "strike" and "lockout" shall bear the meaning given them in the Ontario Labour Relations Act, as amended.

## **ARTICLE 6 – UNION COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

6.01 The Employer will recognize the following:

- (a) *Two (2)* employee representatives. Upon mutual agreement of the parties, the number may be altered from time to time.

Where an employee representative commences on an extended leave of absence, the Union will endeavour to find a temporary replacement for the employee representative from within the Home.

- (b) A Grievance Committee of *two (2)* employees.

- (c) A Negotiating Committee of *two (2)* employees.

- (d) A Union-Management Committee composed of an equal number of representatives of the Employer and the Union. Meetings of this Committee shall be held at the request of either party, but no more than once quarterly, unless required pursuant to Article 19.01, or more frequently as otherwise mutually agreed. The purpose of this Committee shall be to discuss matters relating to workload, scheduling matters, job content, education opportunities, government initiatives that will impact the bargaining unit, and other matters of mutual concern. Minutes of these meetings shall be maintained and signed by both parties. The role of Chairperson shall rotate between the parties.

As part of the above Committee's agenda, the parties agree to the following related to education:

- i) The purpose of the Committee is to promote an environment that supports continuous learning and enhances opportunities for career development.
- ii) The Committee will assist in the assessment, analysis, development and evaluation of the education programs at the facility.
- iii) The Committee will post the minutes of meetings related to educational matters including the opportunities available for continuous learning.
- (e) All joint Employer Union meetings noted above shall be scheduled where practical, during the employee's working hours. The Employer will provide replacement staff where operationally required.
- (f) Where an ONA representative has a conflict of interest representing a member, she/he will ensure that an alternate ONA representative is available.

6.02 The Union will supply the Employer with the names of its representatives and any changes thereto.

6.03 The committees shall have the right to have the assistance of representatives or consultants from or acting on behalf of the Ontario Nurses' Association.



- 6.04 (a) The Employer shall pay representatives and Committee members their respective salaries for all time lost from regularly scheduled hours investigating and/or processing grievances, up to but not including the arbitration stage, negotiating the Collective Agreement and renewals thereof, up to and including conciliation, and while attending meetings with the Employer. Notwithstanding the definition of the first shift of the day, employees on the night shift preceding or the evening and night shift on the actual day of the negotiation meeting shall receive paid time off.
- (b) It is agreed that members of the Grievance Committee may require a reasonably brief period of time during the day to fulfill their duties as Committee members as set out in a) above. However, it is further agreed that members of the Grievance Committee have their regular duties and responsibilities to perform for the Employer and shall not leave their regular duties without first obtaining permission from their immediate supervisor or designate. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld. Where possible, all union activities shall be conducted on the employees own time.

6.05 The Employer shall advise a Union Representative of all new hires and agrees that a Union representative shall be given the opportunity of interviewing each newly hired employee, for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes, and as early as practical during the probation period, for the purposes of advising such employees of their rights and obligations under the terms of this Agreement, and the Union may provide membership forms at this meeting.

Where the Labour Relations Officer is the designated Union representative, the Employer shall advise the Labour Relations Officer and arrange a time for the interview.

6.06 Health & Safety

- (a) The Employer and the Union agree that they mutually desire to maintain standards of safety and health in the Home, in order to prevent injury and illness and abide by the Occupational Health and Safety Act as amended from time to time.
- (b) A joint management and employee health and safety committee shall be constituted in accordance with the Act, which shall identify potential dangers, recommend means of improving the health and safety programs and obtaining information from the Employer or other persons respecting the identification of hazards and standards. The committee shall meet at least every three months or more frequently if the committee decides.

The Employer agrees to accept as a member of its Joint health and Safety Committee at least one (1) ONA representative selected or appointed by the union from the Employer.

Scheduled time spent in such meetings is to be considered time worked for which representative(s) shall be paid by the Employer at his or her regular rate.

Minutes shall be taken of all meetings and copies shall be sent to the Committee members. Minutes of the meetings shall be posted on the workplace health & safety bulletin board.

- (c) The Employer shall provide the time from work with pay and all related tuition costs and expenses necessary to certify the worker representative.

Where an inspector makes an inspection of a workplace under the powers conferred upon him or her under the Occupational Health and Safety Act, the employer shall afford a certified committee member representing workers the opportunity to accompany the inspector during his or her physical inspection of a workplace, or any part or parts thereof. Where a worker certified member is not on-site and available, the Employer shall afford a worker health and safety representative if any, or a worker selected by a Union, because of knowledge, experience and training, to represent it, the opportunity to accompany the inspector during his or her physical inspection of a workplace, or any part or parts thereof.

- (d) Two (2) representatives of the Joint Health and Safety Committee, one (1) from management and one (1) from the employees, shall make monthly inspections of the work place and shall report to the health and safety committee the results of their inspection. The members of the Committee who represent the workers shall designate a member representing workers to inspect the workplace. Where possible that member shall be a certified member. The employer shall provide the member with such information and assistance as the member may require for the purpose of carrying out an inspection of the workplace. Scheduled time spent in all such activities shall be considered as time worked.
- (e) The Joint Health and Safety Committee and the representatives thereof shall have access to Incident/Accident Report Form required in S.51, S.52 and S.53 of the Act and the annual summary of data from the WSIB relating to the number of work accident fatalities, the number of lost workday cases, the number of lost workdays, the number of non-fatal cases that required medical aid without lost workdays, the incidence of occupational injuries, and such other data as the WSIB may decide to disclose. It is understood and agreed that no information will be provided to the Committee which is confidential. This information shall be a standing item recorded in the minutes of each meeting.
- (f) The Union will use its best efforts to obtain the full co-operation of its membership in the compliance of all safety rules and practices.
- (g) The Employer will use its best efforts to make all affected direct care employees aware of residents who have serious infectious diseases. The nature of the disease need not be disclosed. Employees will be made aware of special procedures required of them to deal with these circumstances. The parties agree that all employees are aware of the requirement to practice universal precautions in all circumstances.
- (h) The parties further agree that suitable subjects for discussion at the joint Labour Management Committee will include aggressive residents.

The Employer will review with the Joint Health and Safety Committee written policies to address the management of violent behaviour. Such policies will include but not be limited to:

- i) Designing safe procedures for employees.
- ii) Providing training appropriate to these policies
- iii) Reporting all incidents of workplace violence.

- (i) The Employer shall:
- i) inform employees of any situation relating to their work which may endanger their health and safety, as soon as it learns of the said situation;
  - ii) inform employees regarding the risks relating to their work and provide training and supervision so that employees have the skills and knowledge necessary to safely perform the work assigned to them;
- When faced with occupational health and safety decisions, the Home will not await full scientific or absolute certainty before taking reasonable action(s) including but not limited to, providing reasonably accessible personal protective equipment (PPE) that reduces risk and protects employees.
- iii) The Home will ensure there is an adequate supply of Pandemic PPE. The Home will advise the JHSC the supply of Pandemic PPE on an annual basis and whenever they are required to advise the government.
  - iv) Employees will be fit tested on hire and then on a bi-annual basis or at any other time as required by the Employer, the government of Ontario or any other public health authority.
  - v) The Home will maintain a pandemic plan, inclusive of an organizational risk assessment, that will be shared annually with the JHSC.
  - vi) Ensure that the applicable measures and procedures prescribed in the Occupational Health and Safety Act are carried out in the workplace.
- (j) A worker shall,
- i) work in compliance with the provisions of the Occupational Health and Safety Act and the regulations;
  - ii) use or wear the equipment, protective devices or clothing that the worker's employer requires to be used or worn;
  - iii) report to his or her employer or supervisor the absence of or defect in any equipment or protective device of which the worker is aware and which may endanger himself, herself or another worker; and
  - iv) report to his or her employer or supervisor any contravention of the Occupational Health and Safety Act or the regulations or the existence of any hazard of which he or she knows.

(k) Injured Workers Provisions

At the time an injury occurs, the injured worker's employer shall provide transportation for the worker (if the worker needs it) to a hospital or a physician located within a reasonable distance or to the worker's home. The employer shall pay for the transportation.

(l) Infectious Diseases

The Employer and the Union desire to arrest the spread of infectious diseases in the nursing home.

To achieve this objective, the Joint Health and Safety Committee may review and offer input into infection control programs and protocols including surveillance, outbreak control, isolation, precautions, worker education and training, and personal protective equipment.

The Employer will provide training and ongoing education in communicable disease recognition, use of personal protective equipment, decontamination of equipment, and disposal of hazardous waste.

(m) The Joint Health and Safety Committee will discuss and may recommend appropriate measures to promote health and safety in workplaces, including, but not limited to:

- Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention
- Needle Stick Injury Prevention
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Training designed to ensure competency under the Act for those persons with supervisory responsibilities.
- Employees who regularly work alone or who are isolated in the workplace

(n) The Employer will provide reimbursement for reasonable repair or replacement of damages incurred to the employee's eyeglasses, contact lenses or other prosthesis, ripped uniforms, or personal clothing, as a result of being assaulted when performing their work.

The employee must report the incident by the end of their shift. The employee will present their receipt to the Employer within seven (7) days after the event, unless it was impossible for them to do so during this period. The Employer will reimburse up to a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100) per incident except for eyeglasses, which shall have a maximum reimbursement of three hundred dollars (\$300).

6.07 Violence in the Workplace

(a) The parties agree that violence shall be defined as any incident in which an employee is abused, threatened or assaulted while performing his or her work. The parties agree it includes the application of force, threats with or without weapons and severe verbal abuse. The parties agree that such incidents will not be condoned. Any employee who believes he/she has been subjected to such incident shall report this to a supervisor who will make every reasonable effort to rectify the situation. For purposes of sub-article (a) only, employees as referred to herein shall mean all employees of the Employer notwithstanding Article 2.11.

(b) The Employer agrees to develop formalized policies and procedures in consultation with the Joint Health and Safety Committee to deal with workplace violence. The policies will address the prevention of violence and the management of violent situations and support to employees who have faced workplace violence. These policies and procedures shall be communicated to all employees.

The local parties will consider appropriate measures and procedures in consultation with the Joint Health and Safety Committee to address violence in the workplace, which may include, among other measures and procedures:

- i) Alert employees about a person with a known history of aggressive and responsive behaviours and their known triggers by means of:
    - a) electronic and/or other appropriate flagging systems
    - b) direct verbal communication/alerts (i.e. shift reports)
  - ii) Communicate and provide appropriate training and education;
  - iii) Reporting all incidents of workplace violence,
  - iv) Long-term care home wide violence risk assessments.
- (c) The Employer will report all incidents of violence as defined herein to the Joint Health and Safety Committee for review.
  - (d) 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 as required.
  - (e) Subject to appropriate legislation, and with the employee's consent, the Employer will inform the Union within three (3) days of any employee who has been subjected to violence while performing his/her work. Such information shall be submitted in writing to the Union.

6.08 The parties agree that if incidents involving aggressive client action occur, such action will be reviewed at the Resident Care Conference and reported at the Joint Health and Safety Committee.

Reasonable steps within the control of the Employer will follow to address the legitimate concerns raised regarding the aggressive client action.

6.09 It is recognized that the Labour Relations Officer is the signing authority for any documents which would form part of or amend the Collective Agreement.

6.10 The Union may hold meetings on the Employer's premises providing permission has been first obtained from the Employer.

## **ARTICLE 7 – UNION SECURITY**

7.01 The Employer shall deduct monthly from the pay due to each employee who is covered by this Agreement a sum equal to the monthly Union dues of each such employee. Where an employee has no earnings during the first payroll period, the deduction shall be made in the next payroll period where the employee has

earnings, within that month. The Union shall notify the employer in writing of the amount of such dues from time to time. The Employer will send to the Union its cheque for the dues so deducted in the month following the month in which the dues are deducted. When arrears or adjustments are submitted retroactively, the dues month and an explanation will accompany any such dues.

7.02 The Employer shall provide the Union with a list showing the first and last names and Social Insurance Numbers of all employees from whom deductions have been made. The report will identify the name of the facility and the month from which the dues are remitted. The Employer will also identify job classification (where the bargaining unit includes classifications, employees paid less than RNs) and status (i.e. full-time, part-time) of the employees, all terminations, newly hired employees (including start date, where the existing system allows for the information without cost), and employees on Leaves of Absence. At least once per calendar year, the Employer will provide the Union with a list which includes the addresses, shown on the Employer's personnel records, of all current members of the bargaining unit. The Employer will endeavour to provide information in electronic format if the Employer has the technology.

The Union may forward any questions with respect to individual employees in writing (or e-mail) to the Administrator (or designate). The employer will respond to such requests with any information it has which is readily available, within two weeks.

7.03 The Employer shall provide each employee with a T4 Supplementary slip showing the dues deducted in the previous year for income tax purposes where such information is or becomes readily available through the employer's payroll system.

7.04 The Union shall indemnify and save the Employer harmless with respect to dues so deducted and remitted.

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

8.01 The parties to this agreement believe it is important to adjust complaints and grievances as quickly as possible as provided for herein. The employee or Union shall first discuss any individual complaint informally with the Director of Care or designate at the first opportunity.

8.02 In all steps of this grievance procedure an aggrieved employee, if they so desires may be accompanied by or represented by their Local Union Representative. If a Union Representative is not available, ONA shall appoint a designate as representative. At Step 1 of the grievance procedure a representative of the Ontario Nurses' Association may be present at the request of either party.

8.03 Should any dispute arise between the Employer and an employee, or between the Employer and the Union, as to the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of any of the provisions of this Agreement, the employee or Local Union Representative will bring it to the attention of the immediate supervisor to settle such differences within ten (10) days of the occurrence.

Step No. 1

If further action is to be taken, then within ten (10) days of the discussion, the employee, who may request the assistance of her Local Union Representative and/or Labour Relations Officer, shall submit the written grievance to the Administrator or designate. A meeting will be held between the parties within ten (10) days. The Administrator shall give a written decision within ten (10) days of the meeting to the Bargaining Unit President or her designate with a copy to the Labour Relations Officer.

