# **COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN**

# **CITY OF POWELL RIVER**

# AND

# **CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 798**

**JANUARY 1, 2010 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012** 

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#### **PREAMBLE**

THIS AGREEMENT made this 29 day of Johe, 2012 A.D.

BETWEEN:

CITY OF POWELL RIVER

(hereinafter called the "Employer")

OF THE FIRST PART

AND THE:

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL NO. 798

Being an organization of the employees of the City of Powell River other than those specified

(hereinafter called the "Union")

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS it is the desire of both Parties to this Agreement to maintain existing harmonious relationships between the Employer and the employees, to recognize the mutual value of joint discussion and negotiation in all matters pertaining to promote the well-being, morale and security of those employees included in the bargaining unit;

AND WHEREAS the Parties to the second part have formed a Union, hereinafter called the "Union";

AND WHEREAS the Employer recognizes the Union as the sole agency for collective bargaining for all the Employer's employees for whom the Union has been certified as bargaining authority under the Labour Code of British Columbia;

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that the Parties hereto, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter contained, AGREED EACH WITH THE OTHER AS FOLLOWS:

#### **ARTICLE 1 - DEFINITIONS**

### 1.01 Employees

Persons employed by the Employer who fit the definition of employee under the B.C. Labour Relations Code and are members of the bargaining unit.

# 1.02 Full-time Employee

Full-time employee shall mean an employee who is employed in an established position and works a minimum of thirty-five (35) hours per week under Schedule "A" or works a minimum of forty (40) hours per week under Schedule "B", not including term positions. These employees shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Agreement from the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of employment, unless specifically excluded.

# 1.03 Part-time Employee

Part-time employee shall mean an employee that works less than full-time hours or in a term position.

# 1.04 Part-time Employment

# (a) Benefits

Part-time employees who are regularly scheduled to work or regularly work more than twenty-five (25) hours per week for Schedule "A", "B", and "D" (inside employees) and thirty (30) hours per week for Schedule "B", "D", and "E" (outside employees) shall qualify for benefits under Articles 22 and 28 where applicable and shall be paid a premium of five percent (5%) for statutory holiday pay and shift premiums.

# (b) In Lieu of Benefits

Part-time employees who are not regularly scheduled to work or do not regularly work more than twenty-five (25) hours per week for Schedule "A", "B", and "D" (inside employees) and thirty (30) hours per week for Schedule "B", "D", and "E" (outside employees) shall be paid a premium of eleven percent (11%) effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 in consideration for statutory holiday pay, insured benefits and shift premiums. Vacation benefits shall be paid in accordance with the Provincial Employment Standards Act; however, after ten (10) years of service, vacation pay shall be eight percent (8%) of gross pay. Vacation pay shall be paid on each pay cheque. The maximum consecutive days off for unpaid vacation time is twenty-one (21) calendar days, to be calculated from the last shift worked.

#### **ARTICLE 2 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

### 2.01 Management Rights

Without restricting the rights of the employees under the terms of the Agreement, the Union recognizes the right of the Municipality to manage its affairs and operations and to direct its working forces including the right to hire, suspend, discharge, promote, demote, discipline, layoff or transfer any employee, and the right to determine job content, evaluate jobs and assign work and the foregoing shall not be deemed to exclude other functions of management not specifically covered in this Agreement, subject to provisions of Article 12.

### **ARTICLE 3 - RECOGNITION AND NEGOTIATIONS**

#### 3.01 Negotiations

It is mutually agreed between the Parties hereto that in any negotiations for the renewal or revision of this Agreement, the representatives appointed by each side shall not exceed five (5) members per side around the conference table.

# 3.02 Work of the Bargaining Unit

Persons whose jobs are not in the bargaining unit shall not work on any jobs which are included in the bargaining unit, EXCEPT for purposes of instruction, experimenting or in emergencies when employees are not available, AND PROVIDED that the act of performing the aforementioned operations, in itself, does not reduce the hours of work or pay of any employee.

#### 3.03 No Other Agreements

Except with the unanimous approval of the employee, the Employer and the Union, no employee shall be required or permitted to make a written or oral agreement with the Employer or its representatives which may conflict with the terms of this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - HUMAN RIGHTS**

#### 4.01 Union Activities

There shall be no discrimination against members of the Union because of their activities within the Union.

#### 4.02 Discrimination in Employment

No person, or anyone acting on the person's behalf, shall:

- (a) refuse to employ, or refuse to continue to employ, a person, or,
- (b) discriminate against a person with respect to employment, or any term or condition of employment, because of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, political belief, religion, marital status, physical or mental disability, sex or age of that person, sexual orientation, or because of conviction for a criminal or summary conviction charge that is unrelated to the employment, or to the intended employment of that person.

### 4.03 Exceptions

Clause 4.02 does not apply:

- (a) as it relates to age, to any bona fide scheme based on seniority, or
- (b) as it relates to marital status, physical or mental disability, sex or age, to the operation of any bona fide retirement, superannuation or pension plan or to a bona fide group of employee insurance plan,
- (c) with respect to a refusal, limitation, specification or preference based on a bona fide occupational requirement.

#### 4.04 Sexual and Personal Harassment

The Employer and the Union recognize the right of employees to work in a workplace free of sexual and personal harassment, and will co-operate in attempting to resolve all complaints of sexual or personal harassment which may arise in the workplace.

The Employer will take appropriate disciplinary measures against any person under the Employer's direction who subjects any employee to sexual or personal harassment.

Employees have a duty to participate in any investigation dealing with an allegation of sexual or personal harassment.

Matters related to sexual and personal harassment will be handled in accord with the Employer's "Personnel Policy - Discrimination and Personal Harassment".

Any complaints or allegation of harassment at the workplace not satisfactorily resolved shall be dealt with by the Parties through the grievance process commencing at Step 3.

#### **ARTICLE 5 - UNION SECURITY**

# 5.01 All Employees to be Members

It is agreed that employees who are at present members of the Union shall remain so as a condition of employment. It is further agreed that persons who are hereafter employed by the Employer shall become members of the Union.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - CHECK-OFF OF UNION DUES**

#### 6.01 Deductions

- (a) The Employer shall deduct from every employee any Union dues or initiation fees in accordance with the Union Constitution and the Employer must have, in its possession, an agreement signed by every employee giving the Employer permission to make such deductions.
- (b) Deductions shall be made every payroll period and shall be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union following each payroll cycle, accompanied by a list, in an agreeable form, of the names of all the employees from whose wages the deductions have been made.

# **ARTICLE 7 - NEW EMPLOYEES**

# 7.01 New Employees

The Employer agrees to acquaint new employees with the fact that a Union agreement is in effect and with the conditions of employment set out in the Articles dealing with Union security and dues check-off.

# 7.02 Interviewing

The immediate Supervisor shall introduce the new employee to the employee's Union Steward or representative. An Officer of the Union shall be given an opportunity to interview each new employee within regular working hours, without loss of pay, for a maximum of thirty (30) minutes for the purpose of acquainting the new employee with the benefits and duties of Union membership and the employee's responsibilities and obligations to the Union.

# <u>ARTICLE 8 - JOINT LABOUR/MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</u>

# 8.01 Joint Labour/Management Committee

- (a) A Joint Labour/Management Committee shall be established consisting of up to four (4) representatives of the Union and four-(4) representatives of the Employer.
- (b) The Joint Committee shall concern itself with discussing issues relating to the workplace that affect the Parties or any employee bound by this Agreement, with problems and potential problems involving the Parties, but not with grievances, and shall have the power only to make recommendations to the Union and the Employer.
- (c) The Joint Committee shall meet monthly, or at the written call of either Party for a stated purpose within ten (10) days of the call. Minutes will be taken for the proceedings of each meeting, and each Party shall receive a copy of the Minutes.

### **ARTICLE 9 - N/A**

#### **ARTICLE 10 - LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS**

### 10.01 Representative of Canadian Union

A National Representative of the Union may discuss any matter with an employee on the premises during working hours PROVIDED the Representative does not take up more than five (5) minutes of an employee's paid time in any day AND PROVIDED ALWAYS that the National Representative reports their presence to the Senior Management Representative available before entering the working area.

#### 10.02 Shop Stewards' Committee

A Shop Stewards' Committee, the number to be decided by the Union, shall be elected by the Union in a manner determined by them and the Employer shall be kept informed by the Union of the personnel on this Committee.

# 10.03 Time Off For Meetings

(a) Shop Stewards, Local Union Officers or the grieved party, not more than two (2) at any time, shall be permitted to leave their job up to fifteen (15) minutes approximately to discuss a specific grievance or to investigate a specific circumstance giving rise to a grievance during working hours PROVIDED they notify their Foreman or Superintendent of where they are going, AND PROVIDED they give reasonable time for a substitute to be put on their job if necessary. The Employer shall grant permission for such absence from the job and shall not unnecessarily delay substitution when required.

(b) It is agreed that it is not the purpose of this provision to give Stewards and Officers of the Union the right to leave their jobs for purposes other than the investigation of specific grievances and the Employer has access to the grievance procedure if it feels this provision is being abused.

#### 10.04 Union Office

In order that the Union can properly represent the employees in Labour-Management relations, the Employer shall provide the Union with reasonable office accommodation.

No annual rent increases shall be levied by the Employer greater than the negotiated equivalent wage adjustment.

Rent shall be remitted with a single annual payment.

#### **ARTICLE 11 - ACCOMMODATION**

#### 11.01 Accommodation Procedure

It is the mutual desire of the Employer and the Union to assist in the accommodation/rehabilitation of ill or injured employees and to permit their return to meaningful employment and the resumption of an active role in the workplace.

- (a) Employees who have been deemed by a medical doctor to be partially, but not totally, disabled will be provided with modified work consistent with their functional abilities and limitations, if feasible.
- (b) The Parties agree to establish a Joint Accommodation Committee consisting of equal representation from the Union and the Employer.
- (c) The Parties recognize that the proper functioning of the Joint Accommodation Committee requires the Parties to co-operate with each other and to disclose relevant information to each other. It is the responsibility of the disabled employee to provide the Employer with medical information of his functional abilities and limitations from his medical doctor and any other treating health professional. This information shall be supplied as and when required to review the disabled employee's functional abilities and limitations and progress.

- (d) Where the employee cannot be accommodated in their regular classification, the Joint Accommodation Committee will meet for the purpose of reviewing and recommending appropriate individual case strategies for the safe and successful return of disabled workers to the workplace as soon as possible after an illness or accident whether work related or not.
- (e) If there are more disabled employees at any time requiring accommodation than there are accommodations available, the available accommodations must be assigned to the employees capable of performing the work in order of seniority.
- (f) No employee shall be displaced from their current position as a result of an accommodation of a disabled employee.
- (g) If an employee cannot be accommodated at the completion of this process, he will be referred back to WorkSafeBC or other wage loss benefit providers.

#### **ARTICLE 12 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

### 12.01 Settling of Grievances

In the event that any difference arises out of the interpretation, application, operation, or any alleged violation of this Agreement, including any question as to whether any matter is arbitrable, such questions or differences shall be finally and conclusively settled without stoppage of work in the following manner:

#### Step 1

Within ten (10) working days of the employee becoming aware, or from the time that the employee should have reasonably become aware of the matter, the employee along with a Union representative shall meet in an attempt to resolve the issue with their immediate exempt Supervisor. The Employer will provide a decision in writing to the Union within five (5) working days from the date of the meeting.

# Step 2

If no settlement is reached at Step 1, the aggrieved employee shall, through their Union, submit the grievance in writing to their Department Head within five (5) working days of the decision at Step 1. The Department Head and the immediate exempt Supervisor shall meet with the grievor and the Union's Grievance Committee Chairperson, and the Shop Steward within five (5) working days of the receipt of the grievance

in an attempt to reach a satisfactory settlement. The Employer will provide a decision in writing to the Union within ten (10) working days from the date of the meeting.

#### Step 3

Should the grievance not be resolved at Step 2, the Union shall submit the grievance to the Chief Administrative Officer.

The Employer will arrange or confirm a meeting date within five (5) working days from the receipt of the grievance. This meeting shall occur within a reasonable period of time. The meeting shall be held between the Union Grievance Committee, and/or the representative of the Union, the grievor and the Employer representatives in an attempt to resolve the issue. The Employer will provide a decision in writing to the Union within five (5) working days from the date of the meeting.

### Step 4

Should any difference fail to be resolved by the Union and the Employer within twenty (20) working days from the Employer's response, the grievance may be submitted to Arbitration as set forth in Article 13 of this Agreement.

# 12.02 Policy Grievance

Where a dispute involving a question of general application or interpretation occurs, or where the Employer or the Grievance Committee of the Union believe an alleged grievance which would affect employees in general has arisen, such a grievance shall be submitted under Clause 12.01, at Step 3.

#### 12.03 Extension of Time Limits

The Union and the Employer may, by mutual agreement expressed in writing, extend the time limits mentioned above provided such extension is requested prior to the expiry of the time allowed.

# 12.04 Additional Representation

The Union and the Employer may, by mutual agreement, invite additional representation at Step 1 or Step 2 who may contribute to the potential for resolution of the grievance.

#### **ARTICLE 13 - ARBITRATION**

# 13.01 Composition of Board of Arbitration

A Board of Arbitration composed of a single Arbitrator shall be formed to hear the grievance. Either Party shall notify the other in writing of the question(s) to be arbitrated. After such notice has been given, the Parties shall have five (5) days in which to jointly select the Arbitrator. Should the Parties fail to select an Arbitrator, either Party may request the Ministry of Labour to appoint one.

Alternatively, either Party may propose the use of a three (3) person Board of Arbitration.

# 13.02 Three (3) Person Board of Arbitration

Should the Parties mutually agree to a three (3) person Board of Arbitration,

- (a) The Parties shall give notice in writing within five (5) days of their nominee to the Board to the other Party.
- (b) The two (2) nominees so appointed shall confer to select a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) person to be Chairperson. Should the Parties fail to reach agreement, either of the nominees may apply to the Ministry of Labour to appoint a Chairperson.

### 13.03 Decisions of the Board

The Board shall deliver its award in writing to each of the Parties and the award of a majority of the Board shall be the award of the Board and shall be final and binding upon the Parties and they shall implement it forthwith.

# 13.04 Expenses of the Board

Each Party shall pay its own expenses including the remuneration and disbursements of its nominees to the Board and each Party shall pay one-half  $(\frac{1}{2})$  the compensation and expenses of the Chairperson or single Arbitrator.

# **ARTICLE 14 - DISCHARGE, SUSPENSION AND DISCIPLINE**

# 14.01 Cause For Discipline

An employee may be disciplined, suspended or discharged, but only for just cause by the Employer.

# 14.02 Discharge or Suspension Procedure

- (a) An employee being dismissed or suspended under this Article shall be afforded the opportunity to appear before the employee's Department Head with a Union representative to hear the reasons for their dismissal or suspension.
- (b) When the Employer has dismissed or suspended an employee under this Article, a letter must be forwarded to the employee within two (2) working days of the employee's dismissal, with a copy to the Union, stating the cause for the dismissal or suspension.
- (c) Letters of warning, suspension, dismissal or exoneration nature shall be forwarded to the following:
  - 1. One (1) to the employee involved,
  - 2. One (1) to the Union,
  - 3. One (1) to be retained by administration for filing.

