

# Collective Agreement

between

CFPL-TV, Division of Bell Media Inc.

the Company

and



LOCAL 87-M

the Union

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## ***Article 1 Intent***

- 1.1 It is the purpose of this Agreement, in recognizing a common interest between the Company and the Union in promoting the fundamental principles of creativity and innovation in broadcasting and the utmost cooperation and friendly spirit between the Company and its employees, to set forth conditions covering rates of pay, hours of work and conditions of employment to be observed between the parties and to provide a procedure for prompt and equitable resolution of grievances. To this end, this Agreement is signed in good faith by the two (2) parties.
- 1.2 It is recognized that the Company operates in a creative and innovative fashion, subject at all times to public judgment and regulatory authority, that creative work carries a creative responsibility and that the unique principles which are a part of the Company's history shall continue in the future, subject to the provisions of this Agreement. It is the intent of both parties that this Agreement support and reflect these goals.

## ***Article 2 Definitions***

- 2.1 Employee – The term “employee” as used in this Agreement shall mean any person employed in a classification included within the bargaining unit set forth in Article 2.2. It shall further include any person employed in any new job or classification created in the future that the parties agree is to be included within the bargaining unit. If the parties are unable to agree, either party may submit the matter to the Canada Labour Relations Board for a decision.
- 2.2 When the Company creates a new classification within the bargaining unit, the Company shall provide the Union with the following information in writing prior to the posting for the new classification:

- a) Proposed job title
- b) Proposed pay group
- c) Proposed general description of the duties and responsibilities

The Union shall advise the Company, within five (5) working days of receiving the information, of any disagreement with the pay level of the new classification. Postings for new classifications will indicate that the job is a “newly created bargaining unit classification”.

Where the parties have a dispute over the following matters:

- i) Whether an additional position is properly excluded from the bargaining unit; or
- ii) Whether there is a substantive change in job content in an existing position excluded from the bargaining unit, associated with a change of position title change and the position no longer meets the criteria for exclusion under the Canada Labour Code;

Either party may submit the dispute to binding arbitration under Article 7 of the Collective Agreement or another agreed to method of dispute resolution.

- 2.3 Bargaining Unit – The Company recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining agent for all employees of CFPL-TV, a division of Bell Media Inc., working in and out of the cities of London, Wingham, Chatham, and Windsor covering southwestern Ontario, as set forth in the certification of the Canada Industrial Relations Board dated June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003 or any amendments thereto, as mutually agreed by the parties or as ordered by the Canada Industrial Relations Board.

The parties have mutually agreed that the following employees are excluded from the Agreement:

Accounting Assistant Senior  
Associate Commercial Writer-Producer

Commercial Writer-Producer  
Community Relations Director  
Controller  
Coordinator of Office Services/Executive to the Engineering  
Manager  
Creative Services Director  
Creative Services Supervisor  
Engineering & Operations Manager  
Engineering Supervisor  
Executive Assistant to the Creative Services Director  
Executive Assistant to the News Director  
Executive Assistant to the Program Manager  
Executive Assistant to the Station Sales Manager  
Executive Assistant to the Vice-President General Manager  
Graphic Design Supervisor  
Human Resource Specialist  
IT Coordinator  
Managing Editor  
News Director  
Operations Supervisor  
Program Manager  
Promotion/Communications Specialist  
Sales Representative  
Station Sales Manager  
Supervising News Producer  
Supervising Program Producer  
Traffic Manager  
Traffic Supervisor  
Vice-President General Manager

## 2.4 On-Air Performers

- a) The parties recognize that broadcasting requires the continued maintenance of high standards of performance, creativity, and marketability (image), which with respect to the On-Air Talent (Anchors; Producer/Performers; Reporter, News; Reporter/Cameraperson; Reporter, Sports; Weather Announcer; Meteorologist; Entertainment Editor; Associate Producer/Announcer; Associate Producer/Anchor) are not capable of definition in solely objective terms. The parties

also agree and understand that On-Air Talent are an integral part of the image and character of a television station and as such have special responsibilities that go beyond those of other bargaining unit employees. These include, but are not limited to: being highly acceptable to the viewing audience, appearing in public on the station's behalf, being involved in the community and representing one's self professionally, with dignity, at all times while appearing in public.