Step No. 2

Should the Administrator fail to render his decision or failing settlement of any grievance under the foregoing procedure, including any questions as to whether a matter is arbitrable, the grievance may be referred to arbitration by either party. If no written notice of intent to submit the matter for arbitration is received within ten (10) days after the decision under Step No. 1 is received, the grievance shall be deemed to have been settled or abandoned.

8.04 A written grievance will indicate the nature of the grievance and the remedy sought by the grievor. Union grievances shall be set out on the union grievance form. Alternately, the parties may agree to an electronic version of this form and a process for signing.

8.05 Time limits fixed in the grievance and arbitration procedures may be extended only by written, mutual consent of the parties. Should the Employer not respond within the time limit(s) fixed, such failure to respond shall be deemed to be a denial of the grievance. Should a grievance not be submitted within the various time limits specified in this Agreement, unless mutually extended, it shall be considered to have been settled or abandoned.

8.06 Saturday, Sunday and designated paid holidays shall not be counted in determining the time within which any action is to be taken or completed under the grievance procedure.

8.07 Group Grievance

Where a number of employees have identical grievances and each employee would be entitled to grieve separately they may present a group grievance in writing signed by each employee who is grieving to the Administrator or her designate within ten (10) days after the circumstances giving rise to the grievance have occurred or ought reasonably to have come to the attention of the employee(s). The grievance shall then be treated as being initiated at Step No. 1 and the applicable provisions of this Article shall then apply with respect to the processing of such grievance.

8.08 Discharge Grievance

(a) An employee shall only be discharged from the employment for just cause, except that an employee who has not completed the probationary period may be released based on a fair and proper assessment against reasonable standards of performance and suitability. An allegation of action contrary to this clause may be taken up as a grievance. The Home

agrees to provide written reasons within seven (7) calendar days to the affected employee in the case of discharge or suspension.

- (b) Such grievance shall proceed directly to Step No. 1 of the grievance procedure and must be presented in writing, dated and signed within ten (10) days following the discharge.

8.09 (a) If a Local Union Representative is to be reprimanded or disciplined, she may have an employee representative present if she so requests.

- (b) If an employee is to be suspended or discharged, the Employer shall notify her of this right prior to the outset of the meeting.

- (c) The Local Union Representative undertakes to be reasonably available in person or by telephone for such meeting. In extraordinary circumstances when a Local Union Representative is unavailable, the Local Union Representative shall provide an alternate representative.

#### 8.10 Policy Grievance – Union Grievance

The Union may institute a grievance alleging a general misinterpretation or violation of this Agreement by the Employer by submitting a written grievance at Step No. 1 within twenty (20) days after the circumstances have occurred. This section shall not apply to disciplinary grievances or application of competitive clauses under this Agreement.

#### 8.11 Policy Grievance – Employer Grievance

The Employer may institute a grievance alleging a general misinterpretation or violation by the Union or any employee by filing a written grievance with the Bargaining Unit President, with a copy to the Labour Relations Officer within twenty (20) days after the circumstances have occurred. A meeting will be held between the parties within ten (10) days. The Union shall reply within ten (10) days after the meeting, and failing settlement, the matter may be referred to arbitration.

8.12 (a) Where a difference arises between the parties relating to the interpretation, application or administration of this Agreement, including any questions as to whether a matter is arbitrable, or where an allegation is made that this Agreement has been violated, either of the parties may, after exhausting the grievance procedure established by this Agreement, notify the other party in writing of its decision to submit the difference or allegation to arbitration, and the notice shall contain the name of the first party's appointee to an Arbitration Board. The recipient of the notice shall, within ten (10) days, inform the other party of the name of its appointee to the Arbitration Board. The two appointees so selected shall within ten (10) days of the appointment of the second of them, appoint a third person who shall be the Chairperson. If the recipient of the notice fails to appoint a nominee, or if the two nominees fail to agree upon a Chairperson within the time limit, the appointment shall be made by the Minister of Labour for Ontario upon the request of either party.

- (b) Within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of notice referred to in Article 8.12(a) above, either party may require a process for a sole arbitrator where the grievance concerns:



- i) a job posting
- ii) a short term layoff
- iii) responsibility pay, premiums, overtime and call-in pay
- iv) entitlement to leave
- v) scheduling issues
- vi) any other grievance as mutually agreed.

All references in Article 8 to an Arbitration Board shall be taken to include a sole arbitrator.

Once appointed the sole arbitrator shall have the power to mediate/arbitrate the grievance, including the power to impose a settlement in accordance with Article 8.17.

The parties agree that, where an informal process is initiated, presentations proceeding under this dispute resolution mechanism shall include a comprehensive opening statement and thereafter, shall be as short and concise as possible. The parties agree to make limited reference to authorities during such submissions.

Article 8.20 will apply to this Article, except where specifically modified by this Article.

- 8.13 The Arbitration Board shall hear and determine the difference or allegation and shall issue a decision and the decision is final and binding upon the parties and upon any employee affected by it.
- 8.14 The decision of a majority is the decision of the Arbitration Board, but if there is no majority the decision of the Chairperson shall govern.
- 8.15 No person may be appointed as an arbitrator who has been involved in an attempt to negotiate or settle the particular grievance concerned.
- 8.16 The Board of Arbitration shall have authority only to settle disputes under the terms of this Agreement and only to interpret and apply this Agreement. The Board of Arbitration may make such decision as it may, in the circumstances, deem just and equitable and may vary or set aside any penalty or discipline imposed by the Employer relating to the grievance in question.
- 8.17 The Board of Arbitration shall have no power to alter, add to, subtract from, modify or amend this Agreement in order to give any decision inconsistent with it.
- 8.18 Each of the parties shall pay its own expenses including pay for witnesses and the expense of its own nominee and one-half of the expenses and fees of the Chairperson.
- 8.19 The parties may agree that there are circumstances where the services of a grievance mediator may allow for an objective, independent review of the issue(s) in dispute and assist the parties in resolving grievances.

By mutual agreement the parties may extend the time limits and utilize the services of a Mediator.

The cost of the Mediator will be shared between the parties.

- 8.20 The parties may, by written agreement, substitute a sole Arbitrator for the Board of Arbitration and the Arbitrator shall possess the same powers and be subject to the same limitations as a Board of Arbitration.
- 8.21 It is understood and agreed that the Union (and not any individual or group of individuals) has carriage of all grievances throughout the grievance and arbitration procedure (save and except the complaint stage prior to Step 1). All agreements reached under the grievance procedure, (save and except those reached at the complaint stage prior to Step 1) between the representatives of the Employer and the representatives of the Union, will be final and binding upon the Employer, Union and employee(s).

### **ARTICLE 9 – SENIORITY AND JOB SECURITY**

- 9.01 (a) Seniority for full time employees shall be defined as the length of continuous service with the home since date of last hire. Seniority dates are subject to the provisions of articles 9.03 – 9.05, 9.17, 9.18, and 11.08 and any other related provision of the Collective Agreement.
- (b) Part-time employees shall accumulate seniority and service on the basis of fifteen hundred (1500) hours paid with the Home since the date of last hire, equals one year of seniority and service subject to Article 9.03-9.05, 9.17, 9.18 and 11.08 and any other related provision of the Collective Agreement
- (c) Subject to the above, seniority is limited to continuous service within the bargaining unit since date of last hire.
- (d) The probationary period shall be:
- i) Four hundred fifty (450) hours worked for full-time employees;
  - ii) Four hundred fifty (450) hours worked or six (6) calendar months, whichever occurs first, for regular part-time employees; and,
  - iii) Four hundred fifty (450) hours worked or eight (8) calendar months, whichever comes first, for casual part-time employees.
  - iv) With the written consent of the Home, the probationary employee and the Bargaining Unit President of the Union or designate, such probationary period may be extended. Where the Home requests an extension of the probationary period, it will provide notice to the Union at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the expected date of expiration of the initial probationary period. It is understood and agreed that any extension to the probationary period will not exceed an additional sixty (60) hours (450 hours) worked and, where requested, the Home will advise the employee and the Union of the basis of such extension with recommendations for the employee's professional development.
  - v) The parties recognize that ongoing feedback about the employee's progress is important to the probationary employee.

9.02 Seniority Lists

A copy of the seniority list will be posted by December 15 and June 15 of each calendar year on designated bulletin boards with a copy forwarded to the Bargaining Unit President. Included in the list shall be a breakdown of total hours paid for part-time employees. All lists will include date of hire. Any errors noted in the seniority list should be noted and the Employer notified within thirty (30) days, after which the list shall be considered final.

9.03 Seniority shall be retained and accumulated when an employee is absent from work under the following conditions.

- (a) when on approved leave of absence with pay;
- (b) when on an approved leave of absence without pay, not exceeding thirty (30) consecutive calendar days;
- (c) generally when absent due to disability including WSIB benefits, LTD benefits including the period of the disability program covered by Employment Insurance or absence due to illness or injury. For part-time employees, accumulation will be based on the employee's normal weekly hours paid over the preceding qualifying twenty-six (26) weeks. A qualifying week is a week where the employee is not absent due to injury or illness that exceeds thirty (30) consecutive calendar days, WSIB, vacation, pregnancy-parental leave, family medical leave or emergency leave.
- (d) In accordance with the *Employment Standards Act*, when on pregnancy/parental leave (currently a maximum of eighteen (18) months), family medical leave (currently a maximum of twenty-eight (28) weeks in a fifty-two week period) or emergency leave (currently three (3) unpaid sick leave days for personal illness, three (3) unpaid family responsibility leave days for family member illness or other urgent matters, and two (2) unpaid bereavement leave days per year).

The union and the Employer agree to abide by the *Human Rights Code*.

9.04 Seniority shall be retained but not accumulated when an employee is absent from work under the following conditions:

- (a) when on an approved leave of absence without pay, not provided for in 9.03(b) above;
- (b) when absent due to layoff for a period of thirty (30) calendar months;
- (c) when in receipt of WSIB as the result of injury or illness incurred while in the employment of the Employer for the period beyond twenty-four (24) months and up to thirty-six (36) months;
- (d) when on illness absence not paid by the employer for a period up to thirty (30) months.

The Union and the Employer agree to abide by the Human Rights Code.

9.05 An employee shall lose all seniority and shall be deemed terminated if she:

- (a) resigns;
- (b) is discharged and not reinstated;
- (c) is absent for three (3) consecutive working days without notifying the Employer unless a satisfactory reason is given;
- (d) is laid off for more than twenty-four (24) calendar months;
- (e) retires;
- (f) when in receipt of WSIB as the result of injury or illness incurred while in the employment of the Employer for the period in excess of thirty-six (36) months, and there is no reasonable likelihood the employee will return to work within the foreseeable future;
- (g) when on illness absence not paid by the employer for a period in excess of thirty-six (36) months, and there is no reasonable likelihood the employee will return to work within the foreseeable future;
- (h) fails upon being notified of a recall to a position of the same employment status held prior to the layoff (other than a temporary or casual part-time position) to signify her intention to return within seven (7) calendar days after she has received the notice of recall mailed by registered mail to the last known address according to the records of the Employer and fails to report to work within fourteen (14) calendar days after she has received the notice of recall or such further period of time as may be agreed by the parties.

The Union and the Employer agree to abide by the Human Rights Code.

- 9.06
- (a) Where a vacancy which is expected to be longer than 60 calendar days, in the bargaining unit, which the Employer intends to fill, or a new position within the bargaining unit is established by the Employer, such vacancy shall be posted in the workplace for a period of ten (10) calendar days. Employees may make written application to their Director of Care or designate for such vacancy within the posting period. Applicants will be considered in accordance with Article 9.08. The name of the successful applicant shall be posted by the Employer. A copy of the job posting shall be placed in the Union mail box as soon as practical following the posting, it being understood that this administrative exercise in no way inhibits the process or completion of the job posting process. In the event the posting is not provided to the Union as noted above; the Union shall request a copy. Should the employer fail to provide after the request, the request may be processed through the grievance process.
  - (b) Subsequent vacancies caused by the filling of an earlier vacancy need only be posted for seven (7) consecutive calendar days.
  - (c) Where an employee will be absent on vacation, she may indicate in writing to her Director of Care or designate her interest in any posting that may

occur during her absence. This written indication will be treated as an application for the posting.

- (d) The Employer may temporarily fill any such vacancy or position while observing the procedure herein set forth until such time as a successful candidate has been chosen.
- (e) The job posting requirements apply, prior to the exercise of recall rights by laid off employees and notwithstanding the existence of layoff notices.

9.07

- (a) Vacancies which are not expected to exceed sixty (60) calendar days may be filled at the discretion of the Employer. In filling such vacancies, consideration shall be given to part-time employees in the bargaining unit on the basis of seniority who are qualified to perform the work in question prior to hiring new employees from outside the Nursing Home. It is understood, however, that where such vacancies occur on short notice, failure to offer part-time employees such work shall not result in any claim for pay for time not worked while proper arrangements are made to fill the vacancy.
- (b) A part-time employee who is awarded a temporary full-time position shall be deemed to retain her part-time status.
- (c) If no internal applicant is qualified to perform the required work, the Employer may fill the vacancy from outside the bargaining unit.
- (d) The employee shall have the right to return to her former position upon return of the employee whose position she is filling.

9.08

In all cases of job postings under Article 9.06 above, the following factors shall be considered:

- (a) qualifications, skill and ability;
- (b) seniority.

Where the factors in (a) are relatively equal, seniority shall govern.

9.09

Notwithstanding the level of entry to practice, the employer will not establish qualifications, or identify them in job postings, in an arbitrary or unreasonable manner.

9.10

So long as a full-time position exists there will be no splitting of that position into two or more part-time positions without the agreement of the Union, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld.

9.11

#### Layoff and Recall

- (a) A layoff of employees shall be made on the basis of the reverse order of seniority, based on an integrated seniority list, since date of last hire. It is understood and agreed that through the bumping procedure the first to be laid off are probationary employees followed by those who work casual part-time shifts. Provided that those staff remaining are prepared and willing to cover the available shifts and meet the staffing requirements of

the home. No agency or new hires will be used when there is an employee on layoff provided that the employees on layoff will meet the staffing requirements of the Home.