#### 14.03 Access to Personnel File

- (a) An employee shall have the right, at a mutually acceptable time, to have access to and review the employee's personnel file.
- (b) Any record of dissatisfaction of an employee shall not be used against the employee at any time after twenty-four (24) months, unless a similar act complained of is repeated within twenty-four (24) months.

#### 14.04 Political Action

No employee shall be disciplined for participation in any action(s) called by the C.L.C., C.U.P.E., B.C. Division of C.U.P.E., or the B.C. Federation of Labour and supported by the Local Union. It is understood that loss of pay for time not worked shall not be considered as discipline.

#### 14.05 "Whistle Blower" Protection

No employee shall be dismissed, disciplined, penalized or intimidated as a result of reporting pollution, WorkSafeBC or other illegal violations by the Employer, providing the Employer is notified of the alleged violation first.

#### **ARTICLE 15 - SENIORITY**

#### 15.01 Seniority Defined

- (a) Seniority is defined as the length of service in the bargaining unit and shall include service with the Employer prior to the certification or recognition of the Union.
- (b) Full-time seniority shall be used in determining preference or priority for promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, permanent reduction of the work force and recall as set out in other provisions of this Agreement. Seniority shall operate on a bargaining-unit-wide basis.

(c)

- i. Part-time employees' seniority dates shall be their date of employment and such seniority may only be exercised vis-à-vis other part-time employees.
- ii. Part-time seniority shall be used in matters of promotion, demotion, or transfer where the relative ability and qualifications of the applicants is equal.
- iii. Upon attaining full-time status the employee shall be credited with aggregate part-time seniority on the basis of equivalent years of service where one thousand eight hundred twenty (1,820) hours and two thousand eighty (2,080) hours equal a year for inside and outside positions respectively for all hours worked after September 25, 1989.

#### 15.02 Seniority List

The Employer shall maintain a seniority list showing the date upon which each employee's service commenced. Where two (2) or more employees commenced work on the same day, preference shall be in accordance with the date of application for employment. An up-to-date seniority list shall be sent to the Union and posted on all bulletin boards in January of each year.

# 15.03 Loss of Seniority

An employee shall not lose seniority rights if the employee is absent from work because of sickness, disability, accident, layoff or leave of absence approved by the Employer. An employee shall only lose seniority and no longer be an employee in the event:

- (a) the employee is discharged for just cause and not reinstated;
- (b) the employee resigns in writing and does not withdraw within two (2) days;

- (c) the employee fails to return to work following recall; and after receiving notice by registered mail to do so, unless through sickness or other just cause;
- (d) the employee's recall rights expire;
- (e) the employee retires;
- (f) the employee elects to take severance pay;
- (g) the employee is absent without leave for three (3) or more working days of the employee without sufficient cause or without notifying the Employer unless such notice was not reasonably possible.

# 15.04 Transfer and Seniority (Outside Bargaining Unit)

No employee shall be transferred to a position outside the bargaining unit without the employee's consent. If an employee is transferred to a position outside the bargaining unit, the employee shall retain seniority accumulated up to the date of leaving the unit but will not accumulate any further seniority. Such employee shall have the right to return to a position in the bargaining unit for a maximum of six (6) months. If an employee returns to the bargaining unit, the employee shall be placed in the position held at the time of the transfer, or if that position is held by a senior employee or is redundant, the employee may bump laterally or downward provided this does not result in the layoff or bumping of an employee holding greater seniority.

# 15.05 Job Phase-Out

For the purpose of job phase-out, overall seniority shall govern. An employee who is set back to a lower paid job because of job phase-out will receive the rate of the employee's regular job at the time of the set-back for a period of three (3) months, and for a further period of three (3) months the employee will be paid an adjusted rate which will be midway between the rate of the employee's regular job at the time of the set-back and the rate of the employee's new regular job. At the end of this six (6) month period, the rate of the employee's new regular job will apply.

#### **ARTICLE 16 - PROMOTIONS AND STAFF CHANGES**

### 16.01 Job Postings

(a) Before filling any full-time position within the scope of this Agreement which may have a duration of thirty (30) days plus, sixty (60) days plus for medical leave vacancies, or ninety (90) days plus for part-time

positions, notice thereof shall be posted in the City Hall and on all bulletin boards that will be accessible to all employees for a period of ten (10) days before such a position is filled. Such posting to contain the following information:

- Nature of position
- Required knowledge, ability and skills
- Wage rate or salary ranges.

The Employer agrees to forward a copy of such posting to the Union and, where the posting is filled, to advise the Union of the name or names of the successful applicant(s) within ten (10) working days of the closing date for receipt of all applications.

Applications shall be considered in the following order:

- Full-time employees
- Part-time employees
- General public

In the event of a dispute arising from the appointment of an outside applicant rather than a part-time employee, the onus of demonstrating the superior qualifications of the successful applicant shall reside with the Employer.

- (b) Should the Union request that the time as stated in the above section be extended due to an eligible employee being on vacation, the posting time shall be extended.
- (c) In the event of temporary vacancies for periods of less than thirty (30) days, it is understood that the senior qualified employee in a lower level of that same position class series will be offered the temporary vacancy. The rate of pay will be as set out in Clause 25.02.

### 16.02 Probation Period

The probation period is required for the Employer to assess the employee's suitability for continued employment with the Employer and competency in the position.

All newly hired full-time employees are required to serve a probation period of sixty (60) days actually worked from the date of hire.

The Employer shall meet with full-time employees during the probation period for the purpose of reviewing job performance at twenty (20), forty (40), and sixty (60) working days.

All newly hired part-time employees are required to serve a probation period of a maximum of six (6) calendar months from the date of hire.

The Employer shall meet with part-time employees, at minimum, at two (2), four (4), and six (6) months during the probation period for the purpose of reviewing job performance.

In the event there is a break in service, in no case will a part-time employee be required to serve a probation period in excess of six (6) months during a two (2) year period.

The Employer may, at any time during the probation period, terminate the employee's employment for cause. The Union recognizes that the standard upon which the Employer may assess the employee's performance and suitability during the probation period is lower than the standard required under Article 14.

The probation period may be extended by mutual agreement between the Union and the Employer.

During any probationary period under this Clause, employees shall be entitled to access to the Grievance Procedure, and those benefits for which they may become eligible during the probation period. After successful completion of the probation period, seniority shall be effective from the original date of hire.

#### 16.03 Trial Period

(a) Before any applications are considered for any vacancies or positions covered by this Agreement, applicants who are permanent employees shall be given first choice of the job on a twenty (20) working day trial basis. The senior employee with the required qualifications and competency to perform the work shall be given the trial period. Not more than two (2) permanent employees to be considered for trial employment.

Employees under this Clause may exercise their rights to return to the former position at any time during the trial period.

The Employer shall meet with the employee during the trial period for the purpose of reviewing job performance at ten (10) working days and at twenty (20) working days.

(b) All current employees not selected under Clause 16.03, Section (a) above, who have obtained a position as a result of transfer, demotion, promotion, or bumping will be required to serve a trial period of sixty (60) days worked.

- i. If the employee acquired a position as a result of transfer or promotion and it is determined by either the Employer or the employee that they are unsuitable for the position, the employee shall return to their former position at their former rate of pay and without loss of seniority.
- ii. If the employee bumped into a position and it is determined by either the Employer or the employee that they are unsuitable for the new position, the employee may exercise their bumping rights with respect to another position only once more, or shall be laid off.
- iii. The Union and the Employer, with the agreement of the employee, may agree to reduce or waive the trial period of any employee who has previously worked in the position.

# 16.04 Role of Seniority in Selection of Applicants

In matters of appointment to part-time vacancies or full-time vacancies for which there are no full-time applicants, the seniority of part-time applicants shall govern the selection process only where the ability and qualifications of the applicants is relatively equal. Successive part-time vacancies that occur as a consequence of such appointments shall not be subject to the posting provisions of Clause 16.01.

# 16.05 Special Project Transfers

It is understood and agreed that in the event an employee is transferred from a special project to the full-time staff, such employee shall be credited with the length of service on such special project.

# 16.06 Notification to Employee and Union

Within seven (7) calendar days of the date of appointment to a vacant position covered by this Contract, the name of the successful applicant shall be sent to each applicant and a copy posted on all bulletin boards. The Union shall be notified of all appointments, hirings, layoffs, transfers, recalls and terminations of employment.

# 16.07 Training Opportunities

Employees who desire to learn the skills required to perform the work in other positions for the Employer may request of the Department Head, the use of Employer materials or equipment for the purpose. Another employee competent to train and familiarize the employee with the job requirements and skills must be available at all times during the time the employee is learning the new skills.

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The employees participating in such training must not take time away from their regular job duties.

Opportunities for on-the-job training shall be offered in seniority order to those who have expressed interest in writing.

Requests under this Clause shall not be unreasonably denied.

#### **ARTICLE 17 - LAYOFFS AND RECALLS**

### 17.01 Definition of Layoff

(a) A layoff shall be defined as a reduction in the work force for both full and part-time employees, or a reduction in the regular hours of full-time employees.

# (b) Advance Notice of Layoff

The Employer shall notify full-time employees and regularly scheduled part-time employees who are to be laid off fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the effective date of layoff; and give three (3) week's notice after three (3) consecutive years of employment, plus one (1) additional week for each additional year of employment, to a maximum of eight (8) week's notice.

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

# 17.02 Retention of Seniority

- (a) Full-time employees who are laid off shall retain their seniority and have the right of recall to the classification from which laid off for a length of time equal to the employee's length of continuous service to a maximum of twenty-four (24) months, recognizing that periods of layoff do not constitute a break in service.
- (b) Part-time employees who are laid off, shall have recall rights extinguished in accordance with the Clause 17.02 (a) and the number of work days on the recall list shall be the aggregate hours of seniority divided by seven (7) or eight (8) for inside and outside employees respectively.

#### 17.03 Severance Pay

(a) A regular employee who is laid off may elect to accept severance pay instead of retaining seniority pursuant to Clause 17.02. The election must be made within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of the layoff. Severance pay shall be paid in accordance with the following schedule:

More than one (1) year of service - two (2) week's wages

More than three (3) years of service - three (3) week's wages

More than each year after three (3) - one (1) week's wages extra after three (3) per year of service to a maximum of eight (8) week's wages.

(b) When a regular employee elects to receive severance pay under this Clause, all other rights under the Collective Agreement are terminated.

# 17.04 Layoff and Recall Procedure

- (a) It shall be the duty of each employee laid off to supply the Employer with their correct address and telephone number.
- (b) Employees laid off shall be required to return to work within a minimum of ten (10) days after being notified by registered mail to do so. Any employee failing to report back within the required time shall be considered to have resigned and shall forfeit all seniority rights, unless through sickness or other just cause. Laid off employees engaged in alternate employment and who are recalled shall be permitted to give their current employer reasonable notice of termination to accept recall.

# 17.05 Seniority in Layoff, Recall, Bumping

- (a) All employees shall be laid off or recalled on the basis of seniority, providing that the individuals are qualified and competent to do the work required. An employee about to be laid off may bump any employee with less seniority. The right to bump shall include the right to bump up. A bump must be exercised within ten (10) days of receiving notice of layoff.
- (b) For the purpose of this Clause:
  - i. Labourer 1 and Labourer 2 shall be deemed to be one (1) classification;
  - ii. A senior employee with demonstrated competency in the Sewer Maintainer I, Treatment Plant Operator I, and Waterworks Technician I positions will be considered qualified and be allowed

one (1) year in the position to acquire Level I EOCP Certification. If unsuccessful, the employee shall be treated as per 16.03 (b) (ii);

Similar positions may be added to the above list upon mutual agreement of the Employer and the Union.

(c) The Employer agrees that the decisions of the Department Heads in regard to such matters shall be subject to regular grievance procedure.

# **ARTICLE 18 - HOURS OF WORK**

#### 18.01 Hours of Work

The standard hours of work shall be as follows:

SCHEDULE "A"	8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
<b>FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES</b>	Monday through Friday
	seven (7) hour day
	thirty-five (35) hour week

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EXCEPT	
R.C.M.P. STANDARD	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday
R.C.M.P. Dispatch Clerk	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday seven (7) hour day thirty-five (35) hour week
Head Receptionist Recreation Office Coordinator	6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday seven (7) hour day thirty-five (35) hour week
Poundkeeper/Bylaw Enforcement Officer and Assistant Poundkeeper/Bylaw Enforcement Officer	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday seven (7) hour day thirty-five (35) hour week
Head Lifeguard Aquatic Program Coordinator	6:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight Monday through Sunday seven (7) hour day

thirty-five (35) hour week

Recreation Program

Coordinator

Recreation Facilities Coordinator 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday seven (7) hour day thirty-five (35) hour week

Instrumentperson/ Draftsperson 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday EXCEPT during daylight saving time -7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

seven (7) hour day thirty-five (35) hour week **SCHEDULE "B"** 

7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES** Monday through Friday

eight (8) hour day forty (40) hour week

**EXCEPT** 

**Sewer Maintainers** 

(Friday only)

eight (8) hours between 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

(Excluded from Article 18.04 (b))

Mechanical Staff 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or

> 2:00 p.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday

ten (10) hour day forty (40) hour week

**Janitorial** 5:30 a.m. to 12:00 midnight

Monday through Sunday

eight (8) hour day forty (40) hour week

**Transit** 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Monday through Saturday

eight (8) hour day forty (40) hour week

Storekeeper/Timekeeper 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

> Monday through Friday eight (8) hour day

forty (40) hour week; or 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday eight (8) hour day forty (40) hour week (this shall apply to one (1) Storekeeper/Timekeeper only)

Wharfinger 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday through Sunday

eight (8) hour day forty (40) hour week

Optional shift subject to the Parks Equipment Operator 1

approval of the exempt staff

Supervisor

6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>

Monday through Friday eight (8) hour day forty (40) hour week

**Recreation Facility** Maintenance Worker, Janitors, Recreation Facility Utility/Maintenance and

**Recreation Complex** Maintenance Foreman Monday through Sunday

eight (8) hour day forty (40) hour week five (5) day week

up to twenty-four (24) hour

continuous operation

The starting and stopping times of the scheduled shifts shall be:

Recreation Facilty

Maintenance Worker,

II & III, Recreation Facilities

commencing 5:00 - 8:00 a.m. ending 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Utility/Maintenance and

Recreation Complex Maintenance Foreman Afternoon shift:

Day Shift:

commencing 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. ending 11:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Recreation Facility Day Shift:

Maintenance Worker I

commencing 5:00 - 8:00 a.m.

ending 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Afternoon Shift:

commencing 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. ending 11:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

**Night Shift:** 

commencing 11:00 - midnight

ending 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

All of which are inclusive of meal times.

Days off to be changed every three (3) months. Where it is necessary for an employee to work more than five (5) days per week in order to facilitate the above, the employee will be paid at the employee's regular rate.

#### **SCHEDULE "D" PART-TIME EMPLOYEES**

R.C.M.P. Guards

Night Shift 2400 - 0800 hours Day Shift 0800 - 1600 hours Afternoon Shift 1600 - 2400 hours

### 18.02 Work Day for Full-time Employees

For the purpose of this Article, the work day shall be of twenty-four (24) hours duration and shall commence at midnight.

