

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

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R.C. Purdy Chocolates Ltd.

And



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PREAMBLE

This Agreement made and entered into this 13th day of September, 2022, between R.C. Purdy Chocolates Ltd., hereinafter referred to as "the Employer" and Unifor, Local 2000, hereinafter referred to as "the Union".

The purpose of the Agreement is to maintain a harmonious and mutually beneficial relationship between the Employer and all employees in order to:

- (a) Set forth the terms and conditions of employment.
- (b) Ensure to the utmost extent possible the safety and welfare of the employees, and to continue to maintain the high quality and productivity of the work place.
- (c) Promote the co-operative resolution of work place issues, to continue to develop work-related skills and to promote and enhance the mutual commitment to the organization's efforts to prosper and grow.

ARTICLE 1 — MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

1.01 The Employer has all the customary rights, responsibilities, functions and prerogatives of Management including the right to:

- (a) Manage the business;
- (b) Direct and control the workforce;
- (c) Maintain order and efficiency;
- (d) Make or alter rules and regulations to be observed by employees, which are not in conflict with any provision of this Agreement;
- (e) Hire, promote, transfer, layoff, recall, and, with just and proper cause, demote employees;
- (f) Discipline, suspend or discharge employees for just cause.

The Employer acknowledges that, where any of the above rights are restricted or modified by the terms of the Collective Agreement, then the terms of the Collective Agreement will govern.

1.02 The Company agrees that the security cameras in the factory shall not be used for the purpose of assessing employee performance.

ARTICLE 2 — UNION SECURITY

2.01 This Agreement covers all production, janitorial, maintenance and warehouse employees of R.C. Purdy Chocolates Ltd.

2.02 The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole collective bargaining agency for the employees covered by this Agreement and hereby consents and agrees to negotiate with the Union or any Committee thereof.

- 2.03 All employees working in the bargaining unit shall become and remain members in good standing of the Union as a condition of employment. All employees working within the jurisdiction of the Union must sign a Union card when they start work.
- 2.04 All employees covered by this Agreement will be required to sign the appropriate authorization for dues deduction by the Employer.

The Employer agrees to deduct bi-weekly from the salary due to the employee the amount as required by the Union with respect to monthly dues and agrees to remit such dues to the Union Treasurer no later than the 10th day of each month following. The report will contain a list of employees to whom the monies are to be credited and the names, addresses, social insurance numbers, hourly wage, and employee's status.

The Employer's responsibilities in regard to dues of an employee are in accordance with Section 16 of the B.C. Labour Relations Code.

- 2.05 The Employer will not unreasonably deny requests by Union officials for access to the Employer's premises to confer with Shop Stewards or members.

ARTICLE 3 — SHOP STEWARDS

- 3.01 The Union shall appoint from among the employees, and the Employer shall recognize, Shop Stewards in each of the Employer's operations. The duties of the Shop Steward shall be to assist in the reporting and resolution of all grievances as well as disseminating bona fide information of the Union to the employees. No more than ten (10) stewards will be appointed.
- 3.02 The Employer agrees to recognize a duly appointed or elected Shop Steward provided that the Union has first advised the Employer in writing of the name of the employee so appointed. The Union agrees to advise the Employer in writing of any changes made by appointment or election from time to time.
- 3.03 The Shop Steward's first obligation is the fulfilment of their responsibilities as an employee. During their working hours, the Shop Steward is not entitled to engage in Union activities other than the necessary involvement in the reporting and resolution of grievances.
- 3.04 The Union Steward must not leave their assigned work area on Union business, without prior permission. Such permission will not be unreasonably withheld.
- 3.05 The necessary time which is spent by Stewards in reporting and resolving grievances or in attending meetings specifically provided for herein shall be considered to be time worked.
- 3.06 Under no circumstances shall a Steward take any action or issue any instruction which will interfere with the operation or affairs of the Employer, or with the management of or direction of the work force.
- 3.07 The Shop Steward shall not be discriminated against or disciplined for the proper performance of their duties on behalf of the Union.

ARTICLE 4 — BARGAINING UNIT WORK

- 4.01 Bargaining unit work is the kind of work normally performed by production, janitorial, maintenance and warehouse employees. Bargaining unit work will not be done by any person not included in the bargaining unit, except in cases of emergency. In the janitorial and maintenance departments, working Supervisors may also do bargaining unit work. This provision will not restrict the ability of Management to train employees.

ARTICLE 5 — CONTRACTING OUT

- 5.01 The Employer agrees to confer with the Union prior to any decision to contract out bargaining unit work. However, in making a decision to contract out such work, it is not the Employer's intention to erode the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 6 — JOINT CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

- 6.01 The Parties will establish a Joint Consultation Committee for the purpose of discussing issues relating to the work place that affect the Parties or any employee bound by this Agreement.
- 6.02 Each Party will appoint a maximum of three (3) Representatives to the Joint Consultation Committee. The Union will appoint its Representatives from the Shop Stewards. The Employer will appoint its Representatives from its Management team. The Joint Consultation Committee will meet during the workday at least once every two (2) months or, upon the mutual agreement of the Parties, more frequently. The Employer will pay employees on the Joint Consultation Committee at their straight time hourly rate of pay for attendance at the meetings.
- 6.03 It is agreed that the Union Staff Representative may attend these meetings from time to time.
- 6.04 Within four (4) months of ratification a Joint Committee including, up to a maximum of six (6) employee Representatives, chosen by the Union, will meet to discuss and facilitate changes to the job rotation process. This Committee may continue to meet throughout the term of the Collective Agreement.

ARTICLE 7 — HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

- 7.01 The workweek shall consist of forty (40) hours with two (2) consecutive days off. The workday shall be eight (8) hours. Any hours which the Employer requires an employee to work in excess of eight (8) hours shall be paid at time and one half the hourly rate for the first four (4) hours worked and double time for all hours worked in excess of twelve (12) hours in a day. Double time will be paid after an employee works in excess of forty-eight (48) hours in any week.

Scheduling of Overtime

- 7.02 Scheduled overtime will be offered to general help employees on a plant wide basis. Such overtime will be distributed on a seniority basis. Overtime for the kitchen, warehouse, maintenance, janitorial departments and APV Operators and Fuji Operators will be offered to employees in that classification on a seniority basis

providing they are able to perform the available work. If all employees in the classification refuse the overtime offered, then the Employer will assign the overtime to the most junior employee in the classification who has the qualifications, skills and ability to perform the work available.

- 7.03 An employee called back to work after their shift or on a scheduled day off will be paid for the time worked, but not less than four (4) hours at the applicable overtime rates.

Notice of Shift Change

- 7.04 Should it become necessary to change the regular work week or regular hours of work for an employee, the affected employee(s) will be given twenty-four (24)-hours' notice of a change of shift. Should it become necessary to change the regular workweek or regular hours of work in any department, the Employer will meet with the Representatives of the Union and a Representative group of employees. The purpose of the meeting is to seek any input or suggestions to the proposed changes prior to the Employer implementing such change to the workweek or shift.

Banked Overtime

- 7.05 All employees will have the opportunity to bank overtime at overtime rates. The Employer will keep a record of all overtime and banked time. Employee's time bank records shall be available to employees through the electronic timekeeping system. Banked time shall not exceed one hundred twenty (120) hours. All overtime hours worked beyond the one hundred twenty (120) banked must be paid out at the applicable overtime rates on the next pay period.