- (b) Nurses shall be recalled in the order of their seniority, provided they have the skill and qualifications to do the work required.

Recall to a regular part-time or full-time position shall be in order of seniority. An employee will respond to a registered notice of recall within seven calendar days of receipt of same and shall be available for work within an additional fourteen (14) days unless otherwise agreed.

- (c) The Employer and Union will meet and discuss the layoffs at the earliest opportunity. This discussion will include the service which the Home will undertake after the layoff.

#### 9.12 Notice to Union of Long Term Layoff

In the event of a pending lay-off of a permanent or long-term nature, the Home will:

- (a) Provide the Union with ninety (90) days' notice;
- (b) Meet with the Union to review the following:
  - i) the reasons causing the lay-off;
  - ii) the service which the Home will undertake after the lay-off;
  - iii) the method of implementation, including areas of cutback and the employees to be laid off.
- (c) Notice of layoff shall be given to each affected employee in accordance to the Employment Standards Act for employees with less than 5 years service, for employees over 5 years service they shall receive 90 days notice. Such notice provided to employees is not in addition to the notice provided to the union.

It is understood that permanent or long-term nature means a lay-off which will be longer than thirteen (13) weeks.

- 9.13 Where a full-time employee receives a long-term layoff, she or he shall be entitled to receive, within twelve (12) months of the layoff, and upon the presentation of appropriate receipts, reimbursement of retraining costs up to \$2,500.00. For regular part-time employees the maximum is \$1,500.00 and for casual part-time employees the maximum is \$250.00.

An employee, upon long-term layoff, at her or his own expense, and except for short and long-term sickness and income protection, may continue benefit coverage for a period of twelve months following the layoff by arranging to pay the full premiums, in advance, on a quarterly basis.

- 9.14 No reduction in the hours of work shall take place to prevent or reduce the impact of a lay-off without the consent of the Union, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld when shown to be in the best interests of residents.

9.15 Severance pay will be in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Standards Act.

9.16 Positions Outside the Bargaining Unit

(a) An employee may substitute temporarily in a position outside the bargaining unit for up to fifteen (15) months from the date of the assignment. Bargaining unit employees shall be given the first opportunity to fill the resulting vacancy. The employee shall have the right to return to their bargaining unit position prior to the expiry of the fifteen (15) month period by giving the Employer six (6) weeks' notice. Where an employee is backfilling outside of the bargaining unit for purposes of pregnancy and/or parental leave, the period of time will be extended up to nineteen (19) months from the date of the assignment. An employee will not accrue seniority while in a temporary position under this provision. An employee who remains outside of the bargaining unit beyond the period covered by this article shall lose all seniority. When the employee returns to the bargaining unit, all other employee(s) shall revert to their previous positions.

An employee must remain in the bargaining unit for a period of at least three (3) months before transferring out of the bargaining unit again or they will lose all seniority held at the time of subsequent transfer unless the parties agree otherwise.

(b) An employee who accepts a transfer under (a) above will not be required to pay union dues for any complete calendar month during which no bargaining unit work is performed.

(c) An employee who accepts a permanent position outside of the bargaining unit will lose all seniority held at the time of the transfer.

(d) The Employer will advise the Union of the names of any employees pursuant to Article 9.16 (a) or (b).

9.17 Change of Status

A part-time employee whose status is altered to full-time will be given credit for seniority and service on the basis of fifteen hundred (1500) paid hours being equivalent to one (1) year of full-time seniority and service and vice-versa.

**ARTICLE 10 – EMPLOYEE FILES**

10.01 A copy of any completed formal evaluation which is to be placed in an employee's file shall be first reviewed with the employee. The employee shall initial such evaluation as having been read and shall have the opportunity to add her or his views to such evaluation prior to it being placed in her or his file. It is understood that such evaluations do not constitute disciplinary action by the Employer against the employee.

Having provided a written request to the Director of Care, or her designate, an employee shall be entitled to her personnel file for the purpose of reviewing any

evaluations or formal disciplinary notations contained therein, in the presence of the Director of Care, at a mutually agreeable time.

10.02 The Employer will accommodate reasonable requests for copies of performance appraisals and records of discipline in an employee's file.

10.03 Letters of discipline shall be removed from an employee's file eighteen (18) months following the receipt of such letters provided that the employee's disciplinary record has remained discipline free over the eighteen (18) months period. Leaves of absence in excess of thirty (30) continuous calendar days will not count towards the eighteen (18) months period noted above.

## **ARTICLE 11 – LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### 11.01 Personal Leave of Absence

Director of Care may grant a request for leave of absence for personal reasons without pay provided that he receives at least one (1) month's clear notice, in writing, unless impossible, and provided that such leave may be arranged without undue inconvenience to the normal operations of the Nursing Home. Employees when applying for such leave shall indicate the proposed date of departure and return. Such leave shall not be unreasonably withheld.

### 11.02 Union Leave

#### (a) Local Union Leave

(i) *No more than one (1) bargaining unit employee shall be on leave at any one time.*

(ii) *The Union will give at least four (4) weeks' written notice where practicable.*

(iii) *Replies to request for leaves of absence shall be given within two (2) calendar weeks of receipt of the request.*

(iv) *Provided that such leave may be arranged without undue hardship to the normal operations of the Home.*

(v) *Permission for such leave will not be unreasonably withheld.*

The aggregate total number of days of leave, including Provincial Committee Leave, will not exceed fourteen (14) working days in a calendar year. Additional days may be requested and may be granted at the discretion of the Employer based on operational requirements.

#### (b) Leave of Absence for the President of the Ontario Nurses' Association

An employee who is elected to the office of President of the Ontario Nurses' Association shall be granted upon request leave(s) of absence without loss of seniority and benefits. During such leaves of absence salary and benefits will be kept whole by the Employer and the Union agrees to reimburse the Employer for such salary and Employer contributions to benefits. The



worker agrees to notify the Employer of her intention to return to work within Four (4) weeks following termination of office.

(c) Leave of Absence for Employees Who Serve as Local Coordinators for the Ontario Nurses' Association

An employee who serves as Local Coordinator for the Ontario Nurses' Association shall be granted leave of absence without pay up to a total of thirty-five (35) days annually, subject to the operational requirements of the home. Leave of absence for Local Coordinators for the Ontario Nurses' Association will be separate from the Union leave provided in (a) above.

- (d) The Employer agrees to keep the salary and benefits whole for all employees on Union Leave under clauses (a), (b), and (d) above, and will bill the Union for such salary, as well as nineteen percent (19%) for all pension, vacation, and benefit reimbursement. It is understood that employees accrue seniority and service for all purposes while on these leaves. This clause is subject to any "effect of absence" clause, it being understood that the Union would make any prepayment of premiums under this provision, rather than the employee. It is further understood that should EHT be switched to a premium based financing method there will be no obligation to reimburse the Employer for that cost.

11.03

Professional and Education Leaves

- (a) Leave of absence with pay or without pay may be granted to employees to attend professional and educational meetings, courses, or other events which may be judged beneficial to the employee's professional development, especially as it relates to her responsibilities with the Employer.

(b) Professional and Education Leaves

Where an employee is required by the Employer to attend any training program, course or workshop, the Employer agrees to pay any applicable fee and the Employer agrees to compensate such employees for the time off from regularly scheduled hours missed from work as the result of attending the training program, course or workshop.

- (c) Leave of absence without pay may be granted to employees for up to one (1) academic year to attend further education which may be judged by the employer to be beneficial to the employee's professional development, especially as it relates to her responsibilities with the Employer. This request shall not be unreasonably denied. The employee who is granted such a leave will make a commitment to return to work for a period equal to that of the leave.
- (d) Professional leave without pay will be granted to full-time and regular part-time employees who are elected to or appointed to the College of Nurses or the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario to attend regularly scheduled meetings of the College of Nurses or the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario subject to the following limitations:
- i) No more than one (1) employee may be absent at one time;

- ii) Employees must provide at least thirty (30) calendar days notice in writing;
- iii) Provided that such leave may be arranged without undue inconvenience to the normal operations of the Nursing Home.

## 11.04

Bereavement Leave

- Upon the death of an employee's spouse, spouse to include same sex partner, child or stepchild, an employee shall be granted leave up to a maximum of five (5) continuous calendar days without loss of pay. One of the days of leave shall include the day of the death, funeral or equivalent service. Additional days off with or without pay may be granted by the Employer. Part-time employees will be credited with seniority and service for all such leave.

In the event of a delayed interment or ceremony for reason of religion or other protected grounds under the Ontario Human Rights Code, an employee may save one of the days identified above without loss of pay to attend the interment or ceremony.

- (b) When a death occurs in the immediate family of an employee, the employee shall be granted leave up to a maximum of three (3) continuous calendar days without loss of pay around the date of the death, funeral or equivalent service provided that the employee must be regularly scheduled to work such days to receive pay.
- (c) Immediate family shall be defined as parent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, legal guardian, grandmother, grandfather and grandchildren.
- (d) An employee will not be eligible to receive payment for any period in which she is receiving any other payments. For example, holiday pay or sick pay.

The payment for bereavement leave shall be based on the length of scheduled shift.

- (e) Where it is necessary, with as much notice as possible, the employee may apply for personal leave of absence in addition to bereavement leave. Permission for such leave shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (f) An employee shall be granted one (1) day bereavement leave without loss of pay to attend the funeral, or if there is no funeral, an equivalent service for his or her aunt or uncle, niece or nephew.

## 11.05

Pregnancy and Parental Leave

- (a) Pregnancy/Parenting leave will be granted in accordance with the provisions of the Employment Standards Act, except where amended in this provision.
- (b) If possible the employee shall give written notification at least one (1) month in advance of the date of commencement of such leave and the expected date of return.

- (c) The employee shall reconfirm her intention to return to work on the date originally approved in subsection (b) above by written notification received by the Employer at least four (4) weeks in advance thereof. The employee shall be reinstated to her former position, unless the position has been discontinued in which case she shall be given a comparable job.
- (d) An employee who is on pregnancy leave as provided under this Agreement, who has completed five (5) months of continuous service and has applied for and is in receipt of Employment Insurance pregnancy/parental benefits pursuant to the Employment Insurance Act shall be paid a supplemental employment benefit. That benefit will be equivalent to the difference between seventy-five percent (75%) of her regular weekly earnings (which for part-time employees shall include percentage-in-lieu) and the sum of her weekly Employment Insurance benefits and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following receipt by the Employer of the employee's initial confirmation of Employment Insurance payment (or more frequently where the payment changes) as proof that she is in receipt of Employment Insurance pregnancy/parenting benefits, and shall continue while the employee is in receipt of such benefits for a maximum period of seventeen (17) weeks. The employee will endeavour to provide a copy of the initial confirmation of Employment Insurance payment (or more frequently where the payment changes) within two (2) weeks of receipt of the employee's EI benefit. The employee's regular weekly earnings shall be determined by multiplying her regular hourly rate on her last day worked prior to the commencement of the leave times her normal weekly hours.

The normal weekly hours for an employee working less than seventy-five (75) hours bi-weekly shall be calculated by using the same period used for calculation of the Employment Insurance benefit.

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

- (e) An employee who becomes a parent, and who has been employed for at least thirteen (13) weeks immediately preceding the date the leave begins, shall be entitled to parental leave.
- (f) Parental leave must begin no later than sixty-three (63) weeks after the day the child is born or comes into the custody, care and control of the parent for the first time. For employees on pregnancy leave, parental leave will begin immediately after pregnancy leave expires. Parental leave shall be granted for up to sixty-one (61) weeks in duration if the employee also took pregnancy leave and sixty-three (63) weeks in duration if she did not.
- (g) The employee shall give the Employer two (2) weeks' written notice of the date the leave is to begin unless exempt under the Employment Standards Act. Parental leave ends sixty-one (61) weeks after it began if the employee also took pregnancy leave and sixty-three (63) weeks after it began if the employee did not or on an earlier day if the employee gives the Employer at least four (4) weeks' written notice of that day.

- (h) An employee who is on parenting leave as provided under this Agreement, who has completed five (5) months of continuous service and has applied for and is in receipt of Employment Insurance parental benefits pursuant to the Employment Insurance Act shall be paid a supplemental employment benefit. That benefit will be equivalent to the difference between seventy-five percent (75%) of her/his regular weekly earnings (which for part-time employees shall include percentage-in-lieu) and the sum of her/his weekly Employment Insurance benefits and any other earnings. Such payment shall commence following receipt by the Employer of the employee's initial confirmation of Employment Insurance payment (or more frequently where the payment changes) as proof that she is in receipt of Employment Insurance parental benefits, and shall continue while the employee is in receipt of such benefits for a maximum period of ten (10) weeks. The employee will endeavour to provide a copy of the initial confirmation of Employment Insurance payment (or more frequently where the payment changes) within two (2) weeks of receipt of the employee's EI benefit. The employee's regular weekly earnings shall be determined by multiplying her regular hourly rate on her/his last day worked prior to the commencement of the leave times her normal weekly hours. The normal weekly hours for an employee working less than seventy-five (75) hours bi-weekly shall be calculated by using the same period used for calculation of the Employment Insurance benefit.

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

Where an employee elects to receive parental leave benefits pursuant to Section 12(3)(b)(ii) of the *Employment Insurance Act*, the amount of any Supplemental Unemployment Benefit payable by the Employer will be no greater than would have been payable had the employee elected to receive the parental leave benefit pursuant to Section 12(3)(b)(i) of the *Employment Insurance Act*.

- (i) For the purposes of parental leave, the provisions under (a) and (c) shall also apply.

## 11.06

### Jury and Witness Duty

An employee required to serve on jury duty in any court, or as a witness in a case in which the Crown is a party, or as a witness at an inquest, or as a witness in a case arising out of her employment, or as a witness at a hearing of the College of Nurses of Ontario, shall not lose regular pay because of such attendance, provided that the employee:

- (a) shall notify the Director of Care, as soon as possible, when required to serve under the above circumstances;
- (b) presents proof of service requiring her attendance;

- (c) deposits with the Employer an amount equal to the jury duty attendance fees received by the employee in any above cases but not any expenses paid by the employee and received from the authorities for necessary travel, accommodations and meals;
- (d) will normally come to work during those regularly scheduled hours of the day shift that she is not required to attend court. In the event that an employee is scheduled to the afternoon shift, she shall not be required to attend court and then report for duty the same day; and
- (e) will not be required to work on the night shift prior to such duty. Where the employee's presence is required in court past 1700 hours, she shall not be required to attend work for her night shift commencing later that day.