#### 18.03 Part-time Work Schedules

- (a) Where part-time schedules or shift packages are periodically changed or posted, part-time employees in the same department and classification shall be given first refusal of the greatest number of hours scheduled on the basis of their seniority provided they are qualified and capable of performing the work.
- (b) Where extra hours are available and where feasible, part-time employees who are immediately qualified and capable of doing the work, will be offered such hours in seniority order, provided the Employer does not incur any overtime costs as a result. These extra hours will be offered first to part-time employees in the same classification, and if none are available, then to other part-time employees in the same department. Part-time employees who wish to be offered such hours must have so indicated to the Employer, in writing in advance.
- (c) Swapping shifts by part-time employees shall be permitted subject to the Employer's approval, providing reasonable notice is given and no additional cost occurs. The Employer will allow one (1) permanent swap at the time of the employee's acceptance of a schedule/shift package.
- (d) R.C.M.P. Guards; Parks, Recreation and Culture Department Receptionists; and Transit employees who are already scheduled to work will not be eligible for additional hours on the same day if those hours interfere with the scheduled work.

### **Departments**

Administration
City Engineering
Fire and Emergency Services
Financial Services
Parks, Recreation & Culture
R.C.M.P.

#### 18.04 Changes in Hours for Full-time Employees

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of 18.01 of this Article, the Employer shall retain the right to change the schedule of work hours at standard rates of pay plus shift differential in cases of emergency.
- (b) Twenty-four (24) hours notice shall be given before change of shift. Failure to provide at least fourteen (14) hours rest between shifts which are being changed shall result in payment of overtime.
- (c) Forty-eight (48) hours notice shall be given for any change in scheduled days off.
- (d) The Employer may change the schedule of work hours with twenty-four (24) hours notice before the start of the next scheduled shift at standard rates of pay plus shift differential on no more than five (5) days per year per employee.
  - In these circumstances the minimum hours of rest may be reduced to ten (10) hours between the last regular shift and the first changed shift, or the last changed shift and the resumption of the regular schedule.
  - Additional changes to the work schedule may be implemented with the mutual agreement of the Union and the Employer.

#### 18.05 Lunch Break

Employees who work more than five (5) consecutive hours in a day shall be entitled to one-half (1/2) hour for lunch with the exception of the inside staff who shall receive one (1) hour. An employee who is required to be available for work during the employee's lunch break shall have the time included in the daily hours of work and shall be paid for the time.

#### 18.06 Rest Periods

(a) An employee working a full-time day shall be allowed a ten (10) minute rest period at the worksite in each of the first half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and second half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the shift.

- (b) An employee working less than a full-time day shall have a ten (10) minute rest period at the worksite during each continuous work period of three (3) hours or more.
- (c) Part-time employees will be granted a ten (10) minute rest period for each work assignment amounting to three and one-half (3½) consecutive hours.
- (d) Rest periods shall be taken at times that will cause the least possible interference with the work in which the employees are engaged.

# 18.07 Standby Time

All full-time employees on standby during non-working days shall receive four (4) hours pay per day at the employee's regular rate or one (1) hour pay per day at the employee's regular rate for standby on a day during which the employee has worked a full shift plus pay in accordance with the terms of Clause 19.01 should work be commenced as a result of being on standby. An employee on standby shall be issued with an appropriate communication device. Such extra hours shall be banked at the employee's option for use as paid time off. An employee who is off sick shall not be eligible to be on standby.

# 18.08 Standby

When required to standby:

R.C.M.P. Guards will be paid one (1) hour's regular pay per scheduled shift while on standby.

Standby pay shall be in addition to any other payment.

# 18.09 Sunday Rate

All full-time employees in positions having a Monday through Sunday work week shall receive one and one-half ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ ) times their regular hourly rate for all hours worked on a Sunday.

# <u>ARTICLE 19 - OVERTIME</u>

#### 19.01 Overtime Rates

Overtime shall be paid on the following basis to all full-time employees:

(a) Time and one-half  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  for the first three (3) hours and double time (x2) thereafter.

- (b) Double time (x2) for hours worked on the employees' days of rest.
- (c) When employees working on shifts in which hours exceed the normal are required to work overtime, the following conditions shall apply:
  - i. Daily Overtime

Time and one-half  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  the normal hourly rate for excess hours for the first three (3) hours and double time (x2) thereafter.

# ii. Weekly Overtime

Double time (x2) for all hours in excess PROVIDED:

- 1. Hours already paid for are not included;
- 2. The employees' regular hours are averaged over a two (2) week period into eighty (80) hours or seventy (70) hours, as the case may be.
- (d) Daily overtime for part-time employees shall be paid for all hours in excess of eight (8) continuous hours worked except seven (7) continuous hours worked for City Hall, R.C.M.P. clerical, and Recreation Complex clerical employees.

#### 19.02 Call-Out

- (a) A "Call-Out" occurs when a full-time employee is called to work without having been so notified prior to the end of the employee's previous shift. In the event of a Call-Out, it shall be the duty of the Department Head concerned to ensure that the full-time employee or the full-time operator for the job required is called first and sent on the job if available. An employee on vacation shall be considered to be not available.
- (b) For the purpose of Call-Out, in each of the following "departments" there shall be established Call Out lists of employees, in order of seniority who:
  - i. are capable of performing the work required; and
  - ii. are willing to work the Call-Out overtime.

Administration City Engineering

- Development Services
- Mechanics

- Transit
- Engineering Services
- Civic Properties
- Waterworks
- Sanitary Sewer
- Public Works (includes Wharfinger and Storekeeper/Timekeeper)

**Financial Services** 

Parks, Recreation & Culture

- Parks
- Recreation Complex inside staff
- Recreation Complex maintenance

R.C.M.P.

These employees shall be called out as and when required with the proviso that after each employee is called, that name shall revert to the bottom of the list.

- (c) The Employer agrees to pay employees for a minimum of two (2) hours when they are called to work outside of regular working hours or on days of rest. Where an employee commences work, the Employer agrees to pay a minimum of four (4) hours.
- (d) Call time shall be at straight time rate and paid in all instances except for assigned overtime. Call time may be banked.
- (e) Where the Employer is required to pay the minimum four (4) hours noted in Clause 19.02, Section (c) above, such pay shall be calculated as follows:

Call time - two (2) hours at straight time

Plus remainder - actual time worked paid at the appropriate overtime rate(s).

- (f) Such extra hours shall be banked at the employee's option for use as paid time off.
- (g) A secondary Call-Out list will be established for Public Works and Parks.

The sole purpose of the secondary Call-Out list is to establish a supply of workers for Call-Out purposes in the event that a Public Works or Parks Call-Out list identified in Clause 19.02, Section (b) becomes exhausted.

The managing and use of the secondary Call-Out list shall be in the same manner as per the Call-out and Overtime provisions.

# 19.03 Meals, Meal Breaks on Overtime

- (a) An employee who is required to continue working in excess of one (1) hour beyond the end of his regular shift will receive a meal break after one (1) hour of overtime.
- (b) An employee who on less than eight (8) hours notice before starting work, is required to begin work more than one-half (½) hour before the start of the employee's regular shift, shall be entitled to a meal break and a meal ticket.
- (c) An employee who, on less than four (4) hours notice, is required to work on the employee's day off, will receive a meal break after three (3) hours of overtime.
- (d) A meal break shall be for one-half (½) hour plus reasonable travelling time to obtain a meal, with pay.
- (e) Employees who are required to work more than four (4) hours of overtime will receive a meal break in each four (4) hour period.
- (f) A meal allowance in the amount of twelve dollars (\$12.00) for each meal break shall be paid on the next pay cheque.

# 19.04 Assigned Overtime

- (a) The assigned overtime provisions shall only apply where an employee is notified prior to the conclusion of the employee's work day that there is overtime to be worked.
  - (b) The employee to be assigned to work overtime under this Section shall be determined according to the following stipulations:
  - i. If the overtime constitutes a continuance of the work day, then the employee who has been working on the job where overtime is required shall continue to work the overtime hours, or
  - ii. If the overtime is to occur at any time which is not a continuance of the work day, then the employees will be assigned from the overtime list, subject to the provisions of Clause 19.02 Section (a).

# 19.05 Time Off in Lieu of Overtime Pay

- (a) A full-time employee may elect to take time off in lieu of overtime pay each occasion overtime occurs. Employees will not be allowed to split the "banking" and "paying" of overtime on one (1) time card.
- (b) Such time off shall be calculated in accordance with Clause 19.01 and scheduled at a time convenient to both the Employer and the employee. Requests for such time off shall not be unreasonably denied.
- (c) Employees may elect to have any number of their banked overtime hours accumulated between January 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, paid out during the pay period that follows September 15<sup>th</sup>. Such requests must be received, in writing, by their Supervisor by July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- (d) Should any accumulated time from the previous calendar year not be used by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year, the employee shall be paid out in the pay period that follows June 30th.

### 19.06 Authorization for Overtime

All overtime must be authorized in advance by a Supervisor except in the case of emergency.

#### **ARTICLE 20 - SHIFT WORK**

### 20.01 Shift Differential for Full-time Employees

- (a) A shift differential of thirty-one cents (\$0.31) shall be paid for hours worked between 5:00 p.m. and 12:00 midnight.
- (b) A shift differential of fifty cents (\$0.50) shall be paid for hours worked between 12:00 midnight and 8:00 a.m.

# 20.02 Split Shifts for Full-time & Part-time Employees

Split shifts shall be paid a shift bonus of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per hour PROVIDED the lunch break exceeds one half (1/2) hour (outside staff) and one (1) hour (inside staff). This shift bonus shall not apply to shifts where an employee requests to swap a shift with another employee.

# 20.03 Shift Work Premium for Full-time Employees

A shift work or split shift premium shall not be paid in addition to overtime. These premiums are paid only for regular hours worked.

20.04 Shift Work Bonus for Full-time Recreation Facility Maintenance Workers and Recreation Janitors

In addition to the shift differential in Clause 20.01, Recreation Facilities Utility workers and Recreation Janitors shall receive thirty-five cents (\$0.35) per hour for continuously scheduled midnight shift work.

#### **ARTICLE 21 - HOLIDAYS**

# 21.01 List of Holidays

- (a) All full-time employees shall suffer no reduction in their regular wages or salary by reason of a statutory holiday occurring within the regular work week.
- (b) All part-time employees shall be paid time and one-half  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  for regular hours worked on a statutory holiday.
- (c) For the purpose of this Section, statutory holidays shall be defined as:

New Year's Day
Good Friday
Easter Monday
Victoria Day
Canada Day
Boxing Day

B.C. Day
Labour Day
Thanksgiving Day
Remembrance Day
Christmas Day

AND for full-time employees, all other holidays declared by the City of Powell River, provincial or federal governments.

### 21.02 Holidays Falling on Weekends for Full-time Employees

Where employees work a Monday through Friday work week, and a statutory holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then the next regular working day shall be declared a statutory holiday and they shall be provided a day off in lieu with pay.

For all employees who work other than a Monday through Friday work week, and a statutory holiday falls on the employee's regular day of rest, then a day off in lieu with pay shall be taken at a time mutually agreed between the employee and the Employer.

# 21.03 Qualifications for Full-time Employees' Paid Holidays

(a) An employee must work the employee's scheduled day prior to and immediately following any paid holiday covered by this Contract in order to qualify for pay, unless previous permission in writing shall have been granted for time off.

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(b) Pay shall be at the previous day's highest card rate which will include shift work bonus but not shift differential.

## 21.04 Holidays During Full-time Employees' Vacation

If a statutory holiday falls on a regular working day while an employee is on annual vacation, the employee shall receive one (1) additional day of vacation with pay in lieu of said statutory holiday.

## 21.05 Christmas and New Year's Holidays for Full-time Employees

The following provisions shall apply during the Christmas and New Year's holidays:

- (a) When Christmas Eve and/or New Year's Eve falls on a working day, all employees shall be entitled to time off commencing at 2:00 p.m. without loss of pay.
- (b) When Christmas Day falls on a Tuesday, the preceding Monday shall be declared a statutory holiday.
- (c) When Christmas Day falls on a Wednesday, the next succeeding Friday shall be declared a statutory holiday.
- (d) When New Year's Day falls on a Tuesday, the preceding Monday shall be declared a statutory holiday.
- (e) When New Year's Day falls on a Thursday, the next succeeding Friday shall be declared a statutory holiday.
- (f) Employees who because of the requirements of their particular job category are unable to obtain the conditions of this Clause shall, by mutual agreement with their respective Department Head, determine alternate methods of receiving such time or days off.

# 21.06 Full-time Employees Scheduled to Work on Statutory Holidays

An employee who is scheduled to work on a statutory holiday shall be paid:

- (a) One and one-half  $(1\frac{1}{2})$  times plus the employee's regular wage for the time worked up to twelve (12) hours, and
- (b) Double time (x2) plus the employee's regular wage for any time worked over twelve (12) hours.

#### **ARTICLE 22 - VACATIONS**

## 22.01 Vacation Entitlement Regulations

All employees as defined in this Agreement shall be granted a vacation with pay in accordance with the following regulations:

- (a) The vacation period shall be twelve (12) months commencing on January 1<sup>st</sup> and ending on the following December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- (b) Continuous service for the purposes of this Agreement shall include:
  - i. Time lost as a result of an accident as recognized by WorkSafeBC suffered during the course of employment shall be considered as time worked for the purpose of qualifying for annual vacations. An employee will only be entitled to receive such vacation payments while on Workers' Compensation for a period of up to, but not exceeding one (1) year from the date of the employee's accident or injury.
  - ii. Time lost as a result of leave as recognized by the Employer under Article 23 of this Agreement.
  - iii. Time lost as a result of leave as recognized by the Employer under Article 24 of this Agreement.
  - (c) Annual vacation entitlement requested subsequent to the completion of the choice system may be taken in hourly increments.
- (d) The Finance Department will notify those employees who have remaining vacation entitlement by September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year. Employees will have one (1) month to book the remaining vacation entitlement.
- (e) If employees do not book their remaining vacation by October 15<sup>th</sup>, their Supervisor will schedule their remaining vacation entitlement for them.
- (f) Employees must take their vacation time in the current year unless they are not able to take vacation due to medical reasons or vacation requests have been denied due to operational\_requirements. Employees cannot receive payment in lieu of vacation.

#### 22.02 Vacation Entitlement

An employee's full-time seniority date establishes the start of their first anniversary year.

- (a) Those employees who are in their first  $(1^{st})$  anniversary year, with a minimum of six (6) months service, shall be granted two (2) weeks vacation with pay.
- (b) Employees who are in their second (2<sup>nd</sup>) anniversary year shall be granted three (3) weeks vacation with pay.
- (c) Employees who are in their ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) anniversary year shall be granted four (4) weeks vacation with pay.
- (d) Employees who are in their seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) anniversary year shall be granted five (5) weeks vacation with pay.
- (e) Employees who are in their twenty-fourth (24<sup>th</sup>) anniversary year shall be granted six (6) weeks vacation with pay.
- (f) Employees who are in their twenty-eighth (28<sup>th</sup>) anniversary year shall be granted seven (7) weeks vacation with pay.
- (g) Vacation pay shall be based upon the greater of an employee's basic rate for a standard weekly schedule or two percent (2%) of gross earnings for the preceding calendar year for each week of earned vacation plus an additional one-half of one percent (½%) of earnings after two (2) years service.

# 22.03 Vacation Bonus for Full-time Employees

All eligible employees shall receive an additional amount of vacation pay equivalent to ten (10) hours pay at the hourly rate of the employee's regular job in respect of the first  $(1^{st})$  week of the employee's vacation. An eligible employee shall be one who is full-time and who complies with Clause 22.02, Section (a) or Clause 22.06, Section (a).