Unpaid Meal Breaks

- 7.06 There will be an unpaid lunch break of one-half (½) hour, thirty (30) minutes and two (2) paid fifteen (15) minute coffee breaks.
- 7.07 When any employee is required to work overtime in excess of two (2) hours after their regular shift, a thirty (30) minute unpaid lunch break will be granted and meal allowance of ten dollars (\$10.00) will be paid.

Shift Preference & Seniority

- 7.08 Shift preferences shall be determined by seniority. An employee will be given one (1) week advance notice before being temporarily transferred between shifts or locations. The Employer will canvas for volunteers first. If there are no volunteers and subject to the efficiency of operations, the junior most qualified employee(s) shall be transferred. The maximum length of transfer will be two (2) months.

ARTICLE 8 — SENIORITY

Calculation of Seniority

- 8.01 Seniority is calculated from employee's date of hire with the Employer. Seniority for employees with the same start date will be established by a fair drawing system. The employee drawing the lowest number shall be first (highest) seniority date and each number drawn thereafter, going higher will be next in seniority.

Seniority for casual employees hired into a full-time position will be calculated based on their last start date with the Employer, providing there has not been a break in service of more than ninety (90) days.

Seniority Lists

- 8.02 The Seniority list will show the name, start date, and classification for all employees. Seniority lists will be posted quarterly with a copy sent to the Union office.
- 8.03 Leaves of absences under Article 21 will not affect employee's seniority or their entitlement for vacation leave and other benefits.
- 8.04 Time spent by an employee on the recall list will not constitute a break in continuity of service.
- 8.05 Seniority will be lost and employment will terminate if an employee:
- (a) Resigns;
 - (b) Is discharged;
 - (c) Is absent without leave without just cause;
 - (d) After lay-off, fails to report for work after fourteen (14) calendar days' notice. Notice will be by phone or electronic messaging;
 - (e) Accepts a severance allowance pursuant to the Employment Standards Act; or,
 - (f) Is laid off for a continuous period equal to one (1) year.

ARTICLE 9 — HIRING, TRANSFERS, PROMOTIONS, TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- 9.01 The Employer, in carrying out its obligations under this Agreement will not discriminate in any matters of hiring, transferring, promoting and training, or otherwise because of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, marital or family status, physical or mental disability, age (as defined in the Human Rights Code), sex, sexual orientation, or any other grounds prohibited under the Human Rights Code.

Union Orientation

- 9.02 The Union shall have the opportunity to have a Representative introduced to new employees as part of the Employer's formal orientation program. The Union will be given twenty-four (24) hours' notice of the orientation date and time. The Union will have up to thirty (30) minutes to present union information to new employees.

ARTICLE 10 — PROBATIONARY PERIOD FOR NEW EMPLOYEES

- 10.01 Any new employee hired by the Employer in jobs within the Bargaining Unit will be considered as probationary for a period of ninety (90) calendar days. Such employees will have the benefits of this Agreement during their probationary period.

- 10.02 The purpose of the probationary period is to evaluate the employee's ability to competently perform the requirements of the position and the employee's overall suitability.
- 10.03 The Employer may terminate the employees' employment at any time during the probationary period if they are found unsuitable.

ARTICLE 11 — NOTICE OF VACANCIES

- 11.01 Notice of all vacancies, including newly created jobs and training opportunities, will be posted on the bulletin boards and sent to the Union. Employees desiring to fill such vacancies will submit written applications within seven (7) days of such posting. Representations may be made by the Union and employees on behalf of any candidate by forwarding names to the Employer Representative named on the particular posting.
- (a) Job postings for positions within the bargaining unit shall be posted for not less than seven (7) and to a maximum of fifteen (15) calendar days. The Union shall receive copies of all job postings.
 - (b) All applications on posted vacancies shall be in writing or electronically.
 - (c) Job Posting Details
The posting shall contain the following information:
 - (i) the job title;
 - (ii) a general outline of the duties and responsibilities;
 - (iii) the applicable wage rate;
 - (iv) location;
 - (v) the time limit for applications.
 - (d) The Employer will make every effort to award the posted position within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the posted closing date.

Vacancies for New and Training Positions

- 11.02 Vacancies for newly created and training positions will be awarded in accordance with the following principles:
- (a) The required qualifications, as determined by the Employer will be set out in the job posting. In selecting the successful applicant, seniority will be the determining factor, provided the applicant possesses the qualifications as posted.
 - (b) Unsuccessful candidates for vacancy will be informed in writing of the reasons for not being selected.

Vacancies for Full Time

- 11.03 Vacancies for Full-Time positions will be awarded in accordance with the following principles:

- (a) Employees who are fully trained and have performed successfully in the position posted will be awarded the full-time position ahead of other employees who have not performed the role.
- (b) Where there is more than one (1) fully trained employee and they are all performing at an acceptable level, seniority will be the determining factor.
- (c) Unsuccessful candidates for vacancy will be informed in writing of the reasons for not being selected. The Union will be notified of the successful applicant.

11.04 No employee will in any way be penalized for refusing to post into a vacancy.

11.05 Employees who are promoted or transferred to a new position will be given a trial period of up to ninety (90) days. If an employee fails to demonstrate the required ability to perform the new job, or chooses to return to their former position, the Employer will return the employee to their previous position or one of equal rank, without loss of seniority and related benefits.

11.06 Temporary Vacancies

This applies to the following positions:

- Nut Roaster
- Kitchen Assistant
- Extruder Operator
- Warehouse Coordinator
- Driver
- APV/Imperial Operator
- Fuji Operator
- Lead Hand
- Janitor

11.07 When a temporary vacancy is created due to circumstances such as vacation or sickness, the vacancy shall be filled within the department in order of seniority by an employee who is qualified, trained and capable of performing the requirements of the vacant position.

11.08 An employee is considered “capable” if they have required qualifications for the job, and have been awarded a training program or if they have successfully performed the job within the last twenty-four (24) months. For Drivers and Warehouse Coordinators, this would require necessary licensing and lift truck certification.

11.09 If a Lead Hand has the seniority to choose and be awarded a temporary job assignment and is not acting as a Lead Hand, they will forfeit the Lead Hand rate while performing the temporary job.

ARTICLE 12 — NEW CLASSIFICATIONS

- 12.01 Should the Employer create a new job or substantially change the duties or functions of an existing job, compensation will be negotiated between the Employer and the Union.

ARTICLE 13 — TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- 13.01 The Employer will ensure that:
- (a) each employee will properly be trained to do the job they are required to perform;
 - (b) All employees are given reasonable opportunity and encouragement to broaden their job experiences and skill level, subject to staffing and production requirements.
- 13.02 (a) The Employer will provide ongoing training to employees to ensure that they are proficient in the Employer's procedures, equipment, or computer software as required.
- (b) Employees training on a higher classification and/or replacing another employee in a higher classification shall receive the appropriate rate of pay for the time period they are training and/or replacing the employee at the higher rate of pay. No employee shall receive less pay when promoted whether permanently or temporarily than the previous job left.
- 13.03 If the Employer requires the employee to attend training sessions which are directly work related, the Employer will pay the full cost of the training. Furthermore, if the Employer requires the employee to attend training sessions, either on or off the premises, the Employer will, where possible, provide the training during regular working hours. When training cannot be provided during regular working hours, the employee will be compensated at the appropriate straight time rate applicable for a regular working day.
- 13.04 Employees required to possess or update industrial First Aid certificates and to attend occupational health and safety courses will be provided time off to attend the course with no loss of pay.