#### 11.07 Family Medical Leave

The employee and the Employer will continue to pay their respective shares of the benefits premiums.

- (a) Family medical leave will be granted to an employee for up to eight (8) weeks within a twenty-six (26) week period to provide care or support to a family member who is at risk of dying within that 26-week period in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act* which requires a certificate from a qualified medical practitioner.
- (b) An employee who is on family medical leave shall continue to accumulate seniority and service.
- (c) Subject to any changes to the employee's status which would have occurred had he or she not been on family medical leave, the employee shall be reinstated to her former position.
- (d) The Record of Employment (ROE) will be provided immediately following the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) day of such leave.

#### 11.08 Military Leave

An employee will be granted unpaid Military Leave in accordance with the Employment Standards Act. The employee will give as much notice as is reasonably possible and will provide a copy of the Military Notice when received.

#### 11.09 Effect of Absence

Where any leave of absence without pay exceeds thirty (30) continuous calendar days, the following shall apply:

- (a) The Employer shall pay its share of the health and welfare benefits for the calendar month in which the leave commences and in the month immediately following.
- (b) If the leave of absence exceeds thirty (30) consecutive calendar days, benefit coverage may be continued by the employee, provided that she pays the total cost of the premiums to the Employer for each monthly period

in excess of the thirty (30) consecutive calendar days leave of absence except as modified by (a).

- (c) Benefits will accrue from the date of return to employment following such leave of absence.
- (d) The employee's anniversary date for salary increases shall be adjusted by the period of time in excess of the thirty (30) continuous calendar days, and the new anniversary date shall prevail thereafter.
- (e) Seniority, service, vacation credits or any other benefits under any provision of the collective agreement or elsewhere will not accumulate, but will remain fixed at the amount held at the commencement of the leave.
- (f) Notwithstanding the above, the Employer shall continue to pay its share of the premium for the benefit plans for employees who are on paid leave of absence or WSIB, and will continue to pay its share of the premium for the benefit plans in accordance with the Employment Standards Act for employees who are on pregnancy/parental leave (currently a maximum of eighteen (18) months) or family medical leave (currently a maximum of twenty-eight (28) weeks in a fifty-two (52) week period) or emergency leave (currently a maximum of three (3) unpaid sick leave days for personal illness, three (3) unpaid family responsibility leave days for family member illness or urgent matters, and two (2) unpaid bereavement leave days per year). It is understood that the obligation of the employer to pay its share of the health and welfare benefits while an employee is on WSIB shall continue only so long as the employment relationship continues or thirty months, whichever occurs first unless prohibited by legislation.

For purposes of this provision, it is understood and agreed that any absence under Article 14.01 shall be considered a leave with pay.

- (g) It is understood that an employee who chooses to continue benefits under (a), (b) or (f) above shall provide the employer with payment for the amount required on or before the first day of the month in which payment is due.
- (h) Notwithstanding 11.09 (e), when an employee is on an educational leave under Article 11.03 above, she will continue to accumulate seniority for up to one (1) academic year. The employee will have the option of remaining in the benefits plans provided she pays the total cost of such benefit premiums subject to clause (a) above. Seniority for part-time will be based on average over the last twenty-six (26) weeks prior to Leave of Absence.
- (i) In cases of absences for pregnancy and parental leave under the Employment Standards Act, seniority and service shall accrue for the duration of the leave and the Employer will maintain its share of the insured benefit premiums provided the employee issues a cheque to the Employer covering her portion of the premiums each month in advance.

#### 11.10

The Home shall seek the Union's agreement if it wishes to establish secondment arrangements. Such agreement shall not be unreasonably denied. The terms and conditions will be established by agreement of the parties.

An employee, who is seconded to another Employer, for a period not greater than one (1) year, shall not suffer any loss of seniority, service or benefits for the duration of the secondment.

Notwithstanding Article 2.04, the parties also agree that a Home may allow an employee from another Employer to be seconded to the Home for a period not greater than one (1) year. It is understood that this employee remains the employee of the sending Employer and is subject to the terms and conditions of employment of that Employer. If the seconded employee is not covered by an ONA Collective Agreement, the Home will ensure that the Union receives the equivalent of the dues remittance for all such employees.

## **ARTICLE 12 – PAID HOLIDAYS**

- 12.01 (a) All employees who otherwise qualify hereunder shall receive the following paid holidays:

<i>New Year's Day (January 1<sup>st</sup>)</i>	<i>Labour Day</i>
<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
<i>Victoria Day</i>	<i>Family Day</i>
<i>Canada Day (July 1<sup>st</sup>)</i>	<i>Christmas Day (December 25<sup>th</sup>)</i>
<i>Civic Day</i>	<i>Boxing Day (December 26<sup>th</sup>)</i>

*All full-time employees who have completed their probation shall be entitled to receive two (2) float/personal days in each calendar year, one in each six (6) month period.*

*Request for float days will be taken in accordance with the scheduling provisions of Article 15. These float days must be taken in the year they are earned and may not be carried forward.*

- (b) If another Federal, Provincial or Municipal holiday should be proclaimed during the term of this Agreement, such additional proclaimed holiday will replace one of the above named holidays as agreed by the parties. The intent is that there will be no more than twelve (12) paid holidays per calendar year for the duration of this agreement.
- (c) In a Home where float holidays exist, in order to qualify for the float holidays, a newly hired employee must have completed their probationary period to be eligible.
- (d) Accommodations of Spiritual or Cultural Observances

Where an employee observes a cultural/spiritual day other than those listed above, the employee shall submit their request in January of each year for the twelve (12) month period following March 1<sup>st</sup>, identifying the required date they need off.

Such day, if granted, will be deemed to substitute for one of the holidays listed above. The employee and employer will agree on the substituted day, in writing. Premium pay for time worked will be paid, as required by the Collective Agreement, on the holiday named in the collective agreement. A lieu day off will be the substitute day in accordance with Article 12.03.

Honouring such request shall be subject to the operational requirements of the Home. Where a full-time employee is required to work the substitute day, she will receive a lieu day off with pay.

- 12.02 (a) In order to be eligible for a paid holiday, a full-time employee must have worked her last scheduled shift immediately preceding, and her first scheduled shift immediately following, the holiday; provided an employee shall not lose holiday pay if she is absent on any such days, and such absence is a scheduled day off, is a vacation day, is excused by the Home, or is the result of an illness or injury confirmed by a physician's certificate, if requested, or is on approved leave of absence. Employees shall not be entitled to holidays with pay which fall during the period of Pregnancy, Parental, WSIB, or unpaid leave of absence over thirty (30) days.

A full-time employee who is absent as a result of legitimate illness or accident which commenced within a calendar month of the date of the holiday will be eligible for the holiday(s), to a maximum of two (2) holidays in any period of illness.

Full-time employees who are not required to work on any of the foregoing holidays shall be given the day off with pay.

- (b) An otherwise eligible full-time employee, who is scheduled to work on one of the designated holidays but does not report to work and work as scheduled, shall forfeit her holiday pay for the particular holiday unless absent for a bona fide reason acceptable to the Employer.

- 12.03 An employee who is required to work on any of the above named holidays shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half (1½) her regular straight time rate of pay for all hours worked on such holiday. In addition, she shall receive her holiday pay or in the case of a full time employee a day off in lieu.

- 12.04 A shift that begins or ends during the twenty-four (24) hour period on the day of the above holiday, 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 shift.

- 12.05 (a) If a paid holiday falls during a full-time employee's vacation, her vacation shall be extended accordingly, unless the employee and the Employer agree to schedule a different day off with pay on a mutually agreeable day within a period of eight (8) weeks after the holiday, providing the employee qualifies for the holiday pay.
- (b) If a paid holiday falls on a full-time employee's regular day off, another day off with pay shall be scheduled on a mutually agreeable day within a period of eight (8) weeks after the holiday, providing the employee qualifies for the holiday pay.
- (c) Failing such mutual agreement in either (a) or (b) above, the full time employee shall be paid.



- 12.06 Paid Holidays – Long Weekends
- (a) When an employee is scheduled to work a weekend where a paid holiday falls on the Monday or the Friday, the Employer shall endeavour to also schedule the employee to work the paid holiday.
  - (b) When the employee is scheduled off on a weekend where a paid holiday falls on the Monday or the Friday, the Employer shall endeavour to schedule the employee off the paid holiday.
  - (c) In the event of a scheduling conflict, 12.06 (a) will be the deciding provision.
- 12.07 *Lieu days will be scheduled with the mutual agreement of the nurse and the Employer. Lieu days or payment must be taken within sixty (60) days of the holiday unless otherwise mutually agreed.*
- 12.08 Holiday pay for full-time employees will be computed on the basis of the number of hours the employee would otherwise work had there been no holiday at her regular rate of pay.

### **ARTICLE 13 – VACATIONS**

- 13.01 *Effective June 30, 2022:*
- All employees who are regularly scheduled seventy-five (75) hours on a bi-weekly basis shall receive vacations with pay based on length of full-time continuous service as follows:*
- (a) *Employees who have completed less than one (1) year of full-time continuous service (as of their date of hire) shall be entitled to a vacation on the basis of 1.25 days for each completed month of service with pay in the amount of six percent (6%) of gross earnings.*
  - (b) *Employees who have completed one (1) or more years of full-time continuous service (as of their date of hire) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of three (3) weeks at their current rate.*
  - (c) *Employees who have completed three (3) or more years of full-time continuous service (as of their date of hire) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of four (4) weeks at their current rate.*
  - (d) *Employees who have completed fifteen (15) or more years of full-time continuous service (as of their date of hire) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of five (5) weeks at their current rate.*
  - (e) *Employees who have completed twenty-two (22) years or more of full-time continuous service (as of their date of hire) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of six (6) weeks at their current rate.*
  - (f) *Effective July 1, 2012, employees who have completed twenty-five (25) years or more of full-time continuous service (as of their date of hire) shall be entitled to an annual vacation of seven (7) weeks' at their current pay.*

*If an employee who is regularly scheduled seventy-five (75) hours on a bi-weekly basis, works less than 1500 hours in the vacation year, she shall receive vacation pay as a percentage of gross earnings in accordance with Article 13.02 below.*

13.02 All employees who are regularly scheduled less than seventy-five (75) hours on a bi-weekly basis, shall be entitled to vacation pay based upon the applicable percentage of their gross earnings provided in accordance with the vacation entitlement for employees who are scheduled seventy-five (75) hours on a bi-weekly basis on the following basis:

3 week entitlement	– 6%
4 week entitlement	– 8%
5 week entitlement	– 10%
6 week entitlement	– 12%
7 week entitlement	– 14%

Casual part-time employees will be paid vacation pay in accordance with the above entitlement on gross earnings. Equivalent years of service will be based on the casual part-time employee's seniority established under Article 9.01 and will be calculated on the basis that 1500 hours of part-time service shall equal one (1) year of full-time service and vice-versa.

13.03 (a) For the purpose of vacation entitlement service for employees who transfer from part-time to full-time or vice versa, shall mean the combined service as a part-time and full-time employee employed by the Home and accumulated on a continuous basis.

(b) Part-time employees shall receive vacation entitlement on the basis of fifteen hundred (1500) hours paid equals one year of service.

13.04 Part-time and Casual Vacation Pay

If the Employer currently has the computer systems' capability to implement bi-weekly vacation pay, they shall do so by the start of the next vacation year or earlier.

Those Employers with no computer capability will endeavour to implement bi-weekly vacation pay if there is no significant administrative burden, by the start of the next vacation year or earlier. If the Employer does not so implement, it will provide reasons in writing to the Union.

Where possible without extensive programming changes, the amount of vacation pay will be separately identified on the pay stub.

13.05 Part-time employees must take at least two (2) calendar weeks of vacation per year in blocks of not less than one (1) week, in accordance with the vacation scheduling provisions of the collective agreement. Absent the employee's co-operation in this regard, the Employer will schedule the employee's two (2) weeks of vacation.

13.06 An employee who leaves the employ of the Home for any reason shall be entitled to receive any unpaid vacation pay which has accrued to her or him to the date of her or his separation, it being understood and agreed that the employee will provide at least two (2) weeks' notice of termination.

13.07 Vacations – Interruption

- (a) Where an employee's scheduled vacation is interrupted due to a serious illness which requires hospitalization and commenced before and continues into the scheduled vacation period, the period of such illness shall be considered sick leave provided the employee provides satisfactory documentation of the hospitalization.
- (b) Where a vacationing employee becomes seriously ill requiring her to be an inpatient in a hospital, the period of such illness shall be considered sick leave provided that the employee provides satisfactory documentation of the hospitalization.
- (c) The portion of the employee's vacation which is deemed to be sick leave under the above provisions will not be counted against the employee's vacation credits.
- (d) Where an employee's scheduled vacation is interrupted due to bereavement, the employee shall be entitled to bereavement leave in accordance with Article 11.04.
- (e) The portion of the employee's vacation which is deemed to be bereavement leave under the above provisions will not be counted against the employee's vacation credits.

13.08 Employees may request pursuant to Article 13.06 to have the weekend off prior to or following their vacation. The Employer will endeavour to schedule such request subject to the following:

- (a) Where the weekend off is granted and the employee was otherwise scheduled to work on those days, such extra days will be deemed to be vacation days.
- (b) The employee must have such vacation entitlement available; and,
- (c) The weekend off being requested must be contiguous with (i.e., consecutive with) the employee's original vacation.

13.09 The vacation year for scheduling purposes shall be the period of July 1 of any year to June 30 of the following year.