The Company will provide direction and assistance to such employees to assist the employee in achieving necessary standards of performance, creativity and marketability and/or to consistently fulfill his/her special responsibilities. The parties therefore agree that the Company reserves the right to remove from his/her role such an employee who, in its opinion fails to achieve such high standards of performance, creativity and marketability or has not met reasonable Company expectations regarding special responsibilities. Such right shall not be exercised in an arbitrary or discriminatory manner and not sooner than ten (10) days after an employee has been advised by written notice (which notice shall describe in reasonable detail the manner in which such employee has fallen short of such standards of performance, creativity and marketability and/or has not reasonably met Company expectations regarding special responsibilities). During such ten (10) day notice period, the Company may move such an employee into an assignment that would, in the Company's opinion, allow such an employee to achieve the necessary standards of performance, creativity and marketability and/or consistently fulfill his/her special responsibilities and not adversely impact the quality of programming.

An employee so removed shall exercise one of options i) or ii) as described in b) below. The right to remove an employee from his/her role shall not be used as a disciplinary measure and shall be in addition to and not in substitution for, the Company's right to apply discipline, which may only be exercised for just and sufficient cause.

Due to the uniqueness of the conditions of employment for On-Air Talent, extraordinary compensation arrangements may be necessary. It is therefore agreed that the Company may enter into special, fixed length contracts with On-Air Talent individually to cover rates of pay, hours of work, severance, etc., providing that such terms as a package are not inferior to the terms (as a package) contained in the Collective Agreement.

In recognition of the Union's status as exclusive bargaining agent for On-Air Talent, such contracts will become effective only upon approval of the Union. The Union will provide its response to the proposed contract within three (3) workdays of its receipt.

b) An employee removed from his/her classification under this Article shall select one of the following options:

i) Receive a lump sum severance payment commensurate with his/her service as of the date the removal takes place as follows:

Post probation to three (3) completed years of service – three (3) months severance pay;

More than three (3) years service - four (4) weeks of pay for each year of service with pro rata credit for any part year of service (calculated to the nearest month) to a maximum of 104 weeks of severance pay;

Such severance pay shall include and be in lieu of any notice or severance pay obligations established by the Canada Labour Code and any other applicable statute or legal requirement.

ii) Exercise his/her seniority to displace a less senior employee or fill a vacancy in any other job classification other than an On-Air Talent

classification, in which the employee has previously successfully performed the duties of the other classification or has the ability to perform the job immediately upon reassignment or following a reasonable familiarization period of four (4) weeks. In the event a less senior employee is displaced by an On-Air Talent, the employee shall be permitted to exercise his/her seniority rights as per the Collective Agreement. An On-Air Talent who exercises his/her seniority rights under this Article to displace a less senior employee shall have his/her previous salary maintained for the first three (3) calendar months in his/her new classification, following which the employee shall be placed in the rate on the salary scale of his/her new classification which is closest to his/her previous rate;

- iii) An employee terminated pursuant to this Article shall be granted reasonable access to Company facilities to produce air-checks and such other material, which may be required to assist the employee in securing new employment.

## 2.5 Employee Categories and Definitions

All employees covered by this Agreement shall be considered full-time employees of the Company except as hereinafter provided. They shall be probationary employees for a period of three (3) months from the date of their employment with the Company. The Company may extend the probationary period up to a total of six (6) months from the date of hiring, and in such event, will discuss the matter with the representative of the Local Union prior to the end of the first three (3) month period. The employee and the Union shall be advised of such extension, in writing, and the reasons therefore. During the probationary period or extension thereof, the Company may release the employee for reasonable cause.



2.5.1 Absence from work by probationary employees for personal or health reasons shall increase their probationary period by the time absent.

## 2.6 Part-Time Employees

A part-time employee is defined as a person who is employed on a regular, temporary or occasional basis or to cover maternity leave, child care leave, leaves of absence, vacation leaves, or to work on specific projects or productions of a predetermined length of time not to exceed twelve (12) months. The maximum period of time a part-time employee can be hired to replace for maternity or a parental leave is eighteen (18) months. This eighteen (18) month period can be extended if the employee on leave takes vacation that is contiguous to the regulated leave.