The Employer will pay the tuition fee for such courses where the Employer requires the employee to attend the course, based on both the Employer and employee paying 50% each up front and the Employer reimbursing the employee for their 50% share upon the employee's successful completion of the course.

Apprenticeship Training Program – Candy Maker

- 13.05 The Company reserves the right to determine if a Candy Maker Apprentice is required and how many apprentices are in the Program.
- 13.06 Employees who apply for entry in the Apprenticeship Program when a vacancy exists shall be pre-selected by experience, education, aptitude and ability. An internal prerequisite: an employee applicant will have performed successfully as a Kitchen Assistant for a minimum of two thousand (2000) hours. If no employee applicants meet the internal prerequisite qualifications, the Company will select an applicant from outside the Bargaining Unit with appropriate experience or training.

- 13.07 Any employee who enters the program will continue to accumulate seniority. If an employee is unable to meet the continued requirements of the Program, they may return to a position equivalent to their original position.
- 13.08 The company reserves the right to suspend the program for reasons such as, but not limited to, business condition changes affecting the economics of the business or the inability to fill a vacancy required to oversee the apprentice. If the Company does suspend the program, and at a later date the program is reinstated, the apprentice(s) shall return to the program as if they had not left (i.e. hours accumulated, appropriate wage rate and time remaining etc.).
- 13.09 An apprentice will be required to learn the Candy Making trade from Purdy's Classified Candy Makers. This involves the ability to make and cook candies according to established recipes. Each process will be taught and reviewed until the Apprentice is capable of performing the tasks on their own.
- 13.10 The apprentice period will be no less than four thousand one hundred and sixty (4160) hours of cooking and recipe preparation.
- 13.11 Throughout the apprenticeship training period, the apprentice will be required to complete the following BCIT on-line part-time courses or equivalent course at BCIT or other approved institutions on their own time, which Purdy's will reimburse upon successful completion. The expenses and the apprentice wages will be paid to attend the Confectionary Technology course when it is available:
- Food Safety for the Plant Worker - BCIT Food 1301
 - Introduction to Food Technology - BCIT Food 1091
 - Confectionary Technology
- 13.12 Apprentices will receive the apprentice wage rate schedule.
- 13.13 Upon completion of the program and successful completion of the required courses, the apprentice will be deemed to be trained in the trade of Candy Making.
- 13.14 The Company will determine the requirement for Candy Maker positions. If a need is identified and a vacancy is created after the apprentice completes the apprenticeship program, the apprentice will be able to apply for the position of Candy Maker, receiving the full rate of the classification. The Apprentice will remain as an Apprentice and receive ninety-five percent (95%) of the full rate if there is no vacancy. In no case, shall an Apprentice remain at ninety-five percent (95%) of the full rate for more than one thousand and forty (1040) hours beyond completion of the Apprenticeship Program. They will be paid the full rate one hundred percent (100%) when performing in the role of Candy Maker.

Note: At no time will an apprentice work for less than the rate they were receiving prior to starting their apprenticeship.

ARTICLE 14 — LAY-OFF AND RECALL

- 14.01 The Employer will notify the Union two (2) weeks in advance of a lay-off, specifying the number of employees and the anticipated length of the lay-off. In the event of a temporary lay-off due to causes beyond the control of the Company (eg. fire, flood and/or natural disaster), the above notice will not apply.

- 14.02 Lay-offs for the classification of general help will be made in the reverse order of plant seniority. Lay-offs in the kitchen, warehouse, maintenance, janitorial departments, APV /Imperial Operators, Fuji Operators and Extruder Operators, will be made in reverse order of seniority within job classifications.
- 14.03 The order of layoff within the affected classification shall be as follows: casual employees, temporary employees, probationary employees, full-time employees.
- 14.04 Lead hands will be exempt from lay-off or displacement by other employees who are laid off from their job. Senior employees may, by their own request in writing, be part of a general lay-off providing their position is one of the affected positions. Once the request has been approved, they will be laid off and recalled in accordance with the processes described in the lay-off and recall provisions.
- 14.05 Layoff and Recall Provisions
- (a) Employees who are laid off may choose to be put on a recall list;
 - (b) Employees who choose to not be on the recall list will receive severance paid in accordance with the Employment Standards Act;
 - (c) Employees will be placed on the recall list for a period of twelve (12) months, after which time the lay-off will be deemed to be permanent.
 - (d) Sr. employees on layoff may choose to be recalled out of order.
- 14.06 It will be the responsibility of the employee to notify the Employer of any changes to their address or telephone number.
- 14.07 General help employees will be recalled in accordance with plant-wide seniority provided they possess the skill and ability to perform the job to which they are being recalled. All other employees will be recalled from lay-off in accordance with seniority within their job classifications within the department.
- 14.08 Every laid off employee, upon notification of recall by the Employer, will report for duty no more than one (1) week after such notification. Any employee who does not return to work within one (1) week of notice of recall will be deemed to have resigned.
- 14.09 The Employer will advise the employee by telephone or electronic messaging, no later than five (5) working days prior to the date the employee is to return to work.
- 14.10 No new employee will be hired until employees on the recall list who have the qualifications to perform the vacant job have been offered the position in accordance with the above.

ARTICLE 15 — TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

- 15.01 The Union will be notified at least three (3) months in advance of any proposed staff reduction resulting from any technological changes.
- 15.02 "Technological Change" would fall under the scope of Section 54 (1) of the B.C. Labour Relations Code.
- 15.03 After the notice has been given, the Employer and the Union will meet in order to discuss how the technological change could be implemented with the least

adverse effects and to discuss the provisions outlined in Section 54 of the B.C. Labour Relations Code. This would include exploring opportunities for retraining and relocating employees into job classifications in this Agreement.

- 15.04 The Employer will endeavour to ensure that employees will not be laid off as a result of the technological change. However, in the case of staff reductions, they will be conducted in accordance with Article 14 - Lay-off and Recall.

ARTICLE 16 — EMPLOYEE FILES

- 16.01 An employee may request a review of their personnel file at any time. Such requests must be in writing to the Human Resources Department. The Human Resources Department will establish a mutually convenient time for the employee to review the file.
- 16.02 Upon the employee's request, the employee and/or the Union (if so designated by the employee) will be provided with copies of all material in the employee's file. An employee must provide their written consent to the Union and verbally advise their Supervisor of this consent before the Employer will provide the Union with a copy of the employee's personnel file.
- 16.03 The Employee will have the right to place in such file a response to anything contained therein which the Employee deems to be adverse.