- 13.10
- (a) Employees shall be given preference with respect to their vacation periods in accordance with seniority provided that the employees are requesting in accordance with this provision. It is understood and agreed that employees may utilize her/his seniority for vacation preference for a maximum of two (2) weeks' vacation in the period between July 1<sup>st</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Nursing Home may grant additional time provided such does not disrupt the efficient operation of the Home.
  - (b) The Employer may grant the utilization of single vacation days up to a maximum of five (5) provided they are requested, in writing, by the employee at least two (2) weeks in advance and granting of such day(s) shall be subject to the operations of the home.

- (c) The Employer shall post the Vacation List by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for vacation requests for the period of July 1<sup>st</sup> through to June 30<sup>th</sup>, inclusive. Employees shall indicate their vacation preference by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The approved lists of vacation shall be posted by May 1 of each year.
- (d) Vacation requests made after the posting of the vacation schedule May 1<sup>st</sup> must be submitted, in writing, and shall be determined by the Director of Resident Care or designate having due regard to the proper operation of the Home on a first come first served basis, not on the basis of seniority.

13.11 At the time of requesting their vacation, the employee shall submit the date that they will be off at the start of their vacation and the date in which they will return.

13.12 (a) Vacations are not cumulative from year to year.

- (b) *Notwithstanding the above, the Employer may grant a special request from an employee to carryover a maximum of five (5) vacation days into the next year. The employee shall specify in her request to the Employer the purpose for which she is seeking the carryover.*

#### **ARTICLE 14 – DISABILITY INCOME PROTECTION PLAN**

14.01 Income protection is payable when a full-time employee is absent from work due to legitimate personal illness or injury which is not compensable under the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act*. It is understood that payment of income protection is for the sole and only purpose of protecting employees against the loss of income during time of such illness. Seniority and service will accrue and the Employer shall continue to pay its share of the premium for the benefit plans during the period of the income protection noted in this provision.

- (a) The employer will pay seventy percent (70%) of the full-time employees straight-time scheduled wages lost as a result of legitimate personal illness or injury up to the end of the first calendar week of such illness or injury.
- (b) The employee shall apply for E.I. sick leave for weeks 2 through 16 of any legitimate illness or injury. The Employer will top-up these benefits to seventy percent (70%) of straight time wages. In the event the employee does not qualify for E.I. Sick Leave benefits by reason of lack of adequate contributions, she shall receive seventy percent (70%) of her straight time wages for weeks 2 through 16 of any legitimate illness or injury but shall not be eligible for benefits under (c) below. The employee will endeavour to provide initial confirmation of a Employment Insurance payment (or more frequently where the payment changes) within two (2) weeks of receipt of the employee's E.I. benefit.
- (c) The Employer will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the billed premium for full-time employees for a weekly indemnity plan covering legitimate personal illness or injury for weeks 17 through 30 of such illness or injury. Payment under weekly indemnity will be seventy percent (70%) of scheduled straight-time wages lost.

It is understood, that this benefit commences like all other instances, after the third month of employment.

14.02 The parties agree that sub-article 14.01 will be applied in the following manner during the employer self insured period:

- (a) For any absence for which sick pay is claimed, an employee must provide the Employer with a certificate, in the form attached hereto as Schedule "A", signed by the employee and confirming that personal illness or injury has prevented the employee's attendance at work on those days.
- (b) The employee will be required to provide the Employer with a medical certificate as set out in Schedule "B", confirming that the employee's personal illness or injury prevented the employee's attendance at work, if:
  - i) The employee has been absent for at least three consecutively scheduled shifts, and the Employer has requested such certificate; or
  - ii) The employee has an established pattern of absenteeism, and the Employer has given the employee written notice that he or she must provide such a certificate.
- (c) The employee will be required to provide the Employer with a medical certificate as set out in Schedule "B", confirming that the employee's personal illness or injury prevented the employee's attendance at work, if the Employer requests that the employee provide a certificate from his or her physician (or nurse practitioner) that he or she is sufficiently recovered from the personal illness which caused his or her absence and is capable of performing his or her former duties and responsibilities; the employee's reinstatement after sick leave will be conditional on his or her supplying such certificate.
- (d) The Employer reserves the right to require a medical certificate at the Employer's expense in special circumstances, such as:
  - i) when the information provided in the standard form is insufficient to substantiate illness or injury; or
  - ii) when additional information is required to establish that the employee is medically able to return to work with or without accommodation; or
  - iii) under other circumstances, subject to a reasonable rationale.

It is understood that the Employer is not entitled to request or receive a medical diagnosis, except or unless it is required by a statutory or regulatory body or organization, but is entitled to request and receive a prognosis concerning the employee's medical condition.

When the employer is requiring/requesting a medical certificate from the employee, the employer will reimburse the employee for the cost of the certificate, upon presentation of the invoice or proof of payment.

- 14.03 If the WSIB does not approve a claim for benefits, the employee may apply for benefits under Article 14.01 notwithstanding the delay inherent in awaiting the ruling from WSIB and notwithstanding any procedural rules of any insurance carrier administering the benefit.
- 14.04 An employee who will be absent on the afternoon or night shift due to personal illness must provide as much notice as possible, but no less than three (3) hours' notice to the Employer prior to the commencement of the shift unless impossible. An employee who will be absent on the day shift due to personal illness must notify the Employer at least one and one-half (1½) hours prior to the commencement of the shift unless impossible. Late notice does not cause forfeiture of sick pay benefits.
- 14.05 Notwithstanding Articles 11 and 14, full-time employees who continue to be employed past age 65 shall be eligible for the following benefits under the same cost sharing basis as active employees:
- 11.01 (a)
  - 14.01 EHC
  - 14.02 Reduce life insurance by 50% to the equivalent of one times (1x) salary
  - 14.03 Dental
- In any event, once an employee reaches age 70 and she continues to be employed she shall automatically be placed on the percentage-in-lieu as per Schedule "A" for all items now included in the payment.

## **ARTICLE 15 – HOURS OF WORK & SCHEDULING**

- 15.01 The normal hours of work for an employee are not a guarantee of work per day or per week, or a guarantee of days of work per week. The normal hours of work shall be seventy-five (75) hours in any bi-weekly period.
- 15.02
- (a) Where the normal daily shift consists of seven and one-half (7½) consecutive hours, in a 24 hour period, it shall be exclusive of a one-half (½) hour unpaid meal period. Employees shall be entitled to a fifteen (15) minute paid break during each half of the normal daily shift, at a time designated by the Employer
  - (b) Where the normal daily shift consists of 11.25 consecutive hours in a 24-hour period, it shall be exclusive of a total of forty-five (45) minutes of unpaid meal time. Employees shall be entitled to three (3) fifteen minute (15) breaks during their shift.
  - (c) Employees may be required to work a combination of shifts during a bi weekly period consisting of both seven and one-half (7½) hours and 11.25 consecutive hours per day.
- 15.03 Employees required for reporting purposes shall remain at work for a period of up to fifteen (15) minutes which shall be unpaid. Should the reporting time extend beyond fifteen (15) minutes however, the entire period shall be considered overtime for the purposes of payment. Subject to the approval by the DOC.

- 15.04 The hours of work shall be posted two weeks in advance for a six week period. Once posted no time shall be changed unless such changes are arranged by mutual agreement between The Employer and any employee whom any change shall affect.
- 15.05 An employee will be paid for actual hours worked during a shift that is impacted by daylight savings time. Overtime will not be paid for additional hours worked during a twenty-four (24) hour period either as a result of a change-over to daylight saving from standard time or vice versa.
- 15.06 In the event that a meal period is interrupted requiring an employee to attend to a work related problem, then the balance of the unused meal period will be rescheduled.
- 15.07 Any employee who for their own personal convenience, wishes to exchange shifts with an appropriately qualified other employee, must first submit such a request to the Director of Care or delegate, in writing one week in advance, if possible, of the proposed change. The Director of Care or delegate will normally provide their written approval within two (2) business days of receipt of the request. Such arrangement will not result in the requirement of any premium payment by the Home.

NOTE:

This provision is not for the purpose of creating self scheduling. The employer reserves the right to limit the number of exchanges.

- 15.08 Normally employees shall be scheduled to have every second (2<sup>nd</sup>) weekend off.
- 15.09 Individual Special Circumstance Arrangements

Notwithstanding Article 2.02, the Home and the Union may agree in certain circumstances, to adjust the schedule of an individual full-time employee who normally works seventy five (75) hours bi-weekly, to enable an average bi-weekly work assignment of sixty (60) to seventy five (75) hours.

- (a) Such an arrangement shall be established by mutual agreement of the Home and the Union and the employee affected. The parties agree that the arrangement applies to an individual, not to a position. The parties will agree to the scheduling provisions that will apply to the employee including that no additional shifts will be scheduled for employees working Individual Special Circumstances Arrangements.
- (b) The parties shall determine the introduction of a special circumstance arrangement. Issues related to vacation, paid holidays and benefit coverage will be determined by the Home and the Union. The employee will retain their status, including but not limited to seniority and service. This does not include temporary or short-term changes to the schedule.
- (c) Either party may discontinue the special circumstance arrangement with notice as determined within the agreement. In the event that the employee affected resigns, transfers, is laid off or terminated, the arrangement will be deemed to be discontinued immediately.

- (d) It is understood and agreed that these arrangements are based on individual circumstances and each agreement is made on a without prejudice or precedent basis.

15.10 Innovative Scheduling

Notwithstanding Article 2.02, the Home and the Union may agree in certain circumstances, to adjust the schedules which are inconsistent with the Collective Agreement provisions may be developed in order to improve quality of working life, support continuity of resident care, ensure adequate staffing resources, and support cost-efficiency. The parties agree that such innovative schedules may be determined locally by the Home and the Union subject to the following principles:

- (a) Such schedules shall be established by mutual agreement of the Home and the Union;
- (b) These schedules may pertain to full-time and/or part-time employees;
- (c) It is understood and agreed that these arrangements are made on a without prejudice or precedent basis.
- (d) It is understood and agreed that these arrangements can be utilized for temporary job postings for seasonal coverage and or may include Job sharing or Time sharing arrangements; (e.g. weekend workers, etc.).
- (e) Job sharing / time sharing or other scheduling arrangements agreed between the parties.

15.11 The parties agree that in the instance where either party wishes to implement innovating scheduling, job sharing, time sharing, weekend work, Individual Special Circumstance Arrangements, etc. they shall meet and discuss the parameters if there is a mutual agreement to enter into such scheduling. All arrangements agreed to between the parties as described in this article shall be drafted into a Letter of Understanding and placed on the employees personnel file.

15.12 The Employer will schedule full time employees every second (2<sup>nd</sup>) weekend off, save and except where:

- i) such weekend has been worked by the employee to satisfy specific days off requested by such employee; or
- ii) such employee has requested weekend work; or
- iii) such weekend is worked as a result of an exchange of tours with another employee.

15.13 *A weekend off shall be defined as at least fifty-six (56) consecutive hours off duty commencing at the conclusion of the employee's scheduled shift on the Friday immediately preceding. Where the employee is not scheduled to work on Friday, the fifty-six (56) hours will begin at the conclusion of the first Friday shift. Unless mutually agreed otherwise.*

15.14 *Requests for specific days off shall be submitted, in writing, to the Director of Care, where possible, two (2) weeks, but no less than one week prior to the posting of*



*the schedule. Approval for such requests will be at the discretion of the Director of Care and will not be unreasonably denied.*

- 15.15 Work schedules to be posted two (2) weeks in advance to cover a four (4) week period.
- 15.16
- (a) *There will be an interval of not less than twelve (12) hours off between tours worked.*
  - (b) *Full-time employees will not be scheduled to rotate over more than two different shifts during the week.*
  - (c) *At least forty-eight (48) hours off are to be scheduled following night shifts.*
  - (d) *The day shift shall be the first shift of the day.*
- 15.17 *Employees presently employed on permanent shifts will not be rotated without their consent.*
- 15.18
- (a) *All regular part-time employees shall be scheduled up to five (5) shifts bi-weekly. Any additional shifts offered will be based on their availability and seniority on a rotational basis before any casual part-time employees are utilized. Where no regular part-time employee is willing to perform the available work, casual part-time employees on the basis of seniority will be offered such work.*
  - (b) *Where premium (over-time) shifts become available such shifts shall be offered first to full-time employees on the basis of seniority, then regular part-time employees on the basis of seniority and then to casual part-time employees on the basis of seniority.*

## **ARTICLE 16 – PREMIUM & OTHER PAYMENT**

- 16.01 Overtime shall be paid for all paid hours over seven and one-half (7½) hours on a shift or seventy-five (75) hours bi-weekly at the rate of one and one-half (1½) times the employee's regular straight time hourly rate of pay. Overtime is subject to authorization by the director of nursing or designate. Authorization shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 16.02 Where a nurse is authorized to work in excess of the normal daily hours (7.5 day or 11.25 day) or 75 hours bi weekly, she shall be paid at the rate of time and one half her straight time hourly rate of pay for hours in excess of the daily shift or in excess of 75 hours biweekly.
- 16.03 An employee reporting for work on their regular shift shall be paid their regular rate of pay with a minimum of four (4) hours pay or their regularly scheduled hours, whichever is less, provided they performs any duties assigned by the Employer which they are capable of doing, if their regular duties are not available.
- 16.04 Where call-in is requested within one-half (½) hour of the starting time of the shift and the employee commences work within one (1) hour of the call, then the

employee will be paid as if the entire shift had been worked, provided she completes the shift for which she was called in.

16.05 It shall be the responsibility of the employee to consult the posted work schedule. Changes to the posted schedule required by the employer shall be brought to the attention of the employee. Where less than twenty-four (24) hours' notice is given to the employee personally, the employee will be paid four (4) hours' straight time wages or six (6) hours' straight time wages if an extended tour. It is understood that call-ins or call-backs are not covered by this provision.

16.06 If an employee works two consecutive shifts they shall be provided a meal by the Employer, or if a meal cannot be provided, they shall receive a meal allowance of ten dollars (\$10.00).

16.07 Shift and Weekend Premium

(a) Effective the first full pay following ratification, an employee shall be paid a shift premium of eighty-five cents (85 ¢) per hour for each hour worked between 1900 hours and 0700 hours. In the case where an employee is scheduled to work an eight (8) hour shift, the premium shall commence at 1500 hours (3pm).