Part-time employees shall be paid on an hourly basis for all hours worked at a rate equal to 1/1950 of the respective annual salary scale amount for the classification/scale level to which they are assigned. Such employees shall be paid for a minimum of four (4) hours per day, to a maximum of twenty-four (24) hours per week. The maximum hours shall not apply: when part-time employees are hired on a temporary basis to replace an employee on vacation, maternity, sick or child care leave, leaves of absence or when a part-time employee is hired for a specific assignment for a predetermined length of time which shall not exceed twelve (12) months or eighteen (18) months as outlined in the paragraph above.

2.6.1 All Articles of this Agreement shall apply to part-time employees except as detailed below:

- a) Article 9.1 applies however Company seniority will be applied separately for part-time employees as a group distinct from full-time employees. Part-time employees shall be probationary employees for a period of 487.5 hours worked from their date of hire with the Company. The Company may extend the probationary period up to a total of 975 hours from the date of first employment and the

employee and the Union shall be advised of such extension in writing, and the reasons therefore. During the probationary period, or extension thereof, the Company may release the employee at any time for reasonable cause.

Part-time employees, who are subsequently hired as full-time staff without a break in service of more than ninety (90) calendar days, shall receive credit for their total accumulated part-time hours as follows:

- i) For employees hired in the classification in which they are regularly performing part-time work, one-half (1/2) of their total accumulated part-time hours shall be credited toward their full-time probationary period, to a maximum credit of two (2) months, and upon successful completion of the remainder of the full-time probationary period, the total accumulated hours worked as a part-time employee shall be credited to their seniority for all purposes.
  - ii) For employees hired full-time in a classification in which they are not regularly performing part-time work, no part-time hours will be credited to their probationary period; however, upon successful completion of the probationary period, the total accumulated hours worked as a part-time employee shall be credited to their seniority for all purposes.
- b) Article 9.1.3 applies with the exception of layoff, recall and severance and 9.2.2 shall not apply. Article 9.2 shall not apply however when part-time employees are laid off, it is agreed that the following shall be applicable.
- 1: Part-time employees hired to work on a specific project, childcare leave and leaves of absence, vacation or maternity leaves or for a specific period of time shall be considered to have received notice at the time of hiring. Notwithstanding the foregoing the Company may terminate temporary employees under

this clause by giving two (2) weeks notice or two (2) weeks pay in lieu of notice for durations of six (6) months or less and if the duration is longer than six (6) months the Company may terminate the temporary employment by giving four (4) weeks notice or four (4) weeks pay in lieu of notice.

- 2: Part-time employees hired on a daily or on a sporadic basis will not require notice of layoff due to the nature of their assignment.
  - 3: Part-time employees working on a “regular weekly basis” (Defined as averaging 20 hours/week from September 1 – August 31 in any calendar year. Each September 1, the Company will determine which part-time employees qualify as ‘regular weekly basis. Part-time employees deemed ‘regular weekly basis shall qualify for the rights described in the next sentence and in ‘c’ for the year following the year in which he/she qualified as ‘regular weekly basis. Articles 9.2, 9.2.1, 9.2.2, 9.4, 9.6, 9.6.1, 9.6.2, 9.6.3, and 9.7 shall apply for ‘regular weekly basis’ employees; however, such employees may only displace other ‘regular weekly basis’ employees.
- c) Articles 11.1 and 11.2 shall not apply to part-time employees other than ‘regular weekly basis’ part-time employees.
- d) Article 22.1 shall apply except Part time employees shall be entitled to pay for a general holiday on which they do not work, the greater of, not to exceed one-fifth of the basic weekly rate of pay:
- i) 10% of his or her earnings, excluding overtime and differential payments, for the pay period immediately preceding the holiday;

OR

- ii) 5% of his or her earnings, excluding overtime and differential payments, for the two (2) pay periods immediately preceding the holiday.

Part time employees will be eligible for two (2) personal floater days. A part time employee shall be entitled to the greater of, not to exceed one-fifth of the basic rate of pay:

- i) 10% of his or her earnings, excluding overtime and differential payments, for the pay period immediately preceding the day off with pay;

OR

- ii) 5% of his or her earnings, excluding overtime and differential payments, for the two (2) pay periods immediately preceding the day off with pay.