ARTICLE 17 — DISCIPLINE

- 17.01 There will be no discipline or dismissal except for just and sufficient cause. Discipline will be applied consistently, and disciplinary measure will be appropriate to the offence and subject to the principle of progressive discipline.
- 17.02 Where it is the intention of Management to provide formal coaching which may lead to discipline or discipline an employee, a Shop Steward must be present.
- 17.03 In the event of discipline, the Employer will provide the employee with a copy of the written formal discipline and forward copies of the same to the Union office.
- 17.04 Letters of discipline shall be removed from the employee's file after eighteen (18) months from the date of issue.
- 17.05 Whenever an employee signs a discipline document pertaining to discipline, they do so only to acknowledge receipt of the document. Such signature does not constitute an employee's agreement to the discipline. The discipline form will reflect this clause.
- 17.06 Before taking action to suspend or terminate an employee, the Union will be notified within twenty-four (24) hours and will have seventy-two (72) hours following notification to make representations to the Employer on behalf of the employee before further action is taken by the Employer. The Employer has the right to remove the employee from the work place without pay pending investigation and during the seventy-two (72) hour period.

ARTICLE 18 — GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

18.01 If a difference arises which results in a grievance, the employee(s) shall continue to work in accordance with the Agreement until the grievance is settled.

18.02 The Employer, the Union, or the employee having a grievance, dispute, or complaint will submit same within seven (7) calendar days upon becoming aware of the event giving rise to such grievance, dispute, or complaint. The following steps will be observed:

Step 1: Any issue raised by the Union shall first be initiated by the Shop Steward with the Department Supervisor. In the event a dispute or disagreement is not resolved between the Shop Steward and the Department Supervisor within seven (7) calendar days of the time it is initiated, it shall be submitted in writing by the initiating Party to the other Party.

Step 2: A meeting between the Supervisor and Director, Production or their designate, the grievor and Shop Steward(s), will be established within seven (7) days to try to resolve the issue. If no satisfactory resolution is reached, the grievance may, within seven (7) calendar days of being submitted in writing, be referred to the next step.

Step 3: A meeting between a Representative(s) of the Union and a Representative(s) of the Employer will be held within ten (10) calendar days, or other time that may be mutually agreed upon, to meet and discuss the grievance and attempt to find a resolution.

By mutual agreement, the Parties may submit the grievance to the mediation Division of the B.C. Labour Relations Board following receipt of the reply at Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure.

Step 4: Failing settlement of the grievance at Step 3, the grieving Party will notify the other Party, in writing, within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the decision that it intends to submit the matter to arbitration.

18.03 Arbitration Procedure.

Any matter involving the interpretation, application, operation or alleged violation of this Agreement, including any question as to whether a matter is arbitrable, may be submitted to arbitration.

- (a) Upon receipt of notification from the grieving Party, the Union and the Employer shall endeavour to agree upon the selection of an Arbitrator.
- (b) If the Parties are unable to agree on an Arbitrator, they will have an Arbitrator appointed under the provisions of the B.C. Labour Relations Code.
- (c) The Arbitrator, so constituted, shall proceed to settle the dispute in question and a final and binding decision of the Arbitrator shall be rendered. In no event shall the Arbitrator have the power to alter, modify or amend this Agreement in any respect.
- (d) Each Party shall pay one-half (½) the fees and expenses of the Arbitrator.

- 18.04 If the grieving Party does not advance the grievance within the time limits specified, the grievance will be deemed to be abandoned and all rights of recourse of the grievance procedure will be at an end. If the responding Party does not respond to the grievance within the time limits specified, the grievance will be deemed to have succeeded. However, whenever a stipulated time is mentioned under this Article, the said time may be extended by mutual consent of the Parties or their nominees.
- 18.05 In a grievance which involves an individual employee, that employee is encouraged to be present at each step of the Grievance Procedure.
- 18.06 If an employee files a grievance pursuant to Article 18, related to harassment, discrimination or bullying, a joint Union/Management investigation will be carried out forthwith into the complaint which forms the basis of the grievance, and the Employer shall advise the Union in writing within ten (10) days of the grievance being filed that such an investigation has been undertaken.
- 18.07 Fast Track Arbitration
- (a) All grievances which may be processed pursuant to the Grievance Procedure in the Collective Agreement will be suitable for resolution by the fast track process upon mutual agreement of the two Parties after failure to resolve a grievance at Step 3 of the Grievance Procedure.
 - (b) The Union and the Employer agree that (name) Arbitrator(s) will act as a single Arbitrator to settle disputes.
 - (c) The Arbitrator will utilize an expedited process with the following instructions:
 - (i) The Union and the Employer will not use lawyers for presentation;
 - (ii) The Parties will make every effort to arrive at a Statement of Agreed Facts prior to the hearing and will forward it to the Arbitrator and the other Party as well as a copy of any document that it intends to use during the hearing including precedents and authorities;
 - (iii) Presentations will be short and concise;
 - (iv) Use of witnesses are discouraged;
 - (v) There will be minimal reliance upon case authorities during argument;
 - (vi) Whenever possible, the Arbitrator will deliver their decision orally at the conclusion of the hearing by giving a brief resume of their reasons and confirm their conclusions in writing thereafter. In the event that this is not possible, the Arbitrator will provide the Parties with a written decision within two (2) weeks of the hearing;
 - (vii) The decision of the Arbitrator will be final and binding on the Parties. In no event will the Arbitrator have the power to alter, modify or amend this Collective Agreement in any respect;
 - (d) The Arbitrator costs will be shared equally between the Parties.

- (e) The Joint Committee will review the effectiveness of the fast track system and recommend areas for improvement. Such review will be scheduled no later than six (6) months prior the expiry of this Collective Agreement.

ARTICLE 19 — ANNUAL VACATION

19.01 The vacation year is January 1st to December 31st.

19.02 Employees are entitled to annual vacation with pay as follows:

- (a) Employees who have completed one (1) continuous year of employment by December 31st of any year shall be entitled to two (2) weeks' vacation at four percent (4%) of their gross earnings in the calendar year.
- (b) Employees who have completed four (4) continuous years of employment as of December 31st of any one year shall be entitled to three (3) weeks' vacation at six percent (6%) of their gross earnings in the calendar year.
- (c) Employees who have completed ten (10) continuous years of service as of December 31st of any year shall be entitled to four (4) weeks' vacation at eight percent (8%) of their gross earnings in the calendar year.
- (d) After twenty (20) years of service employees will be entitled to vacation as follows:

Upon completion of twenty-one (21) continuous years of service as of December 31 - twenty-one (21) days' vacation (8.4%)

Upon completion of twenty-two (22) continuous years of service as of December 31 - twenty-two (22) days' vacation (8.8%)

Upon completion of twenty-three (23) continuous years of service as of December 31 - twenty-three (23) days' vacation (9.2%)

Upon completion of twenty-four (24) continuous years of service as of December 31 - twenty-four (24) days' vacation (9.6%)

Upon completion of twenty-five (25) continuous years of service as of December 31 - twenty-five (25) days' vacation (10%)

- (e) New hires shall be entitled to a pro-rated vacation with pay in the first vacation year after their year of hire.

19.03 Vacation time will be scheduled so as to interfere least with production.

19.04 When a statutory holiday falls during an employee's vacation, an extra day's vacation with pay will be granted if the holiday is one which the employee would have received had they been working.

19.05 Any employee wanting to schedule vacation time must put in a written request to their Supervisor at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the requested day.

19.06 Vacation shall be taken after completing the year of service in which it is earned. Employees may carry over five (5) days to be taken by March 1st.

19.07 Vacation time will be scheduled so as to not interfere with production and the number of people on vacation in each department at one time may be limited.