#### 22.04 Consecutive Vacation Period

It is understood and agreed that with the three (3), four (4), five (5) and six (6) week annual vacation periods, no more than two (2) weeks may necessarily be consecutive. All such holidays shall be exclusive of statutory holidays. Requests for vacations must be submitted in writing at least one (1) month prior to the vacation being taken. This may be waived by mutual consent.

## 22.05 Supplementary Vacations for Full-time Employees

(a) After completing five (5) or more years of continuous service with the Employer, an employee shall, in addition to the regular vacation to which the employee is entitled, become eligible to receive a supplementary vacation with pay each five (5) years as set forth below:

Supplementary Vacation	Continuous Service
One (1) week	After five (5) years
Two (2) weeks	After ten (10) years
Three (3) weeks	After fifteen (15) years
Four (4) weeks	After twenty (20) years
Five (5) weeks	After twenty-five (25) years
Six (6) weeks	After thirty (30) years
Seven (7) weeks	After thirty-five (35) years
Eight (8) weeks	After forty (40) years

**Years Completed** 

- (b) The supplementary vacations are to be taken over a five (5) year period.
- (c) At retirement or termination from the Employer, an employee who has completed five (5) or more years of service shall be entitled to that portion of supplementary vacation proportionate to the number of months of service completed subsequent to the employee's last five (5) year entitlement.

## 22.06 Vacation Entitlement Plan Option

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Current employees shall have the one (1) time option of staying on the vacation and supplementary vacation entitlements as outlined in Clauses 22.02 and 22.05 or choosing to move to the new vacation entitlement plan.

Employees choosing to switch to the new entitlement plan will retain their earned supplementary vacation, as of the date of ratification, from the previous entitlement plan.

Employees must make their vacation entitlement plan selection within thirty (30) days of ratification.

An employee's seniority date establishes the start of their first anniversary year.

After ratification, all employees not currently receiving vacation entitlement under Clauses 22.02 and 22.05 shall be entitled to the following once they become eligible:

- (a) Those employees who are in their first  $(1^{st})$  anniversary year, with a minimum of six (6) months service, shall be granted two (2) weeks vacation with pay.
- (b) Employees who are in their second (2<sup>nd</sup>) anniversary year shall be granted three (3) weeks vacation with pay.
- (c) Employees who are in their sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) anniversary year shall be granted four (4) weeks vacation with pay.
- (d) Employees who are in their eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) anniversary year shall be granted five (5) weeks vacation with pay.
- (e) Employees who are in their sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) anniversary year shall be granted six (6) weeks vacation with pay.
- (f) Employees who are in their twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) anniversary year shall be granted seven (7) weeks vacation with pay.
- (g) Employees who are in their twenty-sixth (26<sup>th</sup>) anniversary year shall be granted eight (8) weeks vacation with pay.
- (h) Vacation pay shall be based upon the greater of an employee's basic rate for a standard weekly schedule or two percent (2%) of gross earnings for the preceding calendar year for each week of earned vacation plus an additional one-half of one percent (½%) of earnings after two (2) years service.

## **Supplementary Vacations for full-time employees**

(i) After completing ten (10) or more years of continuous service with the Employer, an employee shall, in addition to the regular vacation to which the employee is entitled, become eligible to receive a supplementary vacation with pay each five (5) years as set forth below.

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(j) The supplementary vacations are to be taken over a five (5) year period.

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(k) At retirement or termination from the Employer, an employee who has completed ten (10) or more years of service shall be entitled to that portion of supplementary vacation proportionate to the number of months of service completed subsequent to the employee's last five (5) year entitlement.

## 22.07 Full-time Employee Vacation Choice System

- (a) All vacation requests are subject to the approval of the Supervisor and/or Department Head. It is recognized that operational requirements with respect to workload patterns and workforce minimums will govern such approvals. No requests shall be unreasonably denied.
- (b) Each department shall appoint a person to coordinate the vacation choice system guidelines, post the choice groups, collect choice requests submitted within the choice system, and register and post the approved vacations in a location accessible by all employees of that department.
- (c) The choice system will have two (2) rotations of first (1<sup>st</sup>), second (2<sup>nd</sup>), and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) choice groups.
- (d) A maximum of three (3) weeks annual vacation may be booked in each rotation during the choice system with a maximum of two (2) weeks being consecutive in the first (1<sup>st</sup>) rotation.
- (e) Choice groups will be constructed to minimize operational staffing conflicts and remain balanced in seniority and number if practical. Choice groups may be amended periodically by the Department Head to adjust for staffing changes. Any time an employee must be moved to a different choice group, if possible, they may move between groups to their best advantage. (Example, an employee in this year's second (2<sup>nd</sup>) choice group should be moved into next year's first (1<sup>st</sup>) or second (2<sup>nd</sup>) choice group as opposed to next year's third (3<sup>rd</sup>) choice group.)
- (f) The choice system lists are to be posted for one (1) week only for each choice group rotation.
- (g) The choice system lists must be posted with the first  $(1^{st})$  choice of the first  $(1^{st})$  rotation due on the second  $(2^{nd})$  Friday in January.
- (h) Single days and/or in-lieu days per Clause 21.04 cannot be booked during the choice system; only full regular work weeks of vacation entitlement will be approved. The last week of vacation that can be booked commences the last Monday of December, (i.e. during a year when

December 31<sup>st</sup> falls on a Monday, the last day that can be booked with that year's vacation is January 6<sup>th</sup> of the following year).

- (i) Requests for use of banked time during identified "prime vacation time" periods of high vacation usage will not be considered until the completion of the choice system. "Prime vacation times" include spring break and Christmas week and the period from the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) week of June to the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) week of September inclusive.
- (j) Employees are not allowed to book time off initially as vacation during the choice system, then change the time off to banked overtime.
- (k) Upon completion of the choice system, competing vacation requests and/or vacation changes will be considered on a first-come-first-serve basis.

## 22.08 Part-time Vacation Choice System

Part-time employees who are regularly scheduled to work or regularly work more than twenty-five (25) hours per week for Schedule "A", "B", and "D" (inside employees) and thirty (30) hours per week for Schedule "B", "D", and "E" (outside employees) qualify for paid vacation time off and shall book their vacation as per the following choice system:

- (a) Part-time choice groups will be established and posted at the same time as full-time choice groups are posted.
- (b) The part-time vacation choice system shall commence the first week after the final choice week in the full-time vacation choice rotation.
- (c) The same person appointed in Clause 22.07, Section (b) shall coordinate the part-time vacation choice system.
- (d) In all other respects, the part-time vacation choice system shall operate as per Clause 22.07.

# ARTICLE 23 - SHORT TERM DISABILITY [STD] & LONG TERM DISABILITY [LTD] PLANS FOR FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

#### 23.01 Amount of Sick Leave

(a) Employees shall be granted sick leave with pay of one (1) working day per pay period with two (2) days per year going to the sick bank with any

- unused portion accruing in future years to a maximum of one hundred eighty (180) working days, subject to the application hereinafter.
- (b) Sick leave shall be credited on the last day of each month of each calendar year.
- (c) It is understood and agreed that accrued sick leave stands to the credit only of the individual employee and may not be disposed of by trading, loaning or giving to any other employee EXCEPT by means of the sick leave bank.
- (d) It is understood and agreed that:
  - i. Use of sick leave shall be accorded on an employee's work day as per Clause 18.01.
  - ii. Accumulation of sick leave shall be credited for employees who work a thirty-five (35) hour week at seven (7) hours each credit day, and for employees who work a forty (40) hour week at eight (8) hours each credit day. Accumulation of sick leave for employees who work other than a standard thirty-five (35) or forty (40) hour week shall be determined by calculating average daily hours of work per work day based on the previous two (2) pay periods.

# 23.02 Sick Leave Payout

An employee who qualifies under the conditions as set out below shall be entitled to a payout of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the following formula:

One (1) times number of hours of accrued sick leave times normal hourly rate of pay at time of retirement or death, for:

- (a) Death in Service.No qualifying time to a maximum of one hundred eighty (180) working days.
- (b) Voluntary Termination.

  Minimum of ten (10) years of continuous service with the Employer to a maximum of ninety (90) working days.
- (c) Retirement.

  In accordance with the Municipal Pension Plan "deferred pensions" shall not be considered for eligibility to a maximum of one hundred eighty (180) working days.

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## **Transition from Sick Leave Plan to Short Term Disability Plan**

- a) The Sick Leave Plan in effect prior to 2012 will be terminated and all full time employees will transition to the new STD Plan.
- b) On termination of the Sick Leave Plan, contributions to personal sick banks will stop.
- c) Individual sick bank hours will be frozen at the time of transition to the STD Plan. Maximum RRSP contributions will be made each year by the employer for each employee starting with the first payment one month after transition to the new plan and in each subsequent year on July 1st until the balance of the individual employees' sick leave accounts are paid in full or the employee retires. Upon retirement, remaining balances will be paid in lump sums as retirement allowances. All payments will be paid at the July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 rates.
- d) The \$25.00 weekly indemnity benefit will be terminated on transition to the new STD Plan.

## **Short Term Disability Plan [STD]**

- a) STD coverage will be provided as required on an employee's work day as per Article 18.01.
- b) Payment of STD benefits will be provided for employees who work a thirty-five (35) hour week at seven (7) hours per day, and for employees who work a forty (40) hour week at eight (8) hours per day. Payment of benefits for employees who work other than a standard thirty-five (35) or forty (40) hour week shall be determined by calculating average daily hours of work per work day based on the previous two (2) pay periods.
- c) The first seven (7) days of absence due to non-work related illness or injury will be covered by the employer at one hundred per cent (100%) wage loss for regular hours per a and b above.
- d) Full-time employees will transition to a premium-based STD plan after seven (7) days absence due to illness or injury.
- e) The Employer will pay up to five (5) working days while claims are adjudicated by the insurance carrier.
- f) The insurance carrier will provide seventy per cent (70%) wage replacement and the Employer will top up wages to one hundred per cent (100%), up to a maximum of twenty six (26) weeks.
- g) After twenty six (26) weeks of STD coverage, employees must either return to work or apply for Long Term Disability (LTD) coverage.

# **Administration of the Short Term Disability Plan**

- a) The Employer will pay one hundred per cent (100%) of the STD Plan premiums.
- b) The STD Plan will be a taxable benefit to employees.

- c) STD claims will be adjudicated by the insurance carrier.
- d) If a claim is denied the Employer will discontinue all payments to the employee.
- e) The Employer will continue to fund leaves that were funded by sick banks prior to introduction of the STD Plan. (i.e. Discretionary Leave, Medical Care Leave)
- f) Time spent on the STD Plan will be considered pensionable service.
- Time spent on STD will be considered continuous service. g)
- h) Upon ratification of this Agreement by the Union, the Employer will ensure transition to the STD Plan by all full time employees or will provide equivalent coverage.
- i) All benefit plan coverages, terms, conditions, and specific eligibility requirements shall be governed by the actual terms and conditions of the benefit plan from time to time. Any descriptions in this Agreement are provided for the purpose of general information.

## Long Term Disability Plan (LTD)

- a) On ratification of this Agreement, all full-time employees who are contributing to and using the "CUPE Sick Bank" will transition to the Employer provided LTD Plan.
- The Employer will pay one hundred per cent (100%) of the LTD Plan b) premiums.
- Contributions to the sick bank will cease on transition to the LTD Plan. c)
- d) The CUPE Sick Bank will terminate (no balance) upon transition to the LTD Plan.
- e) LTD claims will be adjudicated by the insurance carrier.
- LTD benefits will be seventy per cent (70%) of earnings to a maximum of f) five thousand seven hundred dollars (\$5,700.00) per month.
- There will be a twenty six (26) week elimination period with no overlap g) between STD and LTD entitlement.
- h) Time spent on the LTD Plan will be considered pensionable service.
- i) Time spent on LTD will be considered continuous service.
- j) Upon ratification of this Agreement by the Union, the Employer will ensure transition to the LTD Plan by all full time employees or will provide equivalent coverage.
- k) All benefit plan coverages, terms, conditions, and specific eligibility requirements shall be governed by the actual terms and conditions of the benefit plan from time to time. Any descriptions in this Agreement are provided for the purpose of general information.

#### 23.04 Medical Care Leave

An employee shall be granted time off for the purpose of an appointment relating to physical or mental health with a licensed professional practitioner. The employee may be required to have the necessary form as supplied by the

Employer signed by the attendant practitioner in order to qualify. The employee shall give as much notice as possible to the Employer when such a visit to a medical practitioner is contemplated. The time off for such an event will be deducted from accumulated sick leave to the nearest one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour. If there is no accrued sick leave remaining to the employee's credit, time off will be deducted from the employee's wage or salary. Employees hired after March  $4^{th}$ , 2003 shall be granted the time off from the Employer's Weekly Indemnity Plan to the nearest one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour.

For out-of-town appointments, only the actual dates that the employee visits the Doctor shall be considered, and travel time will be considered as per Clause 24.15.

#### 23.05 WorkSafeBC Claims

An employee who is absent as a result of an accident covered by WorkSafeBC shall be compensated as follows:

- (a) Payroll will advance the employee ninety percent (90%) of their average net pay with no deductions of tax, CPP or EI. Any payment from WorkSafeBC received by the employee shall be turned over to the Employer.
- (b) Top-up to a full day's earnings will be accomplished by charging one-tenth (1/10<sup>th</sup>) of a day from the employee's sick credit for each day absent. This top-up amount shall be subject to normal statutory deductions.
- (c) The employee will be responsible for reimbursing the Employer in the event their WorkSafeBC claim/appeal is subsequently denied and they have no entitlement to sick credits.
- (d) Should the WorkSafeBC method of calculating compensation change during the term of the Collective Agreement, this Clause shall be revisited and amended if necessary by way of Memorandum of Agreement with the intent of maintaining compensation at one hundred percent (100%) of the employee's average net pay.

## 23.06 Notification of Absence

An employee who is absent from work because of illness shall notify the Employer, prior to their shift starting. Failure to do so may result in a loss of pay. It is understood that there may be extraordinary circumstances where an employee is unable to provide notification; however, it is understood this would be the exception.

23.07 Sick Leave for Employees attaining full-time status after March 4th, 2003

The following shall apply to new employees only, defined as those who have attained full-time status after March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

- (a) A new employee shall be credited with six (6) sick days upon commencement of employment.
- (b) Upon completion of the probationary period or ninety (90) day waiting period, whichever is greater, an employee shall be covered under the Employer's Weekly Indemnity Plan and Long Term Disability Plan.
- (c) The Employer shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premiums for employees to be covered under the Employer's Weekly Indemnity Plan and Long Term Disability Plan. The Weekly Indemnity Plan shall provide one hundred percent (100%) of wage loss from the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of illness or injury for a specific claim to a maximum of twenty-six (26) weeks.

In the event that a delay in processing a claim occurs the Employer will provide seventy percent (70%) of wage loss after twenty-six (26) weeks until the claim is decided. If a claim is denied by the benefits carrier the Employer will discontinue paying the seventy percent (70%) of wage loss. L.T.D. benefits shall provide seventy percent (70%) of wage loss.

(d) Upon commencement of Weekly Indemnity coverage sick leave will be forfeited.