- e) Article 24.2 shall apply except part-time employees shall receive overtime for authorized hours worked in excess of 7.5 hours in a shift or in excess of 37.5 hours in a week. Articles 24.3, 24.4, 24.5 (regarding consecutive days off), 24.6 and 24.15 shall not apply. Article 24.16 shall apply however such notice shall be provided by 1:00 p.m. the day prior to the shift in question.

## 2.6.2 Internship

The following constitutes an agreement between the Company and the Union in recognition of the joint interest in facilitating the education and learning opportunities of persons pursuing a career in broadcasting.

1. The parties are committed to providing a learning opportunity through internship placement to persons wishing to gain practical experience by observing and by being mentored by employees working in broadcasting.
2. The Company will advise the Union regarding particulars of the internship placement including the defined period of placement,

and any course curriculum and/or evaluation required to complete the placement.

3. It is understood that any intern(s) selected to participate in such program shall be in addition to the staff requirements of the Company and shall not be used to circumvent the regular assignment of both part-time and full-time employees.
  4. The intern(s) will be placed with bargaining unit mentor(s) who will provide instruction, assign tasks, monitor and evaluate the intern's progress with supervision to be provided by the Department Managers/Supervisors.
  5. The intern(s) may assist bargaining unit mentor(s) in the preparation and presentation of the mentors' work assignments provided that it is understood that the mentor accepts responsibility for completion of their own work assignment.
  6. The intern(s) will not operate any equipment except under the direction of the bargaining unit mentor(s).
  7. The Company shall ensure that any intern placed with the Company is covered for liability and casualty insurance and Occupational Health Insurance sufficient to cover the intern(s) for the duration of their placement.
  8. All internships will be unpaid.
- 2.6.3 It is agreed and understood that the provisions of Articles 2.6 and 2.6.1 above will not be used for the express purpose of eliminating or replacing full-time employees, or to avoid hiring or the recall from layoff of full-time employees. The Company will not consistently use penalty or premium clauses to expressly avoid replacing full-time employees.

### **Article 3 Management Rights**

3.1 The Union acknowledges that the Company has the exclusive right to manage the affairs of the Company and retains all rights, powers and authority the Company had prior to the signing of this Agreement, except those specifically abridged, delegated, granted or modified by this Agreement. Without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the Union acknowledges that it is the exclusive right of the Company:

- a) to set the broadcasting policy and broadcasting standards of the Company;
- b) to hire, promote, demote, transfer and reclassify employees, judge and evaluate personnel qualifications and employee performance; and also the right of the Company to discipline, suspend or discharge any employee for just and sufficient cause, or a probationary employee for reasonable cause, provided that a claim by an employee that he/she has been demoted, disciplined, suspended or discharged without just and sufficient cause, or a probationary employee for reasonable cause, may be the subject of a grievance and dealt with as hereinafter provided.

3.2 The Union further acknowledges the right of the Company to operate and manage its business, control its properties and maintain order of its premises in all respects in accordance with its commitments and responsibilities. The direction of the working forces, the amount and type of supervision necessary, the number and types of machines and technical equipment, procedures and standards of operation, the content of programs, the right to decide on the number of employees needed by the Company at any time, operating schedules and the selection, procurement, design and engineering of equipment which may be incorporated into the Company's places of business, including the change of all or any of the foregoing from time to time, control over all operations, building, machinery equipment, and

employees are solely and exclusively the responsibilities of the Company.

- 3.3 Before implementing new rules and regulations directly affecting the general working conditions, the Company will advise and explain such proposed rules and regulations to the Union.
- 3.4 The Union and the Company agree that constructive and meaningful dialogue between the parties is desirable and necessary in the workplace. To this end, the Company and the Union agree to meet in a “joint committee” format on a quarterly basis or when required on an ad hoc basis. The terms of reference and mandate of the Committee shall be as determined by the parties. The Committee’s purpose shall be to deal with issues of concern to the parties, as well as act as a general information exchange. Each party may designate three (3) persons to form the Committee. This Committee, while it may resolve issues, is not a substitute for the grievance procedure set out within this Agreement. Confidentiality will be maintained, and minutes as well as communication releases are subject to mutual agreement. No rights enjoyed by either party will be waived due to the operation of this Committee.
- 3.5 The Company agrees that the exercise of these rights and powers in conflict with any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be subject to the provisions of the grievance procedure.