There will be no blackout periods. Employees shall have preference in respect to annual vacations, within their department and classification, according to the seniority list, provided they file before November 21st of each year for vacations to be taken during the following year. The Employer will post the vacation schedule by December 21st.

- 19.08 Vacation requested after the annual bidding process shall be approved within five (5) business days.

ARTICLE 20 — STATUTORY HOLIDAY

- 20.01 The following shall be considered statutory holidays:

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

and any other day as legislated by the BC Provincial Government.

- 20.02 To be eligible to receive pay for a statutory holiday, a new employee must have commenced employment at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the holiday. Any employee must have worked at least fifteen (15) of the previous thirty (30) days before the statutory holiday.

Employees who are absent by reason of compensable accident, sickness or while acting for the Union on company-union business will be credited as if such days have been worked for the purpose of qualifying period for the next statutory holiday only.

- 20.03 If an employee is required to work on a statutory holiday, they will receive double time (2 times) their regular wage for all time worked. In addition, the employee will receive another day off with pay at a time mutually agreed between the employee and their Supervisor.
- 20.04 If any part of production is shut down for any period during the week(s) in which Christmas and New Year's falls, this closure will not constitute a lay-off. An employee may take vacation or an unpaid leave of absence during the period.

ARTICLE 21 — LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Upon request in writing, the Employer will, for good and sufficient reason, grant:

Bereavement Leave

- 21.01 Employees will be granted up to four (4) days off from work with pay, plus an additional day for travel outside the Lower Mainland/Fraser Valley, in the event of death in the immediate family. Immediate family is defined as spouse, common law spouse, same sex partner, children, siblings, grandchildren, parents, parents-in-law, brothers and sisters-in-law and grandparents.

Pregnancy, Parental and Family Responsibility Leaves

21.02 Pregnancy, parental and family responsibility leaves will all be granted in accordance with the Employment Standards Act.

Jury Duty

21.03 An employee on jury duty shall receive seventy-five percent (75%) of their regular weekly salary during such periods of service, less the amount of jury fees, which shall be turned over to the Employer.

Personal Leave

21.04 Leave without pay may be granted for personal reasons. The Employer will attempt to accommodate employee's requests for such leave. Such leaves will not be unreasonably withheld. The length of such leave will be determined on the basis of individual circumstances.

Family Caregiver and Compassionate Care Leave

21.05 Employees will be granted leave without pay as follows in accordance with the BC Employment Standards Act:

Family caregiver leave for critically ill or injured children under eighteen (18) will be up to thirty-five (35) weeks.

Family caregiver leave for critically ill or injured adults over eighteen (18) will be up to fifteen (15) weeks.

Compassionate care leave for any age person who requires end-of-life care up to twenty-six (26) weeks.

Domestic or Sexual Violence Leave

21.06 Employees will be granted leave with pay and without pay as follows in accordance with the BC Employment Standards Act:

- (a) up to five (5) days of paid leave,
- (b) up to five (5) days of unpaid leave, and
- (c) up to fifteen (15) weeks of additional unpaid leave.

Religious Holiday Leave

21.07 Employees may request in writing time off due to religious holiday. The Employer will endeavour to grant such time off. Time off for religious holidays is without pay.

21.08 Union Representation

- (a) Time off with pay will be granted to employee Representatives when meeting with Officers of the Employer on behalf of the Union, on matters affecting both Parties only. Such time off will not be used for the purposes of collective bargaining.
- (b) Time off without pay will be granted by the Employer to official Representatives of the Union to attend meetings, conventions, workshops, etc., pertaining to labour matters directly affecting the Union, provided that:

- (i) two (2) weeks' notice is given of the date and duration for such time off; and
- (ii) such time off will not interfere with the normal operational requirements of the Employer.

(c) **Full Time Union Leave**

- (i) The Employer agrees to grant one (1) employee, when requested and whose name is specified by the Union, a leave of absence without pay for three (3) years to work for the Unifor of Canada, Local 2000, Canadian Labour Congress, or Local of Unifor. A request for an extension maybe granted by the Employer.
- (ii) Such leave is without pay or benefits. However, the Employer will continue the employee on group benefits and Unifor will reimburse the Employer the cost of the benefits upon receipt of an invoice.
- (iii) The Union agrees to give the Employer a minimum of two (2) months' notice in advance of the beginning of such leave. The Union further agrees that should the services of the employee be required by the Employer in an emergency or urgent situation, the Employer will have access to the employee and will reimburse the Union for the hours spent by the employee doing Employer business.

21.09 All paid leaves, with the exception of vacation and statutory holidays will be based on an average days' pay. An average days' pay is calculated by dividing the amount paid or payable in the thirty (30) calendar days before the leave, divided by the number of days worked.

ARTICLE 22 — HEALTH AND SAFETY

22.01 A joint Union and Employer Health and Safety Committee will continue to meet monthly at both locations. The Health and Safety Committee will be comprised of up to four (4) employee Representatives chosen by the Union and up to four (4) Employer Representatives in accordance with the requirement of WorkSafeBC. At no time shall the number of Employer members be allowed to outnumber the amount of Union members. Two (2) Co-Chairpersons shall be elected (or a Chairperson and a Secretary) from and by the members of the Committee. Where one of the Chairpersons is an Employer member, the other shall be a Union member and vice-versa.

22.02 Minutes of the meetings will be kept and shall be posted with a copy forwarded to the Union office and WorkSafeBC.

22.03 Time spent by members of the Committee in the course of their duties shall be considered as time worked and shall be paid for in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

22.04 The Parties mutually endorse and subscribe to the promotion of safety consciousness and responsibility.

22.05 The Employer will provide and maintain the work place equipment, work methods and tools that are safe and necessary to prevent injury.

- 22.06 The Employer will provide appropriate training so that employees have the skills and knowledge necessary to safely perform the work assigned to them.
- 22.07 The Employer will work with the Health and Safety Committee to prevent or correct a situation liable to endanger the health and safety of employees.
- 22.08 Working practices will be in accordance with the current WorkSafeBC rules and regulations, insofar as they may apply.
- 22.09 Employees will inform Management immediately of all injuries resulting from accidents occurring at work. Written employee statements will be included in the accident report and submitted to WorkSafeBC as soon as reasonably practical.

The Employer will continue its current practice of taking all reasonable measures to accommodate to the health and safety of a pregnant employee, including assignment of lighter work duties.

Employees Returning to Work After Illness or Injury

- 22.10 In accordance with applicable health and safety legislation in BC, in cases where an employee is returning to work following an absence due to illness or injury, including absences covered by the WorkSafeBC benefits, the employee is entitled to reinstatement in their former position as soon as they are medically fit to return to work in any capacity.

Light Duty/Modified Work/Accommodation

- 22.11 In the event that modified duties conflict with any Article of the Collective Agreement, the Officer of the Local shall be consulted.

Upon request, light duty or modified work arrangements will be forwarded to the Union.

Right to Refuse Unsafe Work

- 22.12 In accordance with Section 3.12 of the BC Occupational Health & Safety Regulation of the Workers Compensation Act, employees have the right to refuse work that would create an undue hazard to the health and safety of any person.

Employees must immediately notify the Supervisor, who will then take the appropriate steps to determine if the work is unsafe and remedy the situation.