#### **ARTICLE 24 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

#### 24.01 For Union Business

- (a) Upon application to and upon receiving the permission of the respective Department Head in each specific case, time off without pay shall be granted to official representatives of the Union when it becomes necessary to transact business in connection with matters affecting members of the Union, PROVIDING it does not interfere with the operation of the Employer.
- (b) Official representatives of the Union shall have the privilege of attending meetings without loss of remuneration for the purpose of negotiating a revision or renewal of this Agreement when such meetings are held during working hours or when discussing with representative(s) of the Employer, a grievance or any other matter contained in this Agreement. Official representatives of the Union attending meetings with the Employer on Joint Committees, shall do so without loss of pay.

(c) Any member, to a maximum of three (3) persons at one (1) time of the Union, who is required to attend at Union Conventions or perform any other function on behalf of the Union and its affiliates necessitating a leave of absence without pay shall, upon application to the respective Department Head, with one (1) week notice, be granted a leave of absence. It is understood that the granting of the above leave shall not unduly hinder the operations of the department. It is agreed that the employees will continue to receive their regular pay during this period of leave and that the Employer will be reimbursed by the Union upon receipt of an accounting for regular pay plus twenty percent (20%) to cover Employee benefits, vacation, and pension, but not sick leave.

# 24.02 Family Responsibility Leave

An employee is entitled to up to five (5) days of unpaid leave in each employment year to meet responsibilities related to the care, health or education of any member of the employee's immediate family.

"Employment year" means a year beginning on the date the employee commenced employment.

Family Responsibility Leave does not accumulate from year-to-year.

## 24.03 Compassionate Care Leave

An employee is entitled to up to eight (8) weeks of unpaid leave in a twenty-six (26) week period to care for a gravely ill member of the employee's immediate family.

A medical certificate may be requested by the Employer at the Employer's expense.

# 24.04 Definition of Immediate Family

For the purposes of 24.02 (Family Responsibility Leave) and 24.03 (Compassionate Care Leave), "immediate family" shall be defined as meaning spouse, child, parent, guardian, sibling, grandchild or grandparent of an employee and any person who lives with the employee as a member of the employee's family.

#### 24.05 Bereavement Leave

(a) Full-time employees shall be granted a minimum of three (3) days leave with pay in the case of the death of a spouse, parent, step-parent, grandparent (including spouse's grandparents), grandchild (including

spouse's grandchildren), sibling, child, step-child, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, niece, nephew, and any person who lives with the employee as a member of the employee's family.

(b) Recognizing that the bereavement traditions of Aboriginal peoples vary, requests to accommodate Aboriginal bereavement leave that extend beyond 24.05 (a) shall be submitted to the exempt staff Supervisor for individual consideration with the Human Resources Manager and/or the Chief Administrative Officer.

#### 24.06 Jury Duty

(a) Any full-time employee who is required to report for jury duty or who is required to appear as a Crown witness on a day on which the employee would normally have worked, will be reimbursed by the Employer for the difference between the pay received for jury or witness duty at the employee's regular straight time hourly rate of pay for the employee's regularly scheduled hours of work.

It is understood that such reimbursement shall not be for hours in excess of eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week, less pay received for jury or witness duty. The employee will be required to furnish proof of jury or witness service and jury duty or witness pay received.

Pay received for jury or witness duty does not include reimbursement for parking and transportation received by the employee from the courts.

- (b) Hours paid for jury or witness duty will be counted as hours worked for the purpose of qualifying for vacations and for recognized paid holidays, but will not be counted as hours worked for the purpose of computing overtime.
- (c) When practical and reasonable, on jury duty days, employees will endeavour to begin work before reporting for jury duty or return to work after reporting for jury duty.

## 24.07 Employment Considered Continuous

If an employee is on Family Responsibility Leave, Compassionate Care Leave, Bereavement Leave, or Jury Duty, employment is considered continuous for the purposes of calculating annual vacation and termination entitlements, as well as for pension, medical or other Plans of benefit to the employee.

The Employer will continue to make payments to any such Plans unless the employee chooses not to continue with his share of the cost of a Plan. The

employee is also entitled to all increases in wages and benefits that the employee would have received if not on leave.

#### 24.08 Return to Work

When the Family Responsibility Leave, Compassionate Care Leave, Bereavement Leave, or Jury Duty ends, an employee will be returned to his former position or to a comparable position. The Employer will contact the employee to make arrangements for the employee's return to work.

#### 24.09 Mourner's Leave

- (a) Full-time employees may be granted one-half (½) day leave with pay to attend the funeral of a member of the Union in the capacity of pallbearer.
- (b) Full-time employees may be granted one-half  $(\frac{1}{2})$  day leave with pay to attend the funeral of an employee, to a maximum of two (2) employees.

# 24.10 Special Leave

- (a) A full-time employee may be granted a maximum of three (3) days leave with pay in the case of a serious fire in the employee's home where, in the opinion of the Municipal Fire Chief, such home is uninhabitable during the three (3) day period.
- (b) A full-time employee may, at the discretion of the employee's respective Department Head, in consultation with the Human Resources Manager, be granted one (1) day leave of absence with pay to attend to a serious household or domestic emergency.

## 24.11 Leave of Absence for Full-Time Union or Public Activities for Full-time Employees

- (a) The Employer recognizes the right of an employee to participate in public affairs. Therefore, upon written request, the Employer shall allow leave of absence so that the employee may be a candidate for public office.
- (b) An employee who is elected, selected or appointed to a public or community position shall be allowed leave during the term of office and the employee shall continue to accrue seniority. Upon the Union's request, the Employer shall continue to pay the employee regular wages and shall bill the Union for reimbursement.
- (c) An employee who is elected or selected for a full-time position with the Union, or anybody with which the Union is affiliated, shall be granted leave of absence, without loss of seniority, for a period of one (1) year.

Such leave may be renewed each year on request during the employee's term of office.

## 24.12 General Leave

- (a) Up to Ten (10) Working Days
  - i. An employee shall be granted leave of absence without pay or loss of benefits to a maximum of ten (10 working days in a calendar year.
  - ii. All requests must be submitted on a time off request form and must receive the approval of the respective Department Head prior to the day in question.

## b) General and Education Leaves

i. After completion of ten (10) years of service an employee may request a leave of absence without pay for a period longer than ten (10) working days and up to a maximum of twelve (12) months. Such leave will only be granted by the respective Department Head and Human Resources Manager for extenuating circumstances and if the employee shows good and sufficient cause.

For the purpose of this Clause, such circumstances or cause include education leave. The employee must be able to prove that the education leave relates to the employee's continued employment with the Employer, and must provide proof of the education program enrolment before the leave will be taken.

Years of service shall be interpreted to include part-time service for the purpose of this Clause. The dates on the seniority lists shall be used.

- ii. Only one (1) period of leave may be granted after completion of each ten (10) years of employment.
- iii. The full premium for benefit plans will be the employee's responsibility.
- iv. When such leave is granted the following year's vacation shall be pro-rated for the time worked during the calendar year.

## (c) Cause for Termination

Failure to report for work on the first  $(1^{st})$  working day after the leave, as allowed in Sections (a) and (c) (b) above is completed, shall be just cause for termination of employment EXCEPT in extenuating circumstances beyond the employee's control.

## (d) Method of Application

Such leave of absence under Section (b) shall be made on the appropriate forms to the Human Resources Manager through the Department Head concerned at least four (4) weeks in advance of the proposed start of such leave of absence.

## 24.13 Pregnancy Leave, Parental Leave

The Pregnancy Leave and/or Parental Leave provisions as outlined in the Employment Standards Act, shall apply except as follows:

- (a) For an adopting parent of a child up to six (6) months of age, the maximum period of Parental Leave shall be increased by eighteen (18) weeks.
- (b) Where an employee who has been granted leave of absence under this Clause requests a further leave of absence from work, the Employer shall grant to the employee a further leave of absence from work, without pay or benefits, for a period not exceeding a total of eighteen (18) months.

## 24.14 Birth/Adoption Leave

Employees shall be entitled to utilize one (1) day of their accumulated sick leave/weekly indemnity for needs directly related to the birth or adoption of the employee's child.

## 24.15 Discretionary Leave

- (a) Full-time employees may use four (4) "discretional" sick days per year from their personal sick bank/Employer funded weekly indemnity in order to:
  - travel to an out-of-town medical appointment;
  - attend a medical care appointment of a family member including travel time to an out-of-town medical appointment;
  - care for a sick family member at home;
  - supplement their Bereavement Leave;
  - supplement their Birth/Adoption Leave;
  - attend to urgent personal business;

 additional reasons mutually agreed to by the Union and Employer.

Requests for use of these discretional sick days are to be approved by the immediate exempt Supervisor, Department Head or Human Resources Manager and shall not be unreasonably denied.

- (b) Part-time employees shall be eligible for two (2) shifts per year of paid leave of absence for:
  - travel to an out-of-town medical appointment;
  - a medical care appointment of a family member including travel time to an out-of-town medical appointment;
  - care for a sick family member at home;
  - the funeral of a member of the employee's immediate family as defined in Clause 24.05;
  - birth/adoption leave;
  - urgent personal business;
  - additional reasons mutually agreed to by the Union and Employer.

Requests for use of this Discretionary Leave are to be approved by the immediate exempt Supervisor, Department Head or Human Resources Manager and shall not be unreasonably denied.

## 24.16 Military Leave

Employees who serve in the Canadian Armed Forces shall be granted unpaid leave of absence to attend to military duties and training. During such leave the employee's seniority shall continue to accumulate. The Employer shall continue to pay it's share of all benefits and pension contributions, and the employee shall be required to prepay their share of all benefits and pension contributions.

#### **ARTICLE 25 - PAYMENT OF WAGES AND ALLOWANCES**

#### 25.01 Schedules

The schedule of wages, classifications and salaries for all employees of the Employer covered by this Agreement shall be in accordance with Schedules "A", "B", "D", and "E" attached hereto and forming part of this Agreement.

#### 25.02 Temporary Assignments

- (a) If an employee is appointed to substitute on a job, the employee shall receive the employee's regular rate or the rate for the job, whichever is the greater.
- (b) If an employee is temporarily assigned to assume the duties of a lower rated position, the employee shall receive the employee's regular rate.
- (c) If an employee is temporarily assigned to relieve an employee where the incumbent is receiving a red circled rate, the relieving employee shall receive the rate for the classification as set out in the wage schedule.
- (d) If an employee who is red circled is temporarily assigned to substitute in any job for which the rate is lower than the rate the employee is currently receiving, the employee shall be paid his red circled rate.

#### 25.03 New Positions

When a new position not covered in the Agreement is created, the rate of pay shall be negotiated between the Employer and the Union. Should the Parties be unable to agree on a rate, the matter shall be settled by Arbitration.

## 25.04 Pay Cheques

- (a) Regular pay days shall be no later than alternate Fridays.
- (b) Pay stubs shall be delivered to the Recreation Complex, Public Works Yard, R.C.M.P. station and City Hall no later than 11:30 a.m. on regular pay days.
- (c) Employees will have their pay deposited directly to a financial institution of the employee's choice located in Powell River.

#### 25.05 Base Rate Formula

- (a) Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1985 the Municipal Labour I rate shall be twenty-one cents (\$0.21) below, and the Municipal Trades II rate shall be twenty-seven cents (\$0.27) below the Common Labourer and "A" Mechanic Journeyman rates respectively, paid by MacMillan Bloedel Limited, Powell River Division, to members of the Canadian Paperworkers Union. The Union agrees to maintain this differential.
- (b) The cents per hour increase established on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July each year for the base rate shall also be the cents per hour increase on all other rates with the exception of the Tradesman II rate.

(c) Whenever the Canadian Paperworkers Union negotiate an increase other than cents per hour, the formula used shall be applied to Sections (a) and (b) of Clause 25.05 above.

## 25.06 Temporary Transfers Outside of the Bargaining Unit

When an employee performs the principal duties of a higher paying position outside of the bargaining unit, the employee shall receive the rate of pay of the position filled. When an employee acts as a point of contact or performs minimal duties of a higher paying position outside of the bargaining unit, the employee will receive a ten percent (10%) increase to their wages.

#### 25.07 Vehicle Allowance

When employees are required to use their own vehicle for the Employer's business, compensation shall be at the mileage reimbursement rate established in the City of Powell River Council Remuneration and Reimbursement Bylaw.

#### 25.08 Travel Advance and Per Diem

Employees travelling to seminars/education courses at the Employer's request shall be given a travel advance to cover no less than eighty per\_cent (80)% of the estimated costs. An employee may request that the Employer prepay one hundred per cent (100%) of the employee's transportation and accommodation costs directly to the provider. Such requests shall not be unreasonably denied. All travel advances shall include one hundred (100)% of the eligible per diem. The Employer agrees that the employee per diem rate shall match the exempt staff per diem rate.

## **ARTICLE 26 - RETIREMENT**

# 26.01 Municipal Pension Plan

- (a) Employees who are eligible shall participate in the Municipal Pension Plan.
- (b) Employees retiring should give the Employer three (3) months notice prior to the date of retirement.

#### **ARTICLE 27 - JOB CLASSIFICATION AND RECLASSIFICATION**

## 27.01 Job Descriptions

The Employer agrees to draw up job descriptions for all positions, classifications and reclassifications for which the Union is bargaining agent. These descriptions

shall be presented to the Union and shall become the recognized job descriptions unless the Union presents written objection within thirty (30) days.

If no settlement can be reached on the job description, the dispute may be submitted at Step 3 of the grievance procedure.

## 27.02 The Joint Job Evaluation Committee (J.J.E.C.)

- (a) The J.J.E.C. shall have equal representation and participation from the Parties, consisting of three (3) representatives from the Employer and three (3) representatives from the Union.
- (b) The Employer and the Union shall each designate one (1) of its representatives to act as co-Chairperson. The co-Chairpersons are responsible for:
  - i. The Chairing of Committee meetings;
  - ii. The scheduling of Committee meetings;
  - iii. The notification of appropriate Supervisors for Committee members' attendance;
  - iv. Establishing the priority of matters to be acted upon by the Committee.
- (c) Each Party may appoint/elect alternate representatives to serve as replacements for absent members. Alternate members shall have the right to vote only when replacing a regular Committee member who is absent.
- (d) Committee members shall be excused from rating their own job, the position of a direct subordinate, or any position where the rating of that job may place them in a conflict of interest situation.
- (e) Routine business decisions of the Committee shall be made by a simple majority. Job rating decisions shall require a unanimous decision of the full Committee and shall be final and binding on the Parties, subject to the Reconsideration Procedure.
- (f) Either Party to the Agreement may engage advisors to assist its representatives on the J.J.E.C. Any such advisor shall be entitled to voice but not to vote and shall not be considered to be a member of the Committee.

#### 27.03 Mandate of the J.J.E.C.

The J.J.E.C. shall implement and maintain the CUPE Gender-Neutral Job Evaluation Program by:

- (a) Evaluating all the jobs using the Job Evaluation plan;
- (b) Maintaining the integrity of the program;
- (c) Recommending to the Parties changes to the Job Evaluation plan, its procedures or methods, as may be deemed necessary from time to time;
- (d) Recording the results and rationale on the rating sheet and completing the Advice of Rating Form. Copies of the Advice of Rating Form and job description will be provided to the J.J.E.C., co-Chairs, incumbent(s), Supervisor and the Union.