Effective January 1, 2023, an employee shall be paid a shift premium of ninety-five cents (95 ¢) per hour worked between 1900 hours and 0700 hours. In the case where an employee is scheduled to work an eight (8) hour shift, the premium shall commence at 1500 hours (3pm).

Effective the first full pay period following ratification, an employee shall be paid a weekend premium of sixty cents (60 ¢) per hour for each hour worked between 2300 hours Friday and 2300 hours Sunday.

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, an employee shall be paid a weekend premium of seventy cents (70 ¢) per hour for each hour worked between 2300 hours Friday and 2300 hours Sunday.

Effective July 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, an employee shall be paid a weekend premium of eighty cents (80 ¢) per hour for each hour worked between 2300 hours Friday and 2300 hours Sunday.

16.08 Standby and Call In

The Parties will agree to negotiate language if RPNs begin to be scheduled for standby and call in

16.09 (a) If an employee is required by the Employer to work a weekend in violation of the weekends off scheduling obligations of the collective agreement, she will receive premium payment of time and one-half (1½) for all hours worked on that weekend. Time worked on that weekend will not be considered when determining future such premium obligations.

(b) Premium pay is payable whenever a weekend is worked in excess of the consecutive weekends permitted by the collective agreement unless the assignment of the weekend shift to the employee was initiated by that

employee or unless another provision of the agreement makes it clear that premium pay is not due.

- 16.10 The Employer is not required by the seniority scheduling provisions of the collective agreement (if any) to assign work to senior employees that triggers premium pay. In the event that any such assignment would trigger premium pay and the Employer chooses to assign the shift to an employee, the seniority scheduling provisions (if any) shall apply.

This provision is applicable to all of Articles 15 and 16 except for 16.02.

- 16.11 Overtime premium will not be duplicated for the same hours worked under Article 15. No shift or weekend premium, responsibility allowance or standby pay shall be included in the straight time hourly rate for compounding purposes for hours payable at time and one half. It is expressly agreed that where the employee qualifies for two or more of the following payments: time and one half, shift premium, weekend premium and responsibility allowance or standby pay, this is not considered pyramiding and each of the applicable payments is payable.

- 16.12 The Employer will endeavor to schedule each employee three (3) consecutive days off at either Christmas or New Year's and will attempt to give her up to four (4) days, if possible, on an alternating basis from year to year.

In the event that nurses can be granted both Christmas and New Year's Day off, the most senior nurse, on a rotating basis, who has requested these days off, shall be given the opportunity to take both off.

For those employees who have been granted time off at Christmas, the Employer will include Christmas Eve Day and Christmas Day and Boxing Day off. For those employees who have been granted time off at New Year's, the Employer will provide New Year's Eve Day and New Year's Day off.

In the event of conflict, bargaining unit seniority shall be the decisive factor, as well as who had the time off the previous year. Written requests for this time off must be received by the Director of Care by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Christmas and New Year's time off shall be posted by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Regular scheduling may be waived from the 15<sup>th</sup> of December to the 15<sup>th</sup> of January in order to accommodate the employees during this period.*

*At the request of the employee, the three (3) consecutive days off may be scheduled during the period of December 15<sup>th</sup> to January 15<sup>th</sup> to facilitate their cultural differences replacing the days off noted above.*

- 16.13 All nurses shall have scheduled 16 consecutive hours off between seven and one half hour shifts, or 12 consecutive hours off between eleven and one quarter hour shifts except in Emergency or unless mutually agreed otherwise.

## **ARTICLE 17 – BENEFITS**

- 17.01 The Employer agrees, during the term of the Collective Agreement, to contribute towards the premium coverage of participating eligible employees in the active

employ of the Employer under the insurance plans set out below subject to their respective terms and conditions including any enrolment requirements:

- (a) The Employer shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the billed premium for OHIP and will provide for payment of any re-imposition of OHIP type premiums.
- (b) The Employer agrees to contribute 100% of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Employer under an Extended Health Care Plan, with a Drug Card providing for a \$7.50 cap on re-imburement on the dispensing fee and a \$1.00 deductible per prescription. Positive Enrolment provision to be included. Reimbursement for prescribed drugs covered by the plan will be based on the cost of the lowest priced therapeutically equivalent (generic or brand name) version of the drug, unless there is a documented adverse reaction to the lower priced therapeutic drug or unless the beneficiary's doctor stipulates that the generic drug is not an alternative, in which case the reimbursement will be for the prescribed drug. In addition to the standard benefits, coverage will include hearing aids in the amount of minimum \$300/life time; and vision care in the amount of three hundred and fifty (\$350) every 24 months with the right of the beneficiary to access the benefit one time only for corrective laser eye surgery).

Effective June 30, 2022, vision coverage will increase to \$350 every 24 months.

The Plan will include a paramedical coverage bank which covers the following services from paramedical providers who are licensed or registered in the province of Canada in which the services are provided:

- Osteopath
- Chiropractor
- Podiatrist or Chiropodist
- Naturopath or Homeopath
- Audiologist
- Physiotherapist
- Speech Therapist
- Acupuncturist
- Massage Therapist
- Ophthalmologist or Optometrist

to a maximum of \$750/insured person/year.

Effective June 30, 2022, a separate rider will be added to include coverage for mental health services by a Psychologist, Registered Psychotherapist or Social Workers to a maximum of \$800/year.

Out-of-country benefits for all homes.

It is also understood that coverage will include dependent children up to and including age 21.

- (c) The Employer agrees to contribute 100% of the billed premium towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Employer under a group life insurance plan providing two times (2x) annual salary.
- (d) The Employer agrees to contribute 50% of the billed premiums towards coverage of eligible employees in the active employ of the Employer under a Dental Plan (which is comparable to the Blue Cross #9 Dental Plan) or comparable coverage with another carrier; based on a one (1) year ODA fee schedule lag providing the balance of the monthly premiums are paid by the employees through payroll deductions. The Dental plan shall provide for Fluoride treatments only for persons under the age of 18 years and dental recall on a nine (9) month basis for persons 18 years and older.

It is also understood that coverage will include dependent children up to and including age 21.

17.02 Notwithstanding Articles 14 and 17, full-time employees who continue to be employed past age 65 shall be eligible for the following benefits under the same cost sharing basis as active employees:

- 14.01 (a)
- 17.01 (b) EHC
- 17.01 (c) Reduce life insurance by 50%
- 17.01 (d) Dental

In any event, once an employee reaches age 70 and she continues to be employed she shall automatically be placed on the percentage-in-lieu as per Schedule "A" for all items now included in the payment.

17.03 The Employer shall provide to each person a copy of the current information booklets for those benefits provided under this Article. The Union shall be provided with a current copy of the Master Policy. It is clearly understood that the Employer's obligation pursuant to this Collective Agreement is to provide the insurance coverage bargained for. Any problem with respect to the insurer acknowledging or honouring any claims is a matter as between the employee and the insurer. The Employer will notify the Union if it intends to change the Insurance Carrier.

Any grievance arising from the interpretation, application and/or administration of the health and welfare benefits shall be resolved as follows:

- (a) the Union or Employer shall file a written grievance within ten (10) days of its learning that an alleged problem exists. For insured benefits, a copy of the grievance shall be forwarded to the insurers.
- (b) within ten (10) days of filing a grievance, the parties shall meet with a view to resolving the grievance.
- (c) if the grievance is not resolved, as aforesaid, or if the parties fail to meet within the time limited, then the grievance shall be referred to a single arbitrator to be selected alternately from the list of arbitrators hereinafter provided.

- (d) the arbitrator shall, in his/her discretion, determine the most expeditious manner of resolving the dispute consistent with affording each party a reasonable opportunity to present its case. The arbitrator may dispense with an oral hearing; receive only written submissions; hear evidence or submissions by conference call; receive evidence by affidavit and/or take such other steps as may be in his/her opinion appropriate.
- (e) the arbitrator may in his/her discretion attempt to assist the parties in settling the dispute.
- (f) The arbitrators for this process shall be Randi Abramsky and George Surdykowski.

If additional arbitrators are necessary, Norm Jesin shall remain seized to appoint these, if the parties are unable to agree.

- (g) the arbitrator shall render a decision with ten (10) days of completion of the hearing. Written reasons are not required. Oral decisions confirmed in writing may be given.
- (h) the fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the Employer and the Union in cases where the benefit is self-insured and by the insurers and the Union where the benefit is insured.
- (i) this process shall commence immediately for all self insured benefits. Upon the expiry of any contracts of insurance for benefits, this process shall then apply to insured benefits. It is the responsibility of the Employer to obtain insurance which includes an agreement by the insurer to be bound by the process. If the Employer fails to obtain the agreement of an insurer, the grievance shall proceed as though it is a self-insured benefit.
- (j) the parties agree that the decision of an arbitrator hereunder shall be final and binding and shall not be appealed or judicially reviewed by either party. The purpose of waiving any appeal rights or rights of judicial review is to avoid the cost and expense associated with the exercise of these rights.
- (k) the decision of the arbitrator shall not have any value as a precedent in a subsequent case.
- (l) if in the opinion of any party a grievance raises an issue which should be decided by the form of grievance arbitration provided by the Collective Agreement for all other grievances, upon the consent of all parties or if such consent is not forthcoming, with the approval of Martin Teplitsky, such approval to be obtained by a conference call, the grievance shall be transferred to the ordinary grievance/arbitration process.

17.04

The Employer may substitute another carrier for any of the foregoing plans (other than O.H.I.P.) provided that the level of benefits conferred thereby are not decreased. The Employer will advise the Union of any change in carrier or underwriter at least sixty (60) days prior to implementing a change in carrier.

- 17.05 The employer agrees, during the term of the collective agreement, to make required contributions for participating eligible full-time employees who have completed probation and are in the active employ of the employer.
- 17.06 In the event of a layoff, provided the employee deposits with the Home her share of insured benefits for the succeeding month (save for weekly indemnity for which laid off employee are not eligible) the Employer shall pay its share of the insured benefits premium for a period of up to three (3) months from the end of the month in which the layoff occurs, or until the laid off employee is employed elsewhere, whichever comes first.

## **ARTICLE 18 – RETIREMENT INCOME PLAN**

### 18.01 The Nursing Homes and Related Industries Pension Plan

In this Article, the terms used shall have the meanings as described:

"Plan" means the Nursing Homes and Related Industries Pension Plan, being a multi-employer plan.

"Applicable Wages" means the basic straight time wages for all hours worked, including:

- (a) The straight time component of hours worked on a holiday;
- (b) Holiday pay, for the hours not worked;
- (c) Vacation pay;
- (d) Paid union leaves.

All other payments, premiums, allowances, etc. are excluded.

"Eligible Employee" means full-time and part-time employees (includes casual) in the bargaining unit who have completed four hundred and fifty (450) hours of service and who are not prohibited from contributing to the Plan by legislation or the Plan rules because of their age or because they are in receipt of a pension from the Plan.

- 18.02 Each Eligible Employee covered by this Collective Agreement shall contribute from each pay period an amount equal to four percent (4%) of the applicable wages to the Plan. The Employer shall match such contributions, the amount being four percent (4%) of applicable wages.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, where an error has been made in deduction, the Employer shall, upon request, make full payment on any outstanding Employer contributions, irrespective of whether the employee pays the matching amount.

The parties agree that this Article in no way prejudices the position of either party as it relates to the retroactivity application if an error is discovered.

18.03 The employee and Employer contributions shall be remitted to the Plan within thirty (30) days after the end of the calendar month in which the pay period ends for which the contributions are attributable.

18.04 The Union acknowledges and agrees that other than making its contributions to the Plan as set out in this article, the Employer shall not be obligated to contribute towards the cost of benefits provided by the Plan, or be responsible for providing any such benefits.

The Union and Employer acknowledge and agree that under current pension legislation, and/or regulations, the Employer has no requirement to fund any deficit in the Plan, but is required to contribute only that amount as required by the Collective Agreement in force between the parties.

It is understood and agreed by the Employer and the Union that should the current pension legislation or regulations be changed so that the Employer's obligation to contribute to the Plan exceeds the amount specified in the Collective Agreement then in force, the parties will meet directly to finalize methods to relieve the Employer of this increased obligation to the extent that such obligation exceeds that which the Employer would have if the Plan were defined contribution plan.

18.05 The Employer agrees to provide to the Administrator of the Plan, on a timely basis all information required pursuant to the Pension Benefits Act, R.S.O. 1990, Ch. P-8, as amended, which the Administrator may reasonably require in order to properly record and process pension contributions and pension benefits.

The Employer will endeavour to provide the following information to the Administrator of the Plan in electronic format if the Employer has the technology.

For further specificity, the items required for each Eligible Employee are:

(a) To Be Provided Once Only at Plan Commencement

- i) Date of Hire
- ii) Date of Birth
- iii) Date of First Contribution
- iv) Seniority List include hours from date of hire to Employer's fund entry date (for purposes of calculating past service credit)

(b) To Be Provided with Each Remittance

- i) Name
- ii) Social Insurance Number
- iii) Monthly Remittance
- iv) Pensionable Earnings
- v) Year to Date Contributions



- vi) Employer portion of arrears due to error, or late enrolment by the Employer
- (c) To Be Provided Initially and if Status Changes
- i) Full Address as provided to the Employer
  - ii) Termination date where applicable (MM/DD/YY)
  - iii) Gender
  - iv) Marital Status
- (d) To Be Provided Annually but no later than December 1
- i) Current complete address listing.
  - ii) Details of all absences of members from the workplace due to an injury for which the member received Workplace Safety and Insurance Board benefits.
  - iii) All approved leaves of absence including type of leave.

Any additional information requests beyond that noted above may be provided, if possible, by the Employer at the expense of the Plan, unless the Employer is obligated by law to provide the information.