ARTICLE 23 — DEFINITION OF EMPLOYEES

- 23.01 **Full Time Employee:** an employee who works the regular work week provided for in this Agreement.
- 23.02 **Casual Employee:** an employee who is employed for a specified time, not to exceed six (6) months.
- 23.03 Casual employees will not be eligible for Health & Benefit Plans (Article 24) and clothing and safety boot allowance (Article 25 - Miscellaneous Provisions).
- 23.04 Casual employees will not displace a fulltime employee.
- 23.05 Casual employees will only perform duties associated with the General Help classification.

- 23.06 **Temporary employee:** an employee who is employed for a specific project or a specified time, not to exceed six (6) months, at the Employer's discretion. Temporary employees will be paid at their classified rate and are eligible for all terms of the Collective Agreement, except Article 14 - Lay-off and Recall. Temporary employees will not be hired unless there is no full-time employee available or interested in the position. A temporary posting must be put on all bulletin boards for internal candidates prior to hiring outside. It is not the intention of the Employer to use this language to avoid promoting full time employees.

ARTICLE 24 — HEALTH AND BENEFITS PLAN

Benefit Eligibility

- 24.01 Full time employees who have completed their probation shall be eligible to receive benefits. For probationary employees, benefits depending on length of service shall be computed from their start date of employment.

Termination of Benefits

- 24.02 Benefit coverage will terminate if an employee is terminated, resigns or retires. In accordance with the benefit plan requirements, employees who are laid off may only continue on the benefit plans if they pre-pay or provide post-dated cheques for the full cost of the benefit for the period of their lay-off.

Cost Share

- 24.03 The premium costs of all benefits are to be shared sixty-five percent (65%) by the Employer and thirty-five percent (35%) by the employee unless specifically noted. The employee portion of the benefit premiums will be deducted from wages. Except for short term disability premiums which will remain at 50/50 this cost sharing will remain for the life of the Agreement.

Benefit Provider

- 24.04 The selection of the insurance carrier for any benefits referred to in the article is at the sole discretion of the Employer. Actual benefits which are provided by an insurance carrier are a contract between the Employer and the carrier. Those contracts do not form part of this Agreement. The plan details are part of the insurance contracts and any disputes arising shall be resolved in accordance with those contracts. In the case of self-insurance, the decision of the plan administrator shall be final.

The Employer agrees to share information on the health and benefit plans and to discuss benefit costs and other related matters at a Joint Committee meeting at least once (1 time) per year. The Union shall appoint members to this Committee.

- 24.05 **The Benefit Plans will provide:**

- (a) BC Medical
- (b) Extended Health – twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) deductible per family, per year - reimbursement is eighty percent (80%) in BC and one hundred percent (100%) out of province.

- (c) Dental – ninety percent (90%) for Plan A, sixty percent (60%) for Plan B, and sixty percent (60%) for Plan C – two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) maximum per year for Plans A & B, two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) lifetime maximum under Plan C.
- (d) Short Term Disability -- One hundred percent (100%) of average wages from the first day of illness up to a cumulated five (5) days per calendar year, paid at one hundred percent (100%) by the Company, as required under Section 49.1 of the British Columbia Employment Standards Act, seventy-five percent (75%) of average wages from the sixth (6th) day of illness up to the tenth (10th) day per calendar year, sixty percent (60%) of average wages from eleven (11) to seventy-five (75) cumulated days of illness.

An average wage is calculated by dividing the amount paid or payable in the thirty (30) calendar days before the leave by the number of days worked.

Functional Ability Forms (FAF) requested by the Employer, will be paid by the Employer in accordance with the BCMA fee guide.
- (e) Life Insurance and AD&D – twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) for each coverage.
- (f) Employee and Family Assistance Plan.
- (g) Vision care at two hundred dollars (\$200.00) every twenty-four (24) months.

Registered Retirement Savings Plan

- 24.06 After an employee has completed their two (2) years of service, the Employer will contribute to the Purdy's Group RRSP Plan, two percent (2%) of each employee's gross wages. As well, after the employee has completed their third year of service, the Employer will contribute an additional one percent (1%) or two percent (2%) of gross wages, if the employee also contributes either one percent (1%) or two percent (2%) of their gross wages. After eight (8) years of service, the Employer will match an employee's contribution of an additional one percent (1%).

ARTICLE 25 — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

25.01 Payment of Wages

- (a) Payment of wages shall be made biweekly by a direct deposit system.
- (b) At the Employer's determination, employees who have prior experience in comparable work, shall be paid the applicable rate of pay which recognizes said experience. This would be applicable for new hires, promotions or transfers.
- (c) Any employee who is assigned to work in a higher classification shall receive at least the minimum in the higher classification for all time worked.
- (d) Should a payroll error occur which is the responsibility of the Employer and is in excess of five (5) hours of straight time pay, the Employer shall correct the error within five (5) working days of receipt of the payroll complaint,

which documents the hours worked by day for the payroll cycle upon which the complaint is based.

25.02 Equipment and Allowances

- (a) Hair nets, ear plugs, gloves, and all required protective and safety equipment are provided for by the Employer. It is the responsibility of the employee to wear or use the safety equipment provided and as trained to do so.
- (b) Aprons for plant employees and coveralls for maintenance, are provided for by the Employer. The cleaning and maintenance of the aprons shall be the responsibility of the Employer.
- (c) A clothing allowance of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be paid to each employee on the first pay in May provided the employee has completed six (6) months cumulative service. Any employee required to wear safety shoes will be reimbursed up to one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for the purchase or repair of safety shoes each year, or two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) every second year. Production employees who are not required to wear safety shoes will be provided a shoe allowance of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) on the first pay in May provided the employee has completed six (6) months cumulative service.

(d) **First Aid Certificate Premium**

Employees with valid first aid certificates, that meet the requirement of the definition in WorkSafeBC regulations, will receive a premium of one dollar (\$1.00) for Level II or higher per hour worked. The premium will not be used in the calculation of overtime.

25.03 Bulletin Board

- (a) The Employer agrees to provide a bulletin board, no smaller than 24" x 24", suitably placed for use of the Union in the warehouse area and in the production area.
- (b) The Employer will provide a locker for union use.

25.04 Picket Lines

Employees will not be required to cross legal picket lines.

ARTICLE 26 – STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

26.01 There will not be strikes, slowdowns or other disruptions of work by the Union or employees; nor will there be any lockouts by the Employer while this Agreement is in effect.

26.02 The Union and the Employer agree that there will not be activity within the meaning of paragraph 1 above threatened, declared authorized, counselled, aided or brought about on its part.

ARTICLE 27 — SAVINGS CLAUSE

27.01 It is assumed by the Parties that each provision of this Agreement is in conformity with all applicable laws of Canada and the Province of British Columbia. If any provision of this Agreement is rendered invalid by statute or decision of a court of law, the Parties agree to renegotiate such provisions of this Agreement for the purpose of making it conform to such Federal or Provincial Order or Statutes. All remaining provisions of this Agreement will not be affected.