#### ***Article 4 Union Rights***

- 4.1 Dues Check-Off – During the term of this Agreement, the Company agrees to deduct monthly, an amount equal to the dues as levied by the Union for each pay period (weekly, bi-weekly or semi-monthly, etc.). The amount of regular Union dues to be deducted shall be furnished to the Company by the Union.

The deducted dues shall be remitted to the Union bi-weekly by wire transfer as soon as possible after the end of each pay period in which the deductions are made with a statement showing the

names of the employees from whom deductions have been made and the amount deducted. The amount of dues to be deducted may be amended by the Union upon giving the Company fourteen (14) calendar days written notice. The new deductions will take effect on the payday in the next week following the expiry of such notice. The Company shall provide the Union on a monthly basis, the following information:

- i) Employee name, address and employment status;
- ii) Gender;
- iii) Classification, salary and date of hire;
- iv) The amount of gross dues deducted for each employee, any employee who has left or joined the Company since the last payment, including the name of any employee going on or returning from child care leave or any type of leave of absence as defined by this Collective Agreement.

4.1.1 Each year the Company will indicate on the T4 slip issued to employees, the total amount of dues deducted at source and forwarded to Unifor.

4.1.2 In consideration for the Company making deductions in accordance with this Article, the Union shall indemnify and save harmless the Company, including agents and persons acting on its behalf, from any liability, claims or actions in any way connected with the deduction of Union dues.

4.2 Notices to Union – The Company shall mail, or fax, and/or e-mail (when documents do not require signatures) to the National Representative and Unit Chairperson one (1) copy of each of the following:

- i) Within five (5) work days, notice of: hiring, dismissal, promotion or demotion of any employee within the bargaining unit; notice of extension of probationary period, report and reply as contained in Articles 2.5 and 2.6,



suspension or any disciplinary action placed on an employee's file within the bargaining unit;

- ii) Any notice pertaining to the application or agreed interpretation of this Agreement;
- iii) The Company will furnish two (2) copies of seniority records and wage information for negotiating purposes;
- iv) The Company when notifying a person of his/her acceptance as an employee shall provide the Union with information as outlined in Article 4.1 (i) through (iii).

4.3 The Company reserves the right to require new employees to sign a letter of acknowledgement consistent with the terms of this Collective Agreement and including Company policies.

4.4 Union Access to Premises – Representatives of the Union shall have access to the Company's premises to carry on inspections or investigations pertaining to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, upon reasonable advance notice to the Company. Such access shall be carried on at reasonable hours and in such a manner so as not to interfere with the normal operations of the Company.

The Union will advise the Company of its designated representatives who wish to gain access to the premises and the Union agrees to comply with all reasonable Company security precautions as may be in force from time to time.

4.5 Bulletin Boards – The Company agrees to provide a Notice Board at each of the PL, WI, and NX locations exclusively for the posting of Union notices regarding elections, meetings, Local negotiation developments and internal affairs of the Union (the location to be mutually agreed upon). The Company will provide a space at the location where the Unit Chair works to locate a filing cabinet for Union business.

4.6 Leave For Union Activities – Upon request by the Union, leave without pay will be granted to any employee duly authorized to represent employees of this bargaining unit at:

- a) Executive, Council meetings or Conventions of the Union and Labour Education Seminars. A written request for such leave shall be submitted at least twenty (20) days in advance.

Such leave shall be limited to a total of four (4) employees at any one time, and to a maximum aggregate total of four hundred and fifty (450) working hours in any calendar year. The maximum leave for any individual Union official shall not exceed sixty (60) hours and one hundred (100) working hours for an Executive Officer. The Company will consider reasonable requests from the Union to increase the individual and/or aggregate maximum. Such leave shall not constitute a break in continuity of service in seniority, severance pay, or other benefits under this Agreement.

- b) In order to attend the Unifor National Convention every other year (or every third year) up to four (4) employees will be released and the maximum aggregate total of working hours may be increased by an additional one hundred thirty (130) working hours, exclusive of the individual limits in above to attend the Unifor National Convention. The Company will be advised of the convention dates as far in advance as possible. A written request for such leave will be submitted to the Company at least sixty (60) days in advance.