- 18.06 If there is an allegation of non-payment of pension contributions, the Union will file a grievance, along with a copy of the grievance to Louisa Davie. Louisa Davie will contact the Employer, who will respond within seven (7) days. If no resolve, Louisa Davie will convene a hearing to determine the matter within thirty (30) days.
- 18.07 Employees may make additional voluntary contributions to their RRSP based on whole number percentages, (example 1%, 2%, etc.), up to the legal maximum. It is understood that such voluntary contributions will not be matched by the Employer.
- 18.08 Where legislation or the Plan prohibits an employee from contributing to a pension plan because of age, an amount equivalent to the deductions in Article 18.02 will be paid to the employee on their regular pay.

#### **ARTICLE 19 - PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY APPLIES TO RPNS ONLY**

- 19.01 In the event that the Home assigns a number of residents or a workload to an individual employee or group of employees, such that she or they have cause to believe that she or they are being asked to perform more work than is consistent with proper resident care, she or they shall:

Complain in writing to the Union-Management Committee within twenty (20) calendar days of the alleged improper assignment. The chairperson of the Union-Management Committee shall convene a meeting of the Union-Management

Committee within twenty (20) calendar days of the filing of the complaint. The Union-Management Committee shall hear and attempt to resolve the complaint to the satisfaction of both parties. The complaint is subject to the grievance or arbitration procedure.

- 19.02 (a) Employees are expected, as part of their regular duties to provide leadership, supervision, guidance and advice to members of the health care team. Nothing in this clause amends, modifies or clarifies any interpretation under Article 2.01, nor does prejudice the employees' continued membership in the bargaining unit or the employee's entitlement to qualify and receive benefits under Article 22.05.
- (b) Nurses may be required, as part of their regular duties, to supervise activities of nurses working with a temporary certificate of registration, the Director of Care or designate shall provide every nurse who is responsible to work with the temporary registrant with the College of Nurses limitations/restrictions on her practice.

19.03 CMI/RAI MDS Report

Recognizing the mutual objective of quality resident care, the Employer agrees to meet through the Union Management Committee with the Union as soon as practicable after the receipt of the annual CMI/RAI MDS report. The Employer agrees to provide the Union with staffing levels, and staffing mix information; the impact of related payroll costs on staffing levels, and a written notice of the CMI/RAI MDS report for the facility.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the impact of the CMI/RAI MDS report on the staffing levels in the Home, quality resident care, and provide the Union with an opportunity to make representation in that regard.

The parties shall meet as necessary to discuss other changes or workload issues.

The parties may invite additional participants to attend the meeting to support constructive review and discussion.

**ARTICLE 20 – ORIENTATION AND IN SERVICE**

- 20.01 An orientation and in service program will be provided to all employees. These programs shall be reviewed and discussed from time to time by members of the Education Committee.
- 20.02 Normally, a newly employed employee shall not be placed in charge, until she has been fully oriented to the home.
- 20.03 The following minimums shall be observed in the orientation/familiarization of a newly hired employee:
- (a) She is to be familiarized with the physical aspects of the building, the applicable policies and procedures of the employer, and the daily routine of employees in the Home.

- (b) The period of orientation/familiarization shall be for a minimum of five (5) days or such greater period that the Employer deems necessary.
- (c) She shall be an additional employee to the usual staffing pattern.
- (d) The employee or employees involved in the orientation/familiarization will confirm that it has been completed, and this will be noted on the newly hired employee's personnel file, which will be reviewed with such employee, and the employee shall also be able to comment.
- (e) The employee may request up to three (3) additional days of paid orientation. When making her request, the employee will specify her learning needs and discuss with the Director of Care the development of the additional orientation learning plan. This request will not be unreasonably denied.

20.04 Both the Employer and the Union recognize the joint responsibility and commitment to provide, and participate in, in-service education. The Union supports the principle of its members' responsibility for their own professional development and the Employer will endeavour to provide programmes related to the requirements of the Home.

Programmes will be publicized and related material will be made readily accessible to staff in a timely manner.

Any problems in accessing this information will be reported to the Director of Care or her designate

20.05 When required by a certifying body to update an employee's qualifications, except where this matter is covered by another provision of the collective agreement, the Employer shall grant leave of absence without pay which shall include the time required to write any examinations.

20.06 The Employer will endeavour where practical to schedule in-services at times which will facilitate the attendance of employees working outside the day shift.

20.07 The Employer undertakes to notify the Union in advance, so far as practicable, of any technological changes which the Employer has decided to introduce which will significantly change the employment status of the employee(s) within the bargaining unit.

The Employer agrees to discuss with the Union the effect of such technological changes on the employment status of the employee(s) and to consider practical ways and means of minimizing the adverse effect, if any, on the employee(s) concerned.

Employees who are subject to layoff due to technological change will then be given notice of such layoff at the earliest reasonable time and in keeping with the requirements of the applicable legislation and the provisions of the Collective Agreement.

20.08 Provided that an employee provides thirty (30) calendar days notice in writing, an employee shall be entitled to leave of absence without pay from her or his regularly scheduled working hours for the purpose of writing exams arising out of the Quality

Assurance Program required by the College of Nurses of Ontario. In the event the employee is scheduled to work the night shift immediately before the exams the Employer shall schedule the employee off.

- 20.09 (a) When an employee is required by the Employer to attend any in-service program or e-learning within the Home during her or his regularly scheduled working hours the employee shall suffer no loss of regular pay.
- (b) When an employee is required by the Employer to prepare for in-service or to attend meetings, in-service and other work related functions outside her regularly scheduled working hours, and the employee does attend same, she shall be paid for all time spent on such attendance at her regular straight time hourly rate of pay or at the employee's option, she shall receive equivalent time off.

When an employee is required by the Employer to complete an e-learning programme outside her regularly scheduled working hours, she shall be paid for all time spent completing such learning at her regular straight time hourly rate of pay or at the employee's option, she shall receive equivalent time off.

Part-time employees will be credited with seniority and service for all such hours paid as provided above while in attendance at in-services, meetings, and completing e-learning.

- (c) The Employer will endeavour where practical to schedule in-services at times which will facilitate the attendance of employees working outside the day shift.

## **ARTICLE 21 – MISCELLANEOUS**

21.01 A copy of this agreement in a mutually agreed form will be issued to each employee now employed and as employed. The cost of printing this agreement shall be equally shared between the Union and the Employer.

21.02 Each employee shall keep the Employer informed of changes to relevant employment information.

21.03 The Employer shall upon entry into the Service Agreement or the Service Accountability Agreement with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care or the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) in respect of residents cared for by members of this bargaining unit and provide copies of such agreements to the Union.

21.04 Influenza Vaccine

Upon recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, all employees shall be required, on an annual basis to be vaccinated and or to take antiviral medication for influenza. If the costs of such vaccination are not covered by some other sources, the Employer will pay the cost for such vaccination.

If the employee fails to take the required medication, she may be placed on an unpaid leave of absence during any influenza outbreak in the home until such time as the employee has been cleared by the public health or the employer to return to the work environment. The only exception to this would be employees for whom taking the medication will result in the employee being physically ill to the extent that she cannot attend work. Upon written direction from the employee's physician of such medical condition in consultation with the Employer's physician, (if requested), the employee will be permitted to access their sick bank, if any, during any outbreak period. If there is a dispute between the physicians, the employee will be placed on unpaid leave.

If the employee gets sick as a reaction to the drug and applies for WSIB the Employer will not oppose the application.

If an employee is pregnant and her physician believes the pregnancy could be in jeopardy as a result of the influenza inoculation and/or the antiviral medication she shall be eligible for sick leave in circumstances where she is not allowed to attend at work as a result of an outbreak.

21.05 Prior to effecting any changes in rules or policies which affect employees covered by this Agreement, the Employer will endeavour to discuss the changes with the Union.

21.06 Criminal reference checks for employees that may be required by the employer pursuant to provincial legislation will be paid by the Employer. It is understood that this provision does not apply to pre-employment criminal reference checks, and that any employee subsequently hired would not be eligible for reimbursement for any related costs.

21.07 Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a written request from the employee, during employment, the Home will provide the employee with a letter detailing their employment dates, length of service (including total hours worked, available as of the date of the request) and experience at the Home.

The Employer will provide to each employee, upon request, upon termination of employment a letter detailing her or his employment dates, length of service and experience.

21.08 Errors on Paycheques

In the event of an error on an employee's pay, the correction will be made in the pay period following the date on which the underpayment comes to the Employer's attention. If the error results in an employee being underpaid by three and one-quarter (3.25) hours or more, the Employer will provide payment for the shortfall within three (3) business days from the date it is notified of the error. Unless otherwise agreed between the employer and employee.

If the Employer makes an overpayment of a day's pay or less for an employee, the overpayment will be deducted on the pay period following the date that the error is discovered. If the error is in excess of a normal day's pay, the Employer will be reimbursed based on a mutually satisfactory arrangement between the employee and the Employer.

- 21.09 Where the Home provides electronic pay statements and/or T4 slips, the Home will provide accessibility to a computer and printer, or a hard copy.
- 21.10 The Home, as a good labour relations practice, will notify the nurse when it reports them to the College of Nurses of Ontario and refer them to the Union as a resource.
- It is understood that the requirement to notify the nurse when the Home reports them to the College of Nurses of Ontario has no bearing on the Home's right to reprimand or discipline a nurse for just cause. Under no circumstances will a failure or untimely notification provide grounds to nullify any right to reprimand or discipline a nurse.
- 21.11 *The Employer shall provide to the Union individual bulletin board space in such place so as to inform all employees in the Bargaining Unit of the activities of the Union. Such board may be combined with the other ONA bargaining unit.*

## **ARTICLE 22 – COMPENSATION**

- 22.01 The salary rates shall be those set forth in schedule(s) A during the course of negotiations and shall be attached to and forming part of this agreement.

### 22.02 Retroactivity

Except as expressly noted, all the terms and conditions shall be effective from the date of receipt of written notice of ratification or release of award. Provisions which are expressly made retroactive shall apply to all employees in the bargaining unit on or after the date specified.

Retroactivity will be paid within four full periods (approximately 8 weeks) of the date of ratification or arbitration award. Retroactivity will be on the basis of hours paid. Retroactive pay will be paid on a separate cheque where the existing payroll system allows.

The Home will contact former employees at their last known address on record with the home, with a copy to the bargaining unit, within 30 days of the date of ratification or arbitration award to advise them of their entitlement to retroactivity.

Such employees will have a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the notice to claim such retroactivity and, if they fail to make a claim within the sixty (60) day period, their claim will be deemed to be abandoned.

Note: For the purposes of this award, retroactivity will be paid to all current employees who have an employment relationship on the date of ratification or award. Retroactivity will be paid on a separate cheque on wages within 4 pay periods following ratification.

### 22.03 Recognition of Previous Experience

- (a) The Employer will recognize recent related RPN experience on the basis of one (1) annual increment for each one (1) year of service up to the maximum of the grid. Part-time service shall be recognized on the basis of fifteen hundred (1500) hours paid in previous employment equals one (1) year of service. It shall be the responsibility of a newly hired employee to make a claim of recent and related experience within the probationary

period in order to be considered for a salary increment. If she/he fails to make a claim in the specified time period or fails to provide reasonable proof of recent related experience, she/he shall not be entitled to recognition.

NOTE: For greater clarity, recent related experience includes recent related RPN experience out of province and out of country.

22.04 All increases in salary shall become effective on the pay roll immediately following the date the increase was due, including annual increases; for full time employees it shall be their anniversary date, for part time and casual employees it shall be after each fifteen hundred (1500) hours paid.

22.05 When a new classification in the bargaining unit is established by the Employer or the Employer makes a substantial change in the job content of an existing classification which in reality causes such classification to become a new classification, the Employer shall advise the Union of such new or changed classification and the rate of pay established. If requested, the Employer agrees to meet with the Union to permit it to make representations with respect to the appropriate rate of pay providing any such meeting shall not delay the implementation of the new classification. Where the Union challenges the rate established by the Employer and the matter is not resolved following any meeting with the Union, a grievance may be filed at Step No. 1 of the Grievance Procedure within seven (7) calendar days following any meeting. If the matter is not resolved in the Grievance Procedure, it may be referred to Arbitration, it being understood that an Arbitration Board shall be limited to establishing an appropriate rate based on the relationship existing amongst other nursing classifications within the Home and duties and responsibilities involved.

22.06 Responsibility Pay

(a) Effective June 30, 2022, Subject to (c) below, where an RN is absent from her normal shift, and the Employer temporarily assigns an RPN to carry out some additional responsibilities of the RN for a period in excess of one-half (½) shift, the RPN shall receive an allowance of 15 per 8 hour shift, and \$22.50 per 12 hour shift in addition to her regular rate of pay.

(b) Subject to (c) below, the Employer shall, when no supervisor or Registered Nurse(s) employed within the classification of Registered Nurse are on duty, designate one (1) Registered Practical Nurse when Registered Practical Nurse(s) employed within the said classification are on duty, to be in charge on those evening, nights and weekend shifts. Such Registered Practical Nurse shall receive an allowance of \$9.00 per shift in addition to her regular rate of pay.

(c) It is understood and agreed that only one of the above-noted allowances will apply at any one time. An RPN shall not be entitled to receive an allowance under (a) and (b) for the same shift.

22.07 An employee who is promoted to a higher rated classification within the bargaining unit will be placed on the level of the salary schedule of the higher rated classification which represents an increase above her current salary. She shall retain her service review date for purposes of wage progression.

**22.08 Temporary Certificate of Registration Rate**

An employee holding a temporary certificate of registration upon presenting proof of current certificate of competence by the college of nurses of Ontario shall be given the salary of the registered practical nurse as provided in this article retroactive to the date of sitting the certification examination or the date of last hire, whichever is later.

**ARTICLE 23 – DURATION**

23.01 This Agreement shall continue in effect until June 30, 2024, and shall remain in effect from year to year thereafter unless either party gives the other party written notice of termination or desire to amend the agreement.

23.02 Notice that amendments are required or that either party desires to terminate this agreement may only be given within a period of ninety (90) days prior to the expiration date of this agreement or to any anniversary of such expiration date.