ARTICLE 28 — WAGE SCHEDULE AND PAY NOTES

		May 1, 2022	May 1, 2023	May 1, 2024	May 1, 2025
Maintenance Tradesperson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For their first 2,080 hours worked in this classification, employees will be paid at the base rate. • After 2,080 hours worked, employees will be paid at the base rate + \$1.50 • After 4,160 hours worked, employees will be paid at the base rate + \$3.00 • After 6,240 hours worked, employees will be paid at the base rate + \$5.25 	\$36.30	37.21	38.14	39.09
Candy Maker		\$30.50	31.26	32.04	32.84
Nut Roaster	For the first 1040 hours worked in this classification, employees will be paid 85% of the rate. They will then move to the full job rate.	\$30.50	31.26	32.04	32.84
Candy Maker Apprentice See Article 13	For the first 2080 hours worked in this classification, employees will be paid 85% of the Candy Maker rate. For the next 1040 hours worked in this classification, employees will be paid 90% of the Candy Maker rate. For the next 1040 hours worked				

	in this classification, employees will be paid 95% of the Candy Maker rate				
Kitchen Assistant, Extruder Operator, Warehouse-Coordinator, Driver, APV/Imperial Operator	For the first 1040 hours worked in this classification, employees will be paid 85% of the rate. They will then move to the full job rate.	\$24.64	25.26	25.89	26.54
Fuji Operator	For the first 1040 hours worked in this classification, employees will be paid 85% of the rate. They will then move to the full job rate.	\$24.08	24.68	25.30	25.93
Janitor*	For all new employees hired after May 1/16 wage scale noted below applies	\$23.58	24.17	24.77	25.39
General Help (Production and Warehouse)*	For all new employees hired after May 1/16 wage scale noted below applies	\$22.52	23.08	23.66	24.25
Enrobing Start Up Operator	This rate is paid only during time worked in the Enrobing Start Up Operator role (approx. 5:15am - 7:15am)	\$23.52	24.11	\$24.71	\$25.33
ME Wrapper Operator	Before achieving the full rate employees will be paid 85% of the rate while working in this position. To achieve full rate, the employee must: 1. Work at least 520 hours in this position. 2. Complete four changeovers.	\$23.02	23.60	\$24.19	\$24.79
Casual	Wages will follow the wage scale below.				

New Hires, Casuals and General Help	May 1, 2022	May 1, 2023	May 1, 2024	May 1, 2025
Start	\$17.25	17.68	18.12	18.57

After 1040 hours	\$17.50	17.94	18.39	18.85
After 2080 hours	\$17.75	18.19	18.64	19.11
After 4160 hours	\$18.25	18.71	19.18	19.66
After 6240 hours	\$19.25	19.73	20.22	20.73
After 8320 hours	\$22.52	\$23.08	\$23.66	\$24.25

Pay Notes:

1. No current employee shall have any part of their current wage reduced to this new pay grid.
2. General wage increases will also be applied to this wage grid in each year beginning on May 1, 2023.
3. Casuals or new hires shall be paid in accordance with the wage schedule as set in the Collective Agreement. These rates of pay are minimum rates of pay and the Employer retains discretion to start employees at any rate on the progression scale, or above, if necessary to attract and retain employees. If the Employer hires employees at a rate of pay higher than the current employee, all employees will have their wage rate adjusted to equal the amount provided by the new hire. For clarity, a casual who starting at a rate of \$17.75 would move to \$18.25 after they have worked 4,160 hours.

Lead Hand Premium

4. With respect to lead hands, they will be appointed, by Purdy's and paid a premium of \$2.00 per hour above the job rate applicable to production employees. This premium shall be used in the calculation for statutory holiday pay and overtime pay.

Shift Premiums

5. If shift work is required, the Employer will pay a seventy-five cents (\$0.75) per hour premium to any employees for hours worked between 6:00 p.m. to midnight. For hours worked between midnight and 6:00am the Employer will pay one dollar (\$1.00) per hour premium. The premium will not be used in the calculation of overtime pay.
6. Any employee who is currently paid above the full job rate for their classification as set out on the Wage Schedule will continue to receive that superior rate of pay. Those employees will also receive any general wage increases.
7. Employees employed in Moulding and APV/Fuji takeoff are classified and paid as general help.
8. Casual employees who become full time or are rehired as a casual, receive previously worked hours towards the advancement of their pay scale.

9. Under the current operating conditions, it is the intention of the organization to maintain five (5) full-time Warehouse Co-Ordinator's. If changes are contemplated then the issues will be discussed with the Union.

ARTICLE 29 — DURATION AND RENEWAL

- 29.01 This Agreement shall be in full force and effect from the May 1, 2022 until April 30, 2026 and continue from year to year thereafter, unless either Party serves written notice to commence collective bargaining within sixty (60) days prior to expiry.
- 29.02 If no agreement is reached at the expiry of this Agreement and negotiations are continued, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect up to the time an agreement is reached or until negotiations are discontinued by either Party.
- 29.03 The Parties mutually agree to exclude from the Agreement the operation of Section 50(2) and 50(3) of the Labour Relations Code.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #1 – ANNUAL VACATION PAY

This Letter of Understanding is to document the agreement of the Parties regarding a method for facilitating the transition from the Employer's past policies and practice regarding the taking of vacations and the payment of vacation pay and the new vacation provisions outlined in Article 19 of the Collective Agreement.

In the past, the Employer has allowed Employees to take annual vacation with pay "in advance". In other words, employees were allowed to take their vacation with pay in the year in which it was being earned rather than being required to wait until they had completed the year of service in which the vacation was earned. When an employee resigned or their employment was otherwise terminated, their vacation payout was reduced by the amount of any vacation pay that had been paid in advance.

Article 19, Section 6 of the Collective Agreement now states that annual vacations "shall be taken after completing the year of service in which it is earned". In the case of many employees, they have already received that vacation pay by virtue of their having previously taken their vacation pay in advance. The effect of this is that many of Purdy's current employees who are entitled to take vacation this year are entitled to very little if any vacation pay based on the formula in the Collective Agreement.

In order to decrease any undue hardship for current employees (i.e. those employees hired on or before December 31, 1998) the Parties agree to provide such employees with the opportunity to choose between the following two (2) options regarding the application of the vacation provisions in Article 19 of the Collective Agreement.

Option 1 (Carry Forward Overpayment)

Rather than automatically converting to the vacation formula in Article 19 of the Collective Agreement, Article 19 will be applied in the following manner for current employees:

- (i) Current employees will be entitled to annual vacation time off in accordance with Articles 19.1 and 19.6
- (ii) Current employees will be paid for annual vacation in accordance with Article 19.2 but it is recognized that for employees who have previously received vacation pay in advance (i.e. they have already received some or all of their vacation pay based upon their earnings in the prior year) this will result in an overpayment of annual vacation pay.
- (iii) For employees who elect this option it is agreed that when the employee resigns or their employment is otherwise terminated their final pay cheque will be reduced by an amount equivalent to their outstanding overpayment of annual vacation pay.

Option 2 (Settle Overpayment This Year)

As an alternative, current employees will be given the option of "settling" this matter in the current year. Under this option, such employees will be entitled to take vacation time off in accordance with Article 19.1 of the Collective Agreement but their vacation pay will be reduced by the amount of vacation pay that they have already received based upon their gross earnings in the previous year of service. In other words, employees electing this option will, this year, only be paid the amount of annual vacation pay they have accrued and not been paid in advance based on their earnings in the previous year of service. In

subsequent years their vacation entitlement (both time off and pay) will be calculated and paid in accordance with Article 19 of the Collective Agreement.