- c) It is understood that operational requirements may prevent the release of particular employee(s) under this Article and in such case the Local Union shall be allowed to name the alternate(s), however such requests for leave will not be unreasonably denied.

- d) An employee on unpaid Union leave under this Article shall be compensated at his/her regular rate for the leave by the Company. The Company will then invoice the Union for reimbursement of such compensation which shall be paid

by the Union within fifteen (15) days of the date of the invoice.

- e) In addition, up to one (1) employee may accept a full-time elective position with the Union or an official labour body for a period not exceeding two (2) years. Any additional yearly periods may be granted at the Company's discretion upon receipt of a written request from the employee and the President of the Union.

The Company may hire temporary employees to fill the vacancies created by such leave of absence. During the employee's leave and subject to the limitations of the various benefit plans, the employee may continue to participate provided the employee prepays all premiums and contributions. During such leave the employee shall not accumulate seniority for the purpose of annual leave credits and severance pay.

- 4.7 Upon notification in writing by the Union, the Company will recognize one (1) steward at each of the PL, WI, and NX locations and one (1) Unit Chair to service grievances in the manner provided for as outlined in Article 7 in this Agreement. It is understood that the stewards will only service grievances at the location that they represent. In the event the Unit Chair is an employee at either WI or NX, the Unit Chair will act as the steward at his/her location and there shall be one (1) steward at the other location and two (2) stewards at the PL location.

The Union agrees that stewards and the Unit Chair have their regular work to perform on behalf of the Company, and in recognition of that neither a steward nor the Unit Chair will leave his/her regular duties to, service a grievance or, attend a meeting with the Company, without first obtaining permission from his/her supervisor, which will not be unreasonably withheld. Stewards and the Unit Chair shall advise their supervisors of the expected length of absence from duties and report to them upon their return to work.

- 4.8 The Company shall allow up to four (4) employees time off, without loss of pay or other benefits, to attend meetings with the Company for the purpose of negotiating a renewal of this Collective Agreement. The Union may have a fifth member of the bargaining committee however no more than four (4) employees may be released for pre-negotiation and negotiation meetings. The Company will also grant the Union bargaining committee one (1) common day off without loss of pay or other benefits in order to attend a pre-negotiation Union meeting. The Union shall provide the Company with three (3) weeks advance notice of such pre-negotiation day. In the event the Company must adjust schedules to accommodate the pre-negotiation meeting, no penalties shall be applicable to the Company for any affected employee.
- 4.9 The Company will allow the Union up to 30 minutes of paid meeting time on the employer's premises with new employees for the purpose of Union orientation. This time will be granted according to operational requirements and must be approved before taking place.

### ***Article 5 Non-Discrimination***

- 5.1 The parties hereto mutually agree that no employee shall be interfered with, restrained, coerced or discriminated against because of membership, or lack of membership, or by reason of any lawful activity, or lack of activity on behalf of the Union. The Company will not discourage membership in the Union, or attempt to encourage membership in another Union.
- 5.2 Employees shall enjoy equal rights under this Agreement, regardless of age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, gender, colour, race, ethnic or national origin, religious or political affiliation, or a conviction for which a pardon has been granted.
- 5.3 a) The Company shall maintain a working environment which

is free from harassment, including personal harassment, sexual and/or racial harassment as outlined in the Canadian Human Rights Act.

Procedure – Any employee who believes that he/she has been subject to harassment is encouraged by the parties hereto to follow the steps outlined in the Non-Discrimination/Harassment Policy. The National Representative of the Union and the Unit Chair will be advised in writing within five (5) working days of receipt of any written complaint filed by, or against any member of the bargaining unit. The Company will only be required to provide the name(s) of any bargaining unit member concerned.

- b) The Company may amend the Policy from time to time to comply with Federal regulations. In the event that the Company proposes to amend the Policy in a substantive manner, (other than for purposes of compliance with legislation) it shall be done so by mutual consent of the Company and Union.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION/HARASSMENT POLICY**

### **Preamble**

All employees of the Company are entitled to employment in a work environment that is free of discrimination and harassment. This Policy and procedure outlines the commitment of the Company and the Union to ensure a harassment-free workplace as required under the Canadian Human Rights Act and will act as a guide to employees in adhering to legal and social guidelines regarding the recognition and prevention of harassment.