#### 27.04 Job Evaluation Procedure for Changed Jobs

Whenever the Employer changes the duties and responsibilities of a job or the incumbent(s)/Union feel that the duties and responsibilities of a job have been changed, or that the job description does not reflect the duties and responsibilities of the job, the following procedures shall be followed:

- (a) The incumbent(s)/Union or the Supervisor/Employer may request a job evaluation review by completing and submitting a Reconsideration Form. The Reconsideration Form shall be date stamped by the Human Resources Manager who will give the Reconsideration Form to the co-Chairpersons of the Committee. The Human Resources Manager shall provide a copy of the current job description along with a maintenance questionnaire form for the incumbent(s) and Supervisor to complete;
- (b) Upon receipt of a completed Reconsideration Form, the J.J.E.C. shall proceed to gather accurate, up-to-date information on the job. The gathering of information shall involve requesting the incumbent(s) and Supervisor to complete a maintenance questionnaire completing only sections where the job has changed. Interviews shall be held with incumbents and/or Supervisors and where further information is required, visits to the workplace may be conducted;
- (c) The Committee shall meet to rate any subfactors of the job which may have been affected by changes to the job and establish a new rating for the job where necessary, and then advise the incumbent(s) and/or Supervisor of its decision;
- (d) The rating of the job shall determine the pay grade for the job.

- i. If the pay grade of the job increases as a result of the review, such increase shall be paid to each incumbent effective the date stamp on the Reconsideration Form.
- ii. If the pay grade of the job decreases as a result of the review, the incumbent shall be red-circled and shall continue to be paid at the red circled wage rate notwithstanding the implementation of the new schedule for the position; and further that the "red circling" wage protection shall cease when the position is filled by another person, or the wage rate under the new schedule that would be paid to the incumbent is equal to or greater than the "red circled" rate;
- (e) The Employer shall update the job description and present it to the Union as per Clause 27.01.

#### 27.05 Job Evaluation Procedure for New Jobs

Whenever the Employer wishes to establish a new job, the following procedures shall apply:

- (a) The Employer shall prepare a draft job description for the job;
- (b) The J.J.E.C. shall meet and establish a temporary pay grade for the job, based on the draft job description;
- (c) The job shall be posted and any person appointed to the job shall be paid the temporary pay grade;
- (d) Six (6) months after appointment to the job, the incumbent(s) and the Supervisor shall complete a Job Analysis Questionnaire. The questionnaire shall be submitted along with the draft job description to the J.J.E.C. The J.J.E.C. shall gather information about the job by interviewing the incumbent(s) and/or Supervisors and if required, may conduct visits to the workplace. The J.J.E.C. shall then rate the job and then advise the incumbent(s) and/or Supervisor of its decision;
- (e) The rating of the job shall determine the pay grade for the job.
  - i. If the pay grade increases as a result of the six (6) month review, such increase shall be paid to each incumbent effective the date of his appointment to the job.
  - ii. If the pay grade of the job decreases as a result of this six (6) month review, the incumbent shall be red-circled and shall continue

to be paid at the red circled wage rate notwithstanding the implementation of the new schedule for the position; and further that the "red circling" wage protection shall cease when the position is filled by another person, or the wage rate under the new schedule that would be paid to the incumbent is equal to or greater than the "red circled" rate.

(f) The Employer shall update the job description and present it to the Union as per Clause 27.01.

## 27.06 Maintaining the Job Evaluation Program

It is important that each party maintain an independent record of accurate job descriptions and job ratings on an ongoing basis. Failure to do so will serve to damage the integrity of the program. It is the intention of the Parties to periodically review jobs upon request and to complete a review of all jobs every three (3) years.

#### 27.07 Reconsideration Procedure

Within twenty (20) working days of receipt of the Advice of Rating Form, the following procedure shall apply:

- (a) The incumbent(s)/Union and/or the Supervisor/Employer may request reconsideration of the job rating by completing and submitting a Reconsideration Form, stating the reason(s) for disagreeing with the rating of the job.
- (b) The incumbent(s) and the Supervisor may make presentations to the Committee.
- (c) The J.J.E.C. shall consider the reconsideration request and make a decision which shall be final and binding upon the Parties and all employees affected.
- (d) The rating of the job shall determine the pay grade for the job.
  - i. If the pay grade of the job increases as a result of the review, such increase shall be paid to each incumbent effective the date stamp on the Reconsideration Form.
  - ii. If the pay grade of the job decreases as a result of the review, the incumbent shall be red-circled and shall continue to be paid at the red circled wage rate notwithstanding the implementation of the new schedule for the position; and further that the "red circling" wage protection shall cease when the position is filled by another

person, or the wage rate under the new schedule that would be paid to the incumbent is equal to or greater than the "red circled" rate:

(e) The Committee shall inform both the incumbent(s) and the Supervisor of its decision using the Review Decision Form.

# 27.08 Settlement of Disagreements Within the J.J.E.C.

In the event the J.J.E.C. is unable to reach agreement on any matter relating to the interpretation, application or administration of the Joint Job Evaluation Program, the co-Chairpersons of the Committee shall request, within ten (10) working days, that each Party designate an advisor to meet with the Committee and attempt to assist in reaching a decision.

If, after the meeting with the two (2) advisors appointed, the Committee remains unable to agree upon the matter in dispute, the co-Chairpersons shall advise, in writing, the Union and the Employer of this fact, within fifteen (15) working days.

Either Party may, by written notice to the other Party, refer the dispute to Step 3 of the grievance procedure.

#### 27.09 Definitions

The following definitions are to apply to the terms used herein and throughout the Job Evaluation Program:

Benchmark jobs	"Sample Jobs" which represent a selection of jobs chosen from the classifications covered by the plan. These are used as a basis for comparison under the job evaluation plan.
Factors	The four (4) major criteria used to measure jobs are skill, effort, responsibility and working conditions.
Incumbent	An employee assigned to a job.
Job analysis	The process of determining and recording the tasks and duties of a job and the required skill, effort, responsibility and working conditions involved in the performance of that job, through the use of questionnaires, interviews and workplace observation.
Job analysis & maintenance questionnaire(s)	The tool(s) used to collect and record job data which forms part of the job related documents.
Job description	The written description of a job which includes a

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	summary and a listing of the major duties and responsibilities.
Job evaluation	A process which measures the value of jobs in relation to each other; this value is expressed in points.
New job	A job which is added to the workforce where work is sufficiently different from work currently being performed in the workplace that it cannot be assigned to an existing job.
Out-of-schedule rate	A pay rate that is in excess of the maximum rate determined through the job evaluation program. This rate is established for a specific purpose and normally for a specified period of time.
Pay Grade	A designated salary range within the salary schedule including increments, if any.
Position	A collection of duties and responsibilities assigned to one (1) person.
Rating	The process of relating the facts contained in the job documents to the job evaluation plan and selecting the factor degree levels judged to be appropriate.
Rating Sheet	Records the facts and rationale for the degree levels assigned to each subfactor for each job.
Reclassification	A significant change in the skill, effort, responsibilities or working conditions of a job which may or may not affect its value or pay rate.
Red-circled rate	The wage rate that is higher than the newly established wage rate.
Sore-thumbing	The process of making an objective comparison of a rating decision made by the Committee to previous rating decisions of similar and/or related positions. Comparisons may be performed by subfactors or total points.
Total Point Allocation	The total point allocation shall be used to determine the salary range for the jobs. Salary ranges are provided in the Collective Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 28 - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

# 28.01 Employee Benefits

(a) All benefit plans coverages, terms, conditions, and specific eligibility requirements shall be governed by the actual terms and conditions of the benefit plans as amended from time-to-time. Any descriptions in this Agreement are provided for the purpose of general information.

- (b)i. All full-time employees are eligible for all benefits in this Article.
  - ii. All part-time employees are eligible for benefits as outlined in 1.04.
  - iii. An employee who chooses not to participate in compulsory benefit plans may do so providing they provide proof of coverage elsewhere.
- (c) Coverage under the benefit plans shall begin at the beginning of the work month following the month in which the employee commences work, except for Group Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment plans which shall begin on the day the employee commences work.
- (d) The Employer shall pay one hundred percent (100%) of the premiums for the Employee Benefit Plans in Clause 28.02.
- (e) Part time employees who choose not to participate in benefit plans will not receive any in-lieu payment nor will their remaining in-lieu percentage be adjusted.
- (f) In the event of changes being made to the Benefit Plan Contract(s), or upon request of the Union, the Employer agrees to provide a copy of each Benefit Plan Contract(s) to the Union, within thirty (30) days of such change or request being made.

## 28.02 Employee Benefit Plans

Employee benefit plans shall include the following:

- (a) Medical Plan
- (b) Extended Health Benefits Plan
- (c) Dental Insurance Plan
- (d) Group Life Insurance and Accidental Death & Dismemberment Plans
- (e) Weekly Indemnity Plan

#### 28.03 Benefits While Absent

(a) Full-time employees on Family Responsibility Leave, Compassionate Care Leave, Bereavement Leave, or Jury Duty will continue on all applicable benefit plans as if continuously employed.

- (b) Part-time employees on Family Responsibility Leave or Compassionate Care Leave will continue on all applicable benefit plans as if continuously employed.
- (c) All employees on authorized leave without pay, or on layoff with recall rights, may continue on the applicable benefit plans by paying the full premiums in advance each month. An employee granted leave of absence without loss of pay shall remain on the applicable benefit plans.

## 28.04 Employee Family Assistance Program

The parties recognize the success of the Employee Family Assistance Program (EFAP) and the assistance of Union EFAP Representatives in the workplace. The Employer agrees to continue to fund an EFAP program and in addition to this:

- (i) The Employer and the Union agree to the formation of an EFAP committee comprised of two (2) Employer appointed representatives and two (2) Union appointed representatives. The responsibility of this committee will be to review and mutually agree to the services covered and provided by the EFAP.
- (ii) The committee will meet at regularly scheduled intervals three (3) times per year.
- (iii) Time spent at committee meetings will be at the Employer's cost for the representatives in (i).

#### **ARTICLE 29 - SAFETY AND HEALTH**

## 29.01 Pay for Injured Employees

An employee who is injured during working hours and is required to leave for treatment or is sent home, shall receive payment for the remainder of whichever half (1/2) of the day in which the employee is injured PROVIDED that the employee completes the WorkSafeBC report on the injury.

#### 29.02 WorkSafeBC Regulations

No person shall carry out, or cause to be carried out, any work process or operate or cause to be operated, any tool, appliance or equipment when that person has reasonable cause to believe that to do so would create an undue hazard to the health or safety of any person.

## 29.03 Occupational Health and Safety Committee

- (a) The Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee membership will be in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Act.
- (b) The Committee will function in accordance with the Workers' Compensation Act and Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, and will participate in developing a program to reduce risk of occupational injury or illness.
- (c) Employees who are representatives of the Committee shall not suffer any loss of pay for time spent on the business of the Committee.
- (d) Committee meetings shall be scheduled during normal working hours.

#### **ARTICLE 30 - TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER CHANGES**

## 30.01 Technological Change

The Employer and the Union acknowledge that technological change could occur from time-to-time and when such change occurs, the Parties mutually agree to discuss the matter at the Joint Labour/Management Committee. Should no agreement be reached the provisions of Article 12, commencing at Step 3 and Article 13 of this Agreement, may be invoked.

## 30.02 No Layoffs

It is agreed and understood that employees shall not be laid off as a result of technological change until the provisions of Clause 30.01 have been complied with.

# 30.03 No Stoppage of Work

The decision reached through the procedure as outlined in Clause 30.01 of this Agreement shall be conclusive and binding, and there shall be no stoppage of work.

# 30.04 Computer Upgrading and Programs

In the event the Employer upgrades computer hardware or software, the Employer agrees to consult with the employees affected. In addition, employees shall receive training on the new systems and programs.

## **ARTICLE 31 - JOB SECURITY**

# 31.01 Contracting Out

The Employer agrees not to contract out any work presently performed by employees covered by this Agreement which would result in the laying off of such employees pursuant to Clause 17.01, Section (a), or which would result in the failure to recall laid off employees with recall rights.

## 31.02 Unionized Employers

The Employer shall endeavour at all times to contract out work to Unionized employers.

#### 31.03 Volunteers

- (a) The Employer agrees not to solicit volunteers to carry out any work presently performed by employees covered by the Agreement which would result in the laying off of such employees pursuant to Clause 17.01, Section (a), or which would result in the failure to recall laid off employees with recall rights.
- (b) The Parties agree that all volunteer projects will undergo both a City and Union endorsement process. No project will proceed without the written endorsement of both Parties. A committee shall be established to discuss concerns which may prevent endorsement.

## 31.04 Minimum Staffing

In order to provide job security for full-time employees of the City, the Employer agrees that no fewer than seventy-six (76) full-time employees will be employed by the City in classifications in Schedules "A" and "B" combined.

#### ARTICLE 32 - N/A

#### **ARTICLE 33 - UNIFORM AND CLOTHING ALLOWANCE**

## 33.01 Protective Clothing

(a) Coveralls shall be issued to all Public Works employees including but not limited to the following:

Transfer Site Sewer Waterworks Parks Mechanics

# Recreation Facility Maintenance Workers Recreation Facility Utility Maintenance

(b) Gloves shall be issued to all Public Works employees, including but not limited to the following:

Transfer Site

Sewer

Waterworks

**Parks** 

Mechanics

Roads

**Civic Properties** 

Wharfinger

Poundkeepers/Bylaw Enforcement Officers

Civic Technologists

Recreation Facility Janitors

Recreation Facility Maintenance Workers

Recreation Facility Utility Maintenance

Recreation Complex Maintenance Foreman

(c) Uniforms shall be issued to the following:

**Transit** 

**Civic Properties Janitors** 

Poundkeepers/Bylaw Enforcement Officers

Wharfinger

Recreation Facility Janitors

Recreation Facility Maintenance Workers

Recreation Facility Utility Maintenance

Recreation Complex Maintenance Foreman

And any other position required by the Employer.

- (d) Smocks shall be provided in the Municipal office for the use of personnel when operating duplicating machines.
- (e) The cleaning of protective clothing supplied by the Employer and worn by personnel in sanitation, tar truck, tar pot, parks, cement shed and in the manufacture of manholes, Equipment Operators, Municipal garage, Municipal office staff, arena and Civic Properties Janitors shall be at the expense of the Employer.
- (f) The articles of clothing shall remain the property of the Employer and shall be issued only to those employees qualified in this Section. The employee is required to use reasonable precaution in the use of said

- garments and shall be responsible for loss or destruction of same directly attributable to any act of negligence on the employee's part.
- (g) Where uniforms or articles of clothing are mandatory by the WorkSafeBC or by Municipal request, the Employer shall supply, maintain and clean, PROVIDED HOWEVER that footwear shall only be supplied at the arena and incinerator operations if and when required.
- (h) The Employer will reimburse an employee for forty percent (40%) of the cost of one (1) pair of safety footwear, rubber boots and rain gear, per calendar year, provided it is required on the job. Part-time employees shall receive reimbursement upon successful completion of their probation period.
- (i) Where hardened eye glass lenses are required for safety reasons, the Employer will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the hardening of the lenses.
- (j) The Employer shall provide a bathing suit allowance of fifty dollars (\$50.00) annually to Aquatics staff. Part-time employees shall receive reimbursement upon successful completion of their probation period.