All new employees hired by the Employer from January 1, 1999 onward will be entitled to annual vacation and annual vacation pay in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

The Parties agree to issue a joint communication to the employees explaining this Letter of Understanding and their annual vacation pay options (as attached).

Renewed this 13th day of September, 2022.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #2– INTENTION TO CHANGE FULL-TIMERS TO
PART-TIMERS**

Purdy's has never used nor does it intend to use, any provision of this Collective Agreement to change full-timers to part-timers.

Karen Flavelle, Purdy's President, has stated that Purdy's has never had any intention of changing its full-time employees to part-time employees and nothing in Purdy's proposals for this collective Agreement is intended to counter that statement.

Renewed this 13th day of September, 2022.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #3 – DRIVER WORK WEEK

It is the intent to provide some flexibility for Drivers in order to meet the requirements of the Retail Organization and improve the work life balance of the Drivers. There is no intent to make this work schedule or any other compressed or flexible schedule available to other members of the Bargaining Unit.

It is agreed that an employee who is posted as a “Driver” or an employee who is trained as a driver and while working in the “Driver” classification may be assigned to a work schedule consisting of either four (4) days per week, ten (10) hours per day with at least two (2) consecutive days off or five (5) consecutive days per week, eight (8) hours per day with two (2) consecutive days off. The work schedule will be determined by the company depending upon the needs of the business. Authorized hours worked in excess of the normal work week of 40 hours or the normal daily assigned work schedule of either eight (8) or ten (10) hours will be compensated at one and one-half times (1.5X) the regular hourly rate.

Renewed this 13th day of September, 2022.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #4 – MAINTENANCE TRADES

Purdy's supports continuous education and learning and will recognize experience and achievement with incentives. This is intended to:

- (1.) retain our skilled existing employees and,
- (2.) reduce reliance on outside contractors.

In order to qualify for the "Maintenance Tradesmen" rate defined in the Collective Agreement, a person must have one (1) valid certificate, which is needed to support the business. This will generally be either a millwright or electrician designation but the Company retains the right to determine the certification that is required.

There is a large learning curve in the factory as it contains more than two hundred (200) pieces of equipment. As maintenance people gain experience, they become more skilled at maintaining and repairing equipment. The Company would like to recognize this skill development and provide a reasonable retention incentive.

Recognition of any of the following additional certifications beyond the certification for which they were hired, will also be compensated according to this schedule at these rates up to a maximum of three (3) additional certifications:

Certification:	1 st Year of Employment or Achievement of Certificate Premium/Hour	After 1 Year Service or Achievement of Certificate Premium/Hour	After 2 Years Service or Achievement of Certificate Premium/Hour	After 3 Years Service or Achievement of Certificate Premium/Hour
Electrician	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.00
Millwright	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.00
Machinist	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.00
Gas Fitter	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.00
Refrigeration AC Mechanic	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.00
Plumber	\$0.25	\$.50	\$1.00	\$1.50
Welder	\$0.25	\$.50	\$1.00	\$1.50
Electronics Technician or Industrial Instrumentation & Controls Technician	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$2.00	\$3.00

Amended this 13th day of September, 2022.

**LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING # 5 - MAINTENANCE TRADESPERSON
APPRENTICE**

This Letter of Understanding (LOU) sets forth the following changes under Article 28 – Wage Schedule and Pay Notes to create a Maintenance Tradesperson Apprentice classification. Detailed below are the specific changes to Article 28 Wage Schedule and Pay Notes the Parties agree to make:

- 1) This LOU is in effect for the May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2026 Collective Agreement and will be reviewed during collective bargaining.
- 2) Under this LOU, the specific wording under Article 28 – Wage Schedule and Pay Notes will be added for the creation of a Maintenance Tradesperson Apprentice classification:

Maintenance Tradesperson Apprentice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1st Year Apprentice: Employees will be paid 70% of the base rate• 2nd Year Apprentice: Employees will be paid 75% of the base rate• 3rd Year Apprentice: Employees will be paid 80% of the base rate• 4th Year Apprentice: Employees will be paid 90% of the base rate
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- 3) In order to recognize an employee who has completed their four (4)-year apprenticeship at Purdy’s and knowledge of Employer-specific “know-how” and machinery gained during that period, the Employer agrees to the following wage progression:
 - a. For their first 2,080 worked in this classification, employees will be paid at the base rate.
 - b. After 2,080 hours worked, employees will be paid at the base rate + \$1.50
 - c. After 4,160 hours worked, employees will be paid at the base rate + \$2.25
- 4) All other language of Article 28 – Wage Schedule and Pay Notes remains unchanged.

Agreed this 13th day of September, 2022.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING #6 — SICK LEAVE – SHORT TERM DISABILITY BENEFITS

The Parties agree to meet yearly to mutually review the status of the Sick Leave and Short-Term Disability (STD) plan in order to review benefit adjustments.

In order to discuss any potential changes, both Parties agreed to form a Joint Committee of three (3) persons from the Employer and three (3) persons from the Local Union/ Plant Committee. The Joint Committee may have benefit professionals attend their meetings to assist them in exploring changes to the current Sick Leave – STD Benefit Plan. The Joint Committee shall have their first meeting no later than October 15, each year (or another date mutually agreed to) to review costing or benefit changes in Article 24.05 (d) for the following year, if necessary.

All changes will be communicated to the employees and ratified by the membership.

Amended this 13th day of September, 2022.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING # 7 – GRANDFATHERED EMPLOYEES

The following employees will continue to receive their current rates of pay and will receive any applicable wage increases for the life of this Agreement:

Romel Sanga

Ronald Macadong

John Coates

Agreed this 13th day of September, 2022.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING # 8 – COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

This Letter of Understanding (LOU) sets forth the following cost of living adjustment in to be paid, if necessary, on May 1, 2025.

In addition to the provisions in Article 28 – Wage Schedule and Pay Notes, a cost-of-living payment will be allocated to each employee effective May 1, 2025, subject to provisions of this section. This payment will be based on the Vancouver Annual Averages Consumer Price Index published by the Government of British Columbia (hereinafter referred to as CPI) as follows:




The annual CPI for the year of 2024 shall be compared with the average in wage increases identified in Article 28 over the one year (2024). In the event the aforementioned average CPI increase exceeds the average annual increase for the one-year period, the company shall add this difference in a lump sum payment to a maximum of an additional 1.0% to eligible employees still currently employed with the company as of April 30, 2025. For clarity, if the 2024 CPI was 3.5%, the company would pay eligible employees 1.0% as a lump sum payment.

This Letter of Understanding is unique to the circumstances at the time and will terminate with the expiration date of the current collective bargaining agreement.

Agreed this 13th day of September, 2022.

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Signed this 13th day of September, 2022.

For the Employer: RC Purdy's Chocolates Ltd.	For the Union: Unifor Local 2000
Paul Taylor Vice President, People and Culture 	Brian Gibson Local 2000 President 
William Haslett Vice-President, Chocolate Operations 	Jean Van Vliet National Representative 
Christine Brandner People and Culture Business Partner 	Yung Phou Bargaining Committee 
	Devon Paterson Bargaining Committee 
	Jennifer Loreto Bargaining Committee 