This Policy exists to underline the seriousness of workplace harassment and to establish that there is no acceptable level of harassment within the Company. Employees who feel that they are being harassed are encouraged to seek protection under this Policy.

Proscribed grounds include race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, gender, marital status, family status, disability and conviction for which a pardon has been granted.

Harassment on any of these grounds, including personal and sexual harassment, is a form of misconduct.

The Company has made and will continue to make every reasonable effort to ensure that no employee is subject to discrimination or harassment by any other person, while performing his/her employment responsibilities.

### **Definition of Discrimination/Harassment**

Harassment is defined as a “course of vexatious comment or conduct that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome, that denies individual dignity and respect on the basis of such grounds as sex, disability, race, colour, sexual orientation and other prohibited grounds”, as defined by the Canadian Human Rights Act. All employees are expected to treat others with courtesy and consideration and to discourage harassment.

Conduct that is discriminatory or harassing may involve one or a series of incidents. Such conduct occurs when:

- a) submission to such conduct is reasonably perceived as a term or condition of employment (including availability or continuation of work, promotional or training opportunities);
- b) submission to or rejection of such conduct is used to influence decisions or employment matters;
- c) such conduct interferes with an individual’s job performance;
- d) such conduct humiliates, insults or intimidates any individual.

**Discrimination or harassment can include (but is not limited to):**

- a) verbal abuse or threats;
- b) unwelcome remarks, jokes and innuendos, or taunting about a person's body, attire, or sexual orientation;
- c) practical jokes which cause awkwardness or embarrassment;
- d) unwelcome invitations or requests, whether indirect or explicit, or intimidation;
- e) leering at a person's body or other gestures;
- f) condescension which undermines self-respect;
- g) unnecessary physical contact such as touching, patting, pinching, punching;
- h) physical (sexual) assault.

### **What Harassment is Not**

Properly discharged supervisory responsibilities including disciplinary action are not considered to be harassment. Neither is this Policy meant to inhibit free speech or interfere with normal social relations.

### **How to Tell if Harassment has Occurred**

Harassment will be considered to have taken place if a reasonable person ought to have known that such behaviour was unwelcome. Examples of questions that would indicate whether an activity is welcomed are:

- a) Would you want that employee acting the same way with your loved one (your spouse or child)?
- b) Would that employee behave the same way if someone they were in a relationship with was standing nearby?
- c) Was there an equal initiation and participation between the

parties?

## **What to Do if You Are Being Discriminated Against or Harassed**

Discriminated Against – An employee who believes that he/she has been discriminated against under the provisions of the Canada Human Rights Act should follow the steps outlined in the Non-Discrimination/Harassment Policy. In the event the employee raises an issue with the Union only, the Union representative shall immediately report the claim to the Department Head.

Harassed – An employee who believes that he/she is being harassed should not assume that the problem will go away by itself. The employee should not assume that the harassment has to be endured because of possible retaliation, nor should the employee feel guilty or embarrassed. The following steps should be followed where possible:

- Step 1:** Say “NO!”. Tell the person who is harassing you that his/her behaviour is unwelcome by clearly describing the behaviour that you find unacceptable and asking that the behaviour stop.
- Step 2:** Make a record of the harassment – date, time, location, what happened, witnesses, any action you took to stop the behaviour.
- Step 3:** If the harassment continues despite your objections, lodge a complaint with your Department Head and/or your Union representative and/or Human Resources. The record from Step 2 will assist in the investigation of the complaint.

NOTE – In either case, if you believe that it would be inappropriate to lodge the complaint with your Department Head, then you should lodge the complaint with the General Manager.

## **Resolving the Complaint**

Upon receipt of the complaint, an investigation will be undertaken which will involve interviewing: the complainant, the alleged harasser, and anyone else who has information.



The alleged harasser will be made aware of the complaint and be given an opportunity to respond.

All information gathered will be held in strict confidence and documented.

The complainant's name and/or the circumstances relating to the complaint will not be disclosed to