DATED AT Kingston, ONTARIO THIS 23 DAY OF January 2023.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

“Shaneka Brisset”  
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FOR THE UNION

“Lisa Turner”  
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“Bernadette Robinson”  
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**APPENDIX "A"****RATES OF PAY****WAGES**

- Effective July 1, 2021 – 1.75%
- Effective July 1, 2022 – 1.75%
- Effective July 1, 2023 – 1.75%

**SPECIAL ADJUSTMENT**

- \$1.00 – Effective the first full pay period following ratification for all RPNs

Case Manor – ONA RPN								
Classification	Step	Increment	01-Jul-20	01-Jul-21	1-Jul-22	Effective the first full pay period following ratification		01-Jul-23
				1.75%	1.75%			1.75%
RPN	1	START	\$24.73	\$25.16	\$25.60	\$1.00	\$26.60	\$27.07
	2	450 HRS	\$25.23	\$25.67	\$26.12	\$1.00	\$27.12	\$27.60
	3	1500 HRS	\$26.23	\$26.69	\$27.16	\$1.00	\$28.16	\$28.65
	4	3000 HRS	\$26.84	\$27.31	\$27.79	\$1.00	\$28.79	\$29.29
	5	4500 HRS	\$28.37	\$28.87	\$29.37	\$1.00	\$30.37	\$30.90

**Percent in Lieu**

All part-time and casual employees will be paid an additional \$2.10 per hour in lieu of benefits including float holidays, sick leave, bereavement and health and welfare insured benefits or for greater clarity this money in lieu covers benefits offered to full-time employees under Article 12, 14, and 17. Such premium will not form part of the hourly rate.

**APPENDIX "B"****ONA GRIEVANCE FORM**

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATION DES INFIRMIÈRES ET INFIRMIERS DE L'ONTARIO		GRIEVANCE REPORT / RAPPORT DE GRIEF	
ONA LOCAL SECTION LOCALE DE L'AIO	EMPLOYER EMPLOYEUR	STEP ÉTAPE	DATE SUBMITTED TO EMPLOYER DATE DE SOUMISSION À L'EMPLOYEUR
GRIEVOR PLAIGNANTE		1.	
DEPARTMENT SERVICE	GRIEVANCE NO. N° DU GRIEF	2.	
		3.	
NATURE OF GRIEVANCE AND DATE OF OCCURRENCE / NATURE DU GRIEF ET DATE DE L'ÉVÈNEMENT			
SETTLEMENT REQUESTED / RÉGLEMENT DEMANDÉ			
SIGNATURE OF GRIEVOR: SIGNATURE DE LA PLAIGNANTE:		SIGNATURE OF ASSOCIATION REP: SIGNATURE DE LA REP. DE L'AIO:	
STEP ONE	EMPLOYER'S ANSWER / RÉPONSE DE L'EMPLOYEUR	DATE RECEIVED FROM THE UNION: DATE DE RÉCEPTION DU SYNDICAT:	
PREMIÈRE ÉTAPE		DATE SUBMITTED TO THE UNION: DATE DE SOUMISSION AU SYNDICAT:	
▶	DATE RECEIVED BY THE UNION: DATE DE RÉCEPTION PAR LE SYNDICAT:	SIGNATURE & POSITION OF EMPLOYER'S REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE ET TITRE DU REPRÉSENTANT DE L'EMPLOYEUR	
STEP TWO	EMPLOYER'S ANSWER / RÉPONSE DE L'EMPLOYEUR	DATE RECEIVED FROM THE UNION: DATE DE RÉCEPTION DU SYNDICAT:	
DEUXIÈME ÉTAPE		DATE SUBMITTED TO THE UNION: DATE DE SOUMISSION AU SYNDICAT:	
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STEP THREE	EMPLOYER'S ANSWER / RÉPONSE DE L'EMPLOYEUR	DATE RECEIVED FROM THE UNION: DATE DE RÉCEPTION DU SYNDICAT:	
TROISIÈME ÉTAPE		DATE SUBMITTED TO THE UNION: DATE DE SOUMISSION AU SYNDICAT:	
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**Re: Liability Insurance**

Should an employee, who is a Health Professional under the Regulated Health Professions Act, be required to provide her or his Regulatory College with proof of the Employer's liability insurance, the Employer, upon request from the employee, will provide the employee with a letter outlining the Home's liability coverage for Health Professionals in the Home's employ.

It is understood and agreed that the provision of the above noted letter in no way obligates the Employer to amend, alter or augment existing insurance coverage or to obtain or maintain insurance coverage beyond what is required by applicable LTC legislation or regulation.

DATED AT Kingston, ONTARIO THIS 23 DAY OF January 2023.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

FOR THE UNION

"Shaneka Brisset"

"Lisa Turner"

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"Bernadette Robinson"

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**Re: Leave of Absence for Employees on the Board of Directors of the Ontario Nurses'  
Association**

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Should a member of the bargaining unit be elected to the Board of Directors of the Ontario Nurses Association or President of the Ontario Nurses Association, the parties agree to meet to discuss the terms of reference related to the leave.

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### **Re: Supernumerary Positions**

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The Home may introduce supernumerary positions to be offered to newly graduated nurses. Where such positions are introduced, the following will apply:

1. The Employer may hire full-time supernumerary nurses, up to the maximum funding available as per the Ministry guidelines. The duration of such supernumerary appointments will be defined by the Nursing Graduate Guarantee rules and regulations.
2. Newly graduated nurses are defined by the Nursing Graduate Guarantee rules and regulations, currently defined as nurses who have graduated from a nursing program within the last year.
3. Supernumerary positions are defined as those positions offered to newly graduated nurses that are over and above the minimum staffing complement. Furthermore, supernumerary nurses will not be utilized to fill/backfill permanent and temporary vacancies.
4. No appointment will be made to a supernumerary position without prior discussion with the Union as to where the supernumerary nurse will be assigned, what will be expected of them, and what mentoring arrangement will apply. The parties agree to discuss this matter without undue delay following the employer's initial request to meet.
5. All nurses hired under the new graduate initiative will be full-time and covered by all terms and conditions of the collective agreement. Such positions will not be subject to internal postings or request for transfer processes outlined in Article 9.06.

Such supernumerary nurses can apply for and transfer to positions after the initial twelve (12) week supernumerary period in the manner defined by the Nursing Graduate Guarantee Guidelines.

6. Where supernumerary nurses successfully post into positions (pursuant to # 6 above) there is the potential that Ministry funding pursuant to the Nursing Graduate Guarantee Program will not have been fully utilized. The employer and the Union will meet to determine the distribution of the reinvestment initiative funding.
7. Notwithstanding paragraph 5 above, in the event of a layoff, the parties may require that the supernumerary nurse be laid off first.

- 8. Notwithstanding paragraph 5 above, if the nurse has not successfully posted into a permanent position by the end of the supernumerary appointment, she/he will be reclassified as casual part-time and this will not be considered a lay-off.
- 9. Any issues related to the new graduate initiatives may be discussed at the Union-Management Committee Meetings.
- 10. The Home bears the onus of demonstrating that such positions are supernumerary.
- 11. Where there is a dispute or timeliness issue, either party may raise the concern with the spokespersons for the central teams.

DATED AT Kingston, ONTARIO THIS 23 DAY OF January 2023.

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**Re: RAI Co-ordinator**

This letter confirms that the Employer shall, effective as soon as practical transfer 30 hours bi-weekly of non-managerial RAI 'co-ordinator' duties from the ADOC position to a qualified member in the bargaining unit. This is not to be construed as a guarantee of available hours, or hours to be worked, or hours to be paid. Such hours of work are subject to the applicable hours of work provisions in the collective agreement and the available funding.

This is not recognition that these job duties are exclusively bargaining unit work, nor is it an acknowledgement on the part of the Employer that these duties are appropriately placed within the bargaining unit.

This letter does not preclude the Nursing Leadership from performing duties or functions that are related to the MDS/RAI functions.

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**Re: Dental Co-pay Premium Cost**

Effective within the first month following ratification and for the term of this Collective Agreement the Employer agrees to equalize the 50% co-pay premium for dental benefits for the RPN's to match the dollar amount paid by the RN's for single and family.

Should the renewal of the benefit plans during the term of this agreement result in a higher co-pay amount for the RN bargaining unit the RPN's will pay the lesser amount.

As a potential cost savings for both Employer and employee, the Employer agrees to explore moving the RPN bargaining unit into the same plan as the RN's when renewing both the dental and extended health plans.

DATED AT Kingston, ONTARIO THIS 23 DAY OF January 2023.

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**SCHEDULE A**

**CERTIFICATE OF EMPLOYEE CONFIRMING ABSENCE**  
**DUE TO PERSONAL ILLNESS OR INJURY**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FACILITY: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE(S) OF ABSENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby affirm on my honour that my personal illness or injury prevented me from attending work on the date(s) shown above.

I understand that I will be compensated for the time absent from work at 70% of my straight time wages only.

SIGNATURE OF THE EMPLOYEE: \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR

DATE APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE B**

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF INABILITY TO WORK OR READINESS TO RETURN TO WORK  
DUE TO/FOLLOWING PERSONAL ILLNESS OR INJURY**

**PHYSICIAN/ NURSE PRACTITIONER INFORMATION:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ confirm that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Physician's/Nurse Practitioner's name) (Please print employee's name)

was treated by me on \_\_\_\_\_, is or was unable to work  
(Date)

due to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Nature of illness/injury only)

**PROGNOSIS:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Will not return to work: \_\_\_\_\_

Will return to work on: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**RETURN TO WORK**

\_\_\_\_\_ can return to work on \_\_\_\_\_ to carry out normal duties  
Employee's Name (Date)

Without restrictions \_\_\_\_\_ OR With the following restriction(s) and duration (if applicable):

**MINUTES OF SETTLEMENT**

ONTARIO NURSES' ASSOCIATION

("the Union" of "ONA")

-and-

SIENNA SENIOR LIVING - (21 HOMES): ALTAMONT CARE COMMUNITY; BLOOMINGTON COVE CARE COMMUNITY; BRADFORD VALLEY CARE COMMUNITY; CASE MANOR CARE COMMUNITY; CEDARVALE LODGE RETIREMENT AND CARE COMMUNITY; CHELTENHAM CARE COMMUNITY; DEERWOOD CREEK CARE COMMUNITY; FIELDSTONE COMMONS CARE COMMUNITY; FOUNTAIN VIEW CARE COMMUNITY; FOX RIDGE CARE COMMUNITY; HARMONY HILLS CARE COMMUNITY; MADONNA CARE COMMUNITY; MIDLAND GARDENS CARE COMMUNITY; MUSKOKA SHORES CARE COMMUNITY; NORFINCH CARE COMMUNITY; ROCKCLIFFE CARE COMMUNITY; SECORD TRAILS CARE COMMUNITY; ST. GEORGE CARE COMMUNITY; TULLAMORE CARE COMMUNITY; WESTON TERRACE CARE COMMUNITY; AND WOODHALL PARK CARE COMMUNITY.

("the Employer")

**RE: Application under Section 96 of the *Labour Relations Act, 1995* - Union File No. 202205752 OLRB File No. 0297-22-U**

**WHEREAS** on December 9, 2021 the Employer implemented a voluntary stock plan for all full time and part time employees, the Sienna Ownership and Reward ("SOAR") program,

**AND WHEREAS** the SOAR program was made available to Union members outside of the context of collective bargaining,

**AND WHEREAS** the Union made an Application to the Labour Relations Board on May 3, 2022 ("the Application") claiming that the implementation of the SOAR program was an unfair labour practice contrary to sections 70 and 73(1) of the *Labour Relations Act*,

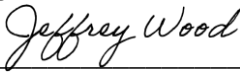

**AND WHEREAS** the Employer denied all allegations in the Application,

**NOW THEREFORE** the parties agree as follows:

1. The Employer and ONA will execute a Letter of Understanding ("LOU") in the form set out in Schedule A, attached, at each of the bargaining units named in the Application. Each LOU will be appended to the respective local collective agreements. Each LOU will expire with the collective agreement unless renewed by the parties. If the LOU is not renewed, the Employer agrees that the SOAR program would no longer be made available to new ONA bargaining unit employees ("ONA Members") going forward in that bargaining unit.
2. The Employer shall provide notice to ONA and consult the Union with respect to any significant changes to the SOAR program which may affect ONA Members.

3. The Employer and Union state and agree that neither the existence of the SOAR program, nor the participation of ONA Members therein, affects the status of ONA Members as “employees” under the *Labour Relations Act*. Participation in the SOAR program does not affect any other rights, benefits, or privileges of participating ONA Members under their collective agreement.
4. These minutes of settlement are no admission by either party that the SOAR program, or the manner in which it was instituted was, or was not, a violation or the *Labour Relations Act*.
5. The Union shall withdraw the Application without prejudice or precedent to any other matter upon all of the respective LOU’s being executed.
6. Nothing in these minutes of settlement affects any right of the Union to grieve or file further Applications to the under the *Labour Relations Act* should any significant changes be made to the SOAR program affecting ONA members, without the Union’s agreement.
7. The Employer and the Union agree that these minutes of settlement may be signed in counterparts.

Signed,

	<u>December 12, 2022</u>	<u>Toronto</u>
For the Employer	Date	Location
	<u>December 6, 2022</u>	<u>Toronto</u>
For the Union	Date	Location

J. Sandy Donaldson  
Senior Legal Advisor, ONA

**SCHEDULE "A"**

## Letter of Understanding

**Stock Plan**

For the life of this Collective Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Employer may offer a voluntary stock plan, such as the Sienna Ownership and Reward ("SOAR") program initially instituted in December 2021.
2. The stock plan may offer common shares of \$500 to permanent full-time employees with at least one (1) year service, and common shares of \$300 to permanent part-time employees with at least one (1) year service. The Employer shall match \$1 for every \$3 invested by employees up to \$250 per year for full-time employees and \$150 per year for part-time employees.
3. Should this Letter of Understanding expire, no new ONA bargaining unit employees shall be eligible to participate in the SOAR program without the consent of the Union. Employee's existing stock or entitlements under any stock plan prior to the expiry of this Letter of Understanding shall be unaffected by its expiry.