#### **ARTICLE 34 - GENERAL CONDITIONS**

#### 34.01 Bulletin Boards

Bulletin boards shall be supplied by the Employer as required. The Employer, in co-operation with the Union, shall determine the location of the bulletin boards.

#### ARTICLE 35 - N/A

#### **ARTICLE 36 - N/A**

#### **ARTICLE 37 - GENERAL**

#### 37.01 Plural or Feminine Terms May Apply

Whenever the singular or masculine is used in this Agreement, it shall be considered as if the plural or feminine has been used where the context of the Party or Parties hereto so require.

## 37.02 Department Head or Human Resources Manager

Whenever reference is made in this Collective Agreement to "Department Head" or "Human Resources Manager", it is considered that in their absence their delegates shall possess the same power and authority to act on their behalf.

## 37.03 Regular, Permanent, Casual and Temporary Employment

All references in this Agreement to terms "regular" and "permanent" employment shall be considered to read "full-time" and all references to "casual" and "temporary" employment shall be considered to read "part-time".

#### 37.04 Certification and Recertification

If an employee attends education or upgrading courses related to employment at the request of the Employer, the Employer shall cover fees and costs incurred and the employee shall suffer no loss of pay.

Employees who are required to be certified in their jobs shall be reimbursed for the fees paid for exams and fees paid for recertification, to maintain their status, and will be granted leave of absence without loss of pay to take the exam. If taking a course is a pre-condition to take the exam and/or to be recertified, the employee will be reimbursed for the course fees and will be granted leave of absence without loss of pay to take the course.

## 37.05 Proof of Illness

Medical certificates may be required by the Employer at any time to substantiate an employee's inability to perform the duties of the employee's position, or to certify that an employee is fit to return to work after an illness or injury and is fit to perform the duties of their position.

The Employer agrees to pay the cost of Employer required medical certificates:

- Return to work/confirmation of illness questionnaires/assessments
- Life Insurance Waiver of Premium questionnaires

Part-time employees and employees on sick leave will not be compensated beyond use of entitled leave for their time to attend appointments in order to acquire medical certificates.

#### 37.06 Medical Examinations

The parties agree that the Employer and/or any other governmental agencies may require employees to take a medical examination prior to and during employment, PROVIDED the examination is required as a condition of employment. The Employer shall pay for such examination.

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#### **ARTICLE 38 - TERM OF AGREEMENT**

#### 38.01 Duration

The terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be binding and remain in full force and effect from the  $1^{\rm st}$  day of January, 2010 to the  $31^{\rm st}$  day of December, 2012, and shall continue from year-to-year thereafter until a new Agreement is reached as provided for in the Statutes of the Province of British Columbia.

## **ARTICLE 39 - WAGE INCREASES**

## 39.01 Wage Increases

Effective January  $1^{st}$ , 2010 all wages in effect on December  $31^{st}$ , 2009 shall be increased by one percent (1%).

Effective July  $1^{st}$ , 2011 all wages in effect on June  $30^{th}$ , 2011 shall be increased by one percent (1%).

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 all wages in effect on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011 shall be increased by two and one-quarter percent (2.25%).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Corporate Seal of the City of Powell River has been hereunto affixed, attested by the hands of its proper Officers in that behalf and has been executed by the duly authorized Officers of the Union, the day and year first above written.

The Corporate Seal of CITY OF POWELL RIVER was hereunto affixed by and in the presence of:

Signed by the President and Vice-President of the CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, LOCAL NO. 798

Mayor

Dave Formosa

President

Danielle Craigen

Chief Administrative Officer

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Vice-President

Pat Kinahan

# **SCHEDULE "A" – HOURLY RATES**

	<u>Jan 1, 2010</u>	July 1, 2011	Jan 1, 2012
ADMINISTRATION			
Receptionist - City Hall	23.10	23.33	23.85
Administration Office Clerk	25.09	25.34	25.91
Human Resources Clerk	27.05	27.32	27.93
Records Management Clerk	33.95	34.29	35.06
Poundkeeper/Bylaw Enforcement Officer	28.05	28.33	28.97
Poundkeeper/Bylaw Enforcement Officer - Assistant	25.09	25.34	25.91
ENGINEERING SERVICES			
Draftsperson/Survey Assistant	26.07	26.33	26.92
Secretary, Engineering	27.05	27.32	27.93
Instrument person/Draftsperson	26.07	26.33	26.92
Head Surveyor	27.05	27.32	27.93
Civil/Survey Engineering Technologist	27.05	27.32	27.93
Technologist - Sanitary & Storm Sewers	33.95	34.29	35.06
Technologist - Water Systems & Roads	33.95	34.29	35.06
Technical Manager	30.98	31.29	31.99
Operational Services Secretary	26.07	26.33	26.92

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	<u>Jan 1, 2010</u>	July 1, 2011	Jan 1, 2012
Planning Licensing Assistant	22.14	22.36	22.86
Development Clerk - Planning	25.09	25.34	25.91
Operational/Development Services Secretary	25.09	25.34	25.91
*R.R.A.P. Coordinator	25.33	25.58	26.16
Development Services Coordinator	28.05	28.33	28.97
Development Clerk - Building/Licensing	28.05	28.33	28.97
Planning Coordinator	29.02	29.31	29.97
Building/Plumbing Inspector	37.62	38.00	38.85
Assistant Planner	32.95	33.28	34.02
Development Clerk – Building	24.11	24.35	24.90
RECREATION COMPLEX			
Secretary	25.09	25.34	25.91
Head Receptionist	26.07	26.33	26.92
Head Lifeguard	26.07	26.33	26.92
Recreation Office Coordinator	29.02	29.31	29.97
Booking Clerk	26.07	26.33	26.92
Recreation Programmer	25.09	25.34	25.91

Recreation Facilities Coordinator	26.07	26.33	26.92
	Jan 1 2010	July 1 2011	Jan 1 2012
Recreation Program Coordinator	27.05	27.32	27.93
Aquatic Program Coordinator	27.05	27.32	27.93
R.C.M.P.			
Records Clerk	26.07	26.33	26.92
Dispatch Clerk	25.09	25.34	25.91
Detachment Clerk	28.05	28.33	28.97
Secretary	26.07	26.33	26.92
FINANCIAL SERVICES			
Financial Services Accounting Clerk/Cashier	24.11	24.35	24.90
Purchasing Clerk	24.11	24.35	24.90
Secretary	24.11	24.35	24.90
*Accounting Clerk I	25.09	25.34	25.91
Cashier Clerk-Typist	26.07	26.33	26.92
Accounting Clerk II - Receivable	26.07	26.33	26.92
Payroll Clerk	26.07	26.33	26.92
Accounting Clerk III - Payable	28.05	28.33	28.97
Asset Management Accountant	30.99	31.30	32.00
Senior Accountant	30.99	31.30	32.00

Municipal Cashier	<b>Jan 1 2010</b> 27.05	July 1 2011 27.32	<b>Jan 1 2012</b> 27.93
Accounting Clerk III - General	29.02	29.31	29.97
MISCELLANEOUS			
*Clerk Typist	24.11	24.35	24.90
*Clerk Stenographer	24.47	24.71	25.27

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates a job description/evaluation has not been done

	Jan 1 2010	July 1 2011	Jan 1 2012
LABOURER I			
- first 12 months - Civic Properties	23.10	23.33	23.85
LABOURER II			
- first 12 months	23.10	23.33	23.85
- Parks			
- Public Works			
- after 12 months	23.10	23.33	23.85
- Civic Properties			
- Parks			
- Public Works			
LABOURER III			
* (a) Cemetery Caretaker	24.11	24.35	24.90
(b) Swampers - Garbage or Heavy Equipment			
(c) Small Equipment			
(d) Those specifically appointed by a superintendent by reason of skill			
or experience			
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TRUCK DRIVERS			
Truck Driver I - 1 ton & under	23.10	23.33	23.85
Truck Driver II - road roller, single axle	23.10	23.33	23.85
Truck Driver III - tandem, tar truck	24.11	24.35	24.90
Truck Driver V - sweeper	24.11	24.35	24.90
Truck Driver V - sweeper Truck Driver VI - garbage/recycling	25.09 25.09	25.34 25.34	25.91 25.91
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EQUIPMENT OPERATORS			
Equipment Operator I - less than 1 yard	26.07	26.33	26.92

	Jan 1, 2010	<u>July 1, 2011</u>	Jan 1, 2012
Equipment Operator II - 1 yard to 2 yards	25.09	25.34	25.91
Equipment Operator III - over 2 yards	24.11	24.35	24.90
Equipment Operator IV - grader	24.11	24.35	24.90
MECHANICS			
Trades I	27.05	27.32	27.93
Trades II	31.97	32.29	33.01
Trades II Transit	31.97	32.29	33.01
RECREATION COMPLEX			
Janitor	24.11	24.35	24.90
Recreation Facility Maintenance Worker I	25.09	25.34	25.91
Recreation Facility Maintenance Worker II	27.05	27.32	27.93
Recreation Facility Maintenance Worker III	27.05	27.32	27.93
Recreation Facility Utility/Maintenance	30.00	30.30	30.98
CIVIC PROPERTIES			
Janitor I (6 months maximum)	22.14	22.36	22.86
Janitor II	25.09	25.34	25.91
Janitor III	25.09	25.34	25.91
Maintenance Worker	25.09	25.34	25.91
Trades I - General	29.02	29.31	29.97
Trades I - Painter	27.05	27.32	27.93
Trades I - Carpenter	27.05	27.32	27.93
Trades II - Carpentry/Maintenance	30.00	30.30	30.98
Trades II - Painter/Maintenance	28.05	28.33	28.97
<u>FOREMAN</u>			
Parks	35.17	35.52	36.32
Recreation Complex Maintenance	35.17	35.52	36.32

	Jan 1, 2010 J	uly 1, 2011	<u>Jan 1, 2012</u>
MISCELLANEOUS			
Sign Manufacturer Assistant	23.10	23.33	23.85
Transfer Station Operator Assistant	25.09	25.34	25.91
Swamper Tar Truck	23.10	23.33	23.85
Treatment Plant Operator I/Membrane Cleaner			
Trouble Family Special States and Cleaner	25.09	25.34	25.91
*Assistant Storekeeper/Timekeeper	23.46	23.70	24.23
*Tradesman Assistant	24.06	24.30	24.85
Storekeeper/Timekeeper I	24.11	24.35	24.90
Sewer Maintainer I	26.07	26.33	26.92
Roads Maintainer	24.11	24.35	24.90
Utilities Labourer II	25.09	25.34	25.91
Treatment Plant Operator I/Sludge Press Operator	25.09	25.34	25.91
Sign Manufacturer	25.09	25.34	25.91
Waterworks Maintenance Technician I	28.05	28.33	28.97
Waterworks Fitter	25.09	25.34	25.91
Wharfinger	25.09	25.34	25.91

25.09

**Public Works Maintenance Worker** 

25.91

25.34

Storekeeper/Timekeeper II	<b>Jan 1, 2010</b> 25.09	July 1, 2011 25.34	<b>Jan 1, 2012</b> 25.91
Treatment Plant Operator I	25.09	25.34	25.91
Occupational Health & Safety Coordinator	26.07	26.33	26.92
Inflow & Infiltration Technician	26.07	26.33	26.92
Waterworks Maintenance Technician II	29.02	29.31	29.97
Transfer Station Operator	26.07	26.33	26.92
Sewer Maintainer II	29.02	29.31	29.97
Treatment Plant Operator II	29.02	29.31	29.97
Treatment Plant Operator III	30.00	30.30	30.98
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Roads	35.17	35.52	36.32
Utilities	35.17	35.52	36.32
Mechanics/Transit	35.17	35.52	36.32
Civic Properties	35.17	35.52	36.32
Transit	35.17	35.52	36.32
Sanitary Sewer	31.97	32.29	33.01
COORDINATOR Public Works	34.94	35.29	36.08
Transportation	34.94	35.29	36.08

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	Jan 1, 2010	July 1, 2011	<u>Jan 1, 2012</u>
MISC. Gardener I	27.05	27.32	27.93
Irrigation/Turfgrass Technician	26.07	26.33	26.92

#### **SUPERVISORY RATES**

A Leadhand will be paid the Leadhand's rate for the full day PROVIDED that they have three (3) or more employees working under the Leadhand for the first four (4) hours of the day.

Leadhands - 3 pay grades above highest rate on the job. Such rate shall include <u>all</u> bonuses for shift differentials for hours worked.

#### **DEFINITION OF "PAY GRADE"**

Wherever in this Agreement the term "pay grade" is used to determine a further additional rate of pay for a job performed, it shall mean the current difference between Labourer I and Labourer II after twelve (12) months as outlined in Schedule "B".

#### **SPECIAL RATES**

- (a) All trucks when snow plowing 2 pay grades above normal rate.
- (b) When blasting Trades II rate (minimum 4 hours)
- (c) Ammonia charging Trades II rate (minimum 4 hours)
- (d) Tree falling Trades II rate (this shall exclude tree topping and dangerous trees).
- (e) Pesticide Applicator 3 pay grades above normal rate.
- (f) Sand blasting 2 pay grades above normal rate.
- (g) When assigned to work directly with helicopter 3 pay grades above normal rate.

	Jan 1, 2010	July 1, 2011 Ja	an 1, 2012
*Clerical Assistant	12,75	12.87	13.16
Disc Jockey	12.75	12.87	13.16
Usher	12.75	12.87	13.16
Parking Attendant	12.75	12.87	13.16
Doorperson	13.75	13.88	14.20
Stagehand	13.75	13.88	14.20
Pound Assistant	14.76	14.90	15.24
Skate Patrol	14.76	14.90	15.24
Recreation Program Leader	15.77	15.92	16.28
Skate Shop Attendant	15.77	15.92	16.28
Snack Bar Attendant I	15.77	15.92	16.28
Facility Host	16.78	16.94	17.33
Front of House Coordinator	16.78	16.94	17.33
Theatre Technician I	16.78	16.94	17.33
Special Area Coordinator - Leisure Friend	16.78	16.94	17.33
Recreation Instructor - Start - Level I	16.78	16.94	17.33
Weigh Scale Operator	16.78	16.94	17.33
R.C.M.P. Guard	16.78	16.94	17.33
*Special Secretary	17.19	17.36	17.75
Special Area Coordinator - volunteers	17.75	17.92	18.33
Treasury Office Clerk	17.75	17.92	18.33
Senior Program Attendant	17.75	17.92	18.33
Graphic Artist	17.75	17.92	18.33
Recreation Instructor-Advanced-Level II -Arts	17.75	17.92	18.33
*Incinerator Helper	18.74	18.92	19.35
Recreation Instructor-Advanced-Level II-Sports	18.78	18.96	19.39
Snack Bar Attendant II	18.78	18.96	19.39
Records Assistant	18.78	18.96	19.39

	<u>Jan 1, 2010</u>	July 1, 2011 Ja	n 1, 2012
*R.C.M.P. Dispatcher	18.30	18.80	19.46
Recreation Instructor-Advanced-Level II-Fitness Assistant Wharfinger	19.79 19.79	19.98 19.98	20.43 20.43
Treasury Cashier Clerk	20.80	21.00	21.48
**Engineering Services Office Clerk	22.14	22.36	22.86
**Pound/Bylaw Assistant	24.11	24.35	24.90
**Economic Development Secretary	24.11	24.35	24.90
**Receptionist I  **Fitness Programmer	27.05 24.11	27.32 24.35	27.93 24.90
**Receptionist II	28.05	28.33	28.97
**Food Services Coordinator	25.09	25.34	25.91
**Theatre Technician II  **Leisure Programmer	26.07 26.07	26.33 26.33	26.92 26.92

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates a job description/evaluation has not been done

<sup>\*\*(</sup>JJE was done based on banding schedule for Full-time and Regular Part-time)

Jan 1, 2010 July 1, 2011 Jan 1, 2012

#### **AQUATIC STAFF**

Aquatic Staff I	18.78	18.96	19.39
Aquatic Staff II	19.79	19.98	20.43
Aquatic Staff III	21.81	22.02	22.52
*Aquatic Staff IV	20.94	21.15	21.62

#### **NOTE:**

Aquatic staff doing major clean up at night shall receive Janitor rate of pay for hours so worked.

### PROGRESSION THROUGH INCREMENTS FOR AQUATIC STAFF

Aquatic Staff I will automatically advance to Aquatic Staff II upon attainment of requirements for Aquatic Staff II.

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates a job description/evaluation has not been done

BETWEEN:  CITY OF POW	ELL RIVER
AND THE: CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LO	CAL 798
RE: Clause 25.05 - Base Rate Formula	
The Parties agree that Clause 25.05 (Base Rashall be suspended and remain inoperative du remain suspended and inoperative in all future agree to reactivate the Clause by mutual agree.	ring the term of this Agreement and shall e Agreements unless and until the Parties
This Memorandum of Agreement shall be att Agreement effective the date of signing of the	•
Dated this 29 day of June, 2012 in th	e City of Powell River, B.C.
FOR THE UNION:	FOR THE CITY:
Danielle Craigen, President	Dave Formosa, Mayor

Pat Kinahan, Vice-President

Stan Westby, Chief Administrator Officer

**BETWEEN:** 

CITY OF POWELL RIVER

AND THE:

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 798

## **RE: Employer Sponsored Work Day for Union Business**

When the CUPE Local 798 President is an employee of the City of Powell River, the Parties hereby agree that the Employer shall fund one (1) day per week for the President to conduct Union business.

This funded work day shall be in addition to any work days funded by the Union as outlined in Clause 24.01, Section (c).

The Union business done on this day shall be to attend to labour relations matters for the employees of the City, and shall not be used for the purpose of supporting labour relations for Library and Regional District employees.

The priority for Union business on this day shall be meetings with the Employer on grievance and any other labour relations matters.

The work day for Union business shall be the same day each week; to be mutually decided upon between the Union President and their immediate Supervisor to best accommodate operational requirements. The Employer may elect to backfill the absent employee's position. The rate of pay for the Union President for this day shall be their current rate of pay in their regular position.

This Memorandum of Agreement shall be attached to and form part of this Collective Agreement effective January  $1^{st}$ , 2008.

Dated this 24 day of June, 2012 in the City of Powell River, B.C.

FOR THE UNION:

Danielle Craigen, President

Dave Formosa, Mayor

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Pat Kinahan, Vice-President Stan Westby, Chief Administrative Officer

BETWEEN:

CITY OF POWELL RIVER

AND THE:

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 798

#### **RE: Retirement Bonus**

Recognizing that Paid-Up Life Insurance benefits are no longer practically available, the Employer agrees that Full Time Employees who retire with 20 years service and are under the age of 70 will be given a \$1,400 retirement bonus.

The Employees listed below, who have retired since 01 April 2007 and are currently covered by the Employer's Retiree Life Insurance Policy, will be paid a retirement bonus of \$1,400 plus 1% interest per year calculated from their date of retirement.

- Dave Auline
- Bill Barnes
- · Gord de Wynter
- Joe Hassett
- Ron Hilleren
- Art Newton
- Don Krompocker

Employees will advise Financial Services whether the funds should be paid out with appropriate deductions, or forwarded directly to a financial institution as an RRSP contribution.

Dated this 29 day of June, 2012 in the City of Powell River, B.C.

FOR THE UNION:

FOR THE CITY:

Danielle Craigen, President

Pat Kinahan, Vice-President

Dave Formosa, Mayor

n Westby, Chief Administrative Officer

BETWEEN:

CITY OF POWELL RIVER

AND THE:

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
LOCAL 798

Linda Wade - Extended Health and Dental Benefit Group Coverage

(Without Precedent and Prejudice)

The Parties agree that Linda Wade will be allowed to continue her Extended Health and Dental benefit group coverage through the City of Powell River until December 31, 2011.

Linda Wade will fully reimburse the City of Powell River for the monthly premiums associated with Extended Health and Dental benefit coverage for a couple.

Reimbursement will be by post-dated monthly cheques for the premium amount.

Any premium amount changes by Pacific Blue Cross will result in a corresponding adjustment of the amount needed for reimbursement by Linda Wade.

Dated this 29 day of June, 2012 in the City of Powell River, B.C.

FOR THE UNION:

Danielle Craigen, Presiden

Pat Kinahan, Vice President

Dave Formosa, Mayo

FOR THE CITY:

Stan Westby, Chief Administrative Officer

BETWEEN:	
	CITY OF POWELL RIVER
AND THE:	NADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 798
<b>RE: Recreation Facility</b>	Maintenance Worker - Summer and Holiday Hours
the schedule will be modif	that during summer operating hours and statutory holidays fied so that the Employer may staff with only one (1) full-time nt (8) hour shift on a Saturday or statutory holiday to reflect
Dated this 29 day of 3	June, 2012 in the City of Powell River, B.C.
FOR THE UNION:	FOR THE CITY:
Danielle Craigen, Presiden	t Dave Formosa, Mayor
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**BETWEEN:** 

**CITY OF POWELL RIVER** 

AND THE:

# CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 798

Re: R.C.M.P. Staff Changes of Hours

The Parties hereby agree to the following change to the hours of work for CUPE office staff working at the R.C.M.P. office:

Records Clerk Monday through Thursday, **OR Tuesday Through** 

Friday 7:45 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

(1/2 hour unpaid lunch) 8.75 hours  $\times$  4 day work week = total 35 hours per week.

(Employee initiated shift changes must be mutually agreed between employees and approved by the Employer)

<u>Detachment Clerk</u> Monday through Thursday 7:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (1/2 hour unpaid lunch) 8.75 hours x 4 day work week = total 35 hours per week.

<u>Dispatch Clerk</u> Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (1 hour unpaid lunch) 7.0 hours x 5 day work week = total 35 hours per week.

Secretary Tuesday through Friday 7:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (1/2 hour unpaid lunch) 8.75 hours x 4 day work week = total 35 hours per week.

Dated this <u>29</u> day of <u>June</u>, 2012 in the City of Powell River, B.C.

FOR THE UNION:

Danielle Craigen, President

Pat Kinahan, Vice-President

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Stan Westby, Chief Administrative Officer

BETWEEN:

**CITY OF POWELL RIVER** 

**AND THE:** 

# CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 798

### Re: Foremen/Supervisors-Public Works and Transportation Divisions

The Employer and the Union agree that the Public Works and Transportation Division Foremens' job descriptions that have been amended as of the date of ratification reflect the work that is being performed, and therefore are not subject to reposting.

The Employer and the Union agree that the above "Foreman" job titles shall be changed to "Supervisor" effective the date of ratification.

The Joint Job Evaluation Committee (JJEC) will rate the new "Supervisor" positions and establish a new rating for the job where necessary. The rating of the job shall determine the pay grade for the job.

If the pay grade of the job increases, such increase shall be paid effective the date of ratification. If the pay grade of the job decreases, the incumbents and persons who currently regularly replace the incumbents - namely Larry Price, Cam Reed, Dave Knorr and Gerry Woods - will be paid at the red-circled rate notwithstanding the new implementation of the new schedule for the position; and further that the "red-circling" wage protection shall cease when the position is vacated by the incumbent, or the wage rate under the new schedule that would be paid to the incumbent is equal to or greater than the "red-circled" rate.

This Letter of Understanding shall be attached to and form part of the Collective Agreement effective on the date of ratification of the Agreement.

Dated this 29 day of June, 2012 in the City of Powell River, B.C.

Danielle Craigen, President

FOR THE UNION:

Pat Kinahan, Vice-President

FOR THE CITY:

Dave Formosa, Mayor

Stan Westby, Chief Administrative Officer

BETWEEN:	CITY O	F POWELL RIVER
AND THE:		ON OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 798
Re: Addressing	Issues at Labour/	Management Committee
	oour issues at the La	to address the following Articles of the Collective abour/Management Committee during the term of
Clause 31.01	Contracting Out	
	Training and Deve	elopment
	Time off in lieu for	r training
Dated this 29 da	y of June, 201	2 in the City of Powell River, B.C.
FOR THE UNION:	-	FOR THE CITY:
Danielle Craigen, P	resident	Dave Formosa, Mayor
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Pat Kinahan, Vice-I	President	Stan Westby, Chief Administrative Officer

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**CITY OF POWELL RIVER** 

AND THE:

# CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 798

### **Re: Joint Job Evaluation Project**

The Parties agree that the job evaluation process has become inactive and that extensive effort must be undertaken in order to bring it back to up-to-date status.

Therefore, the Parties agree that:

- 1. Management will choose an external agency to assist in updating job descriptions.
- 2. Initial ratings of jobs and ongoing maintenance will be performed by an external agency subject to agreement by the Parties. The external agency will work in conjunction with CUPE Job Evaluation resources and the Employer. CUPE Job Evaluation resources will be cost-neutral to the Employer.
- 3. Ratings of jobs will continue to be based on the existing CUPE Plan as amended by the Parties.
- 4. If there is a disagreement between the Parties on the choice of an external agency, the ratings of the jobs and/or ongoing maintenance of the Plan, the matter will be referred to Step 3 of the grievance procedure.
- 5. If the matter cannot be resolved at Step 3 of the grievance procedure and is advanced to arbitration, the Parties agree that the arbitrator will have jurisdiction to decide on ratings of jobs.
- 6. The "Project" timeline will be amended to allow for a completion date one (1) year following Management's selection of an external agency to perform job description writing.
- 7. The Union will withdraw Grievance 11/09/2009 on a without-prejudice basis.

FOR THE CITY:

Dated this 29th day of 2012 in the City of Powell River, B.C.

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Danielle Craigen, President	Dave Formosa, Mayor

FOR THE UNION:

Pat Kinahan, Vice-President

Stan Westby, Chief Administrative Officer

BETWEEN:

CITY OF POWELL RIVER

AND THE:

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 798

Part Time Benefit Eligibility Guidelines

First Time Eligibility

#### Method 1

Employees who are given a regular schedule that meets the minimum weekly hours threshold\* twenty five or thirty (25 or 30) and that are reasonably expected to continue will be immediately enrolled in the benefits plans. This includes temporary postings that last for nine (9) months or more, or combinations of temporary and part time postings that are reasonably expected to meet the minimum weekly hours for nine (9) months or more.

#### Method 2

- 1. The Employer will run a report on a quarterly basis (01 January, 01 April, 01 July, 01 October) to evaluate the working hours history of part-time employees who are not regularly scheduled, or whose regular schedule is less than the minimum weekly hours.
- 2. Employees who have met the threshold for average minimum weekly hours over the nine (9) months preceding the report date will immediately be enrolled in the benefits plans.
- 3. The total hours for the nine (9) month period shall be divided by the number of "worked weeks" to calculate the average. The number of "worked weeks"

shall not include:

- Weeks where the employee was absent due to extended illness (supported by a doctor's note)
- The number of weeks corresponding to the vacation pay per cent % that the employee received during the year
- Training for the employer
- Time for Union business

- Education leave as defined in the Collective Agreement
- Family Responsibility Leave
- Discretionary Leave
- 4. The month-to-month work history will be examined for employees who are within two (2) hours of the minimum weekly hours to further investigate eligibility.

### **Ongoing Eligibility**

- 1. It is the employer's intent that employees enrolled in the benefits plans are to remain enrolled for a minimum one (1) year period.
- 2. Calculations of average weekly hours shall be made as in #3 above, with the exception that the consideration for vacation weeks shall be as per the entitlement defined for employees in Article 22.06 of the 2007-2009 Collective Agreement.
- 3. If on the anniversary date of their enrolment, an employee has not maintained the minimum weekly hours average \* twenty five or thirty (25 or 30) for the preceding nine (9) months, they will be removed from the benefits plans.
- 4. If an employee falls below twenty (20) hours a week for six (6) consecutive months, they will be removed from the benefits plans as claims will no longer be honoured by the insurance carrier at this point.
- 5. If an employee significantly changes their employment status (i.e. by taking a different posting with less hours, by taking a job with another employer necessitating a reduction in their hours with the City, or for indefinitely reducing their working hours by request, etc.) they may be removed from the benefits plans if they will be unable to maintain the minimum weekly hours.
- 6. Employees removed from the benefits plans for eligibility reasons will not have their eligibility re-evaluated by Method 2 for at least nine (9) months following their removal from the plan. (If they qualify by way of Method 1, they will be immediately enrolled again).
- 7. Part-time employees who are removed from the benefits plans and have accumulated paid vacation entitlements will have those entitlements paid out at the earliest opportunity.

NOTE: Where asterisk (\*) is present before twenty five or thirty (25 or 30), it is understood that twenty five (25) refers to a thirty five (35) hour work week, and thirty (30) refers to a forty (40) hour work week.

Dated this $\frac{2}{9}$ day of	of June	2012 in the City of Powell River, BC
FOR THE UNION:		FOR THE CITY:
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Danielle Craigen, Presiden	t	Dave Formosa, Mayor
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Pat Kinahan, Vice-Preside	nt	Stan Westby, Chief Administrative Officer

**BETWEEN:** 

CITY OF POWELL RIVER

AND THE:

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
LOCAL 798

## Sick Leave Payout

The Union and the Employer agree that Article 23.02 <u>Sick Leave Payout</u> of the Collective Agreement will provide an equal benefit to full time employees with respect to sick payout based on either a 35-hour or 40-hour work week regardless of the configuration of work hours during the week.

The Employer will ensure that Employees currently working a compressed work week as per Article 18.01 and Letter of Understanding #2 regarding RCMP Staff Changes of Hours of the Collective Agreement will maintain the right to working a compressed work week.

Dated this 29 day of June 2012 in the City of Powell River, BC

Danielle Craigen, President

Dave Formosa, Mayor

Pat Kinahan, Vice President

Stan Westby, Chief Administrative Officer

BETWEEN:

CITY OF POWELL RIVER

AND THE:

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 798

#### **Contributions to Sick Leave Bank**

Contributions to the sick leave bank, in accordance with Clause 23.01(a), shall be as follows:

- 1. The Employer will not make a contribution to the sick bank for employees who retire or resign prior to 31 March in a calendar year, or
- 2. For an employee who is beyond 31 March and up to and including 30 September in a calendar year, the Employer shall credit the sick leave bank one (1) day, or
- 3. For an employee who is employed beyond 30 September and up to and including 31 December in a calendar year, the Employer shall credit the sick leave bank two (2) days.

Dated this 29 day of June,	2012 in the City of Powell River, B.C.
CUPE LOCAL 798:	CITY OF POWELL RIVER:
Danielle Craigen, President	Dave Formosa, Mayor
Pat Kinahan, Vice President	Stan Westby, Chief Administrative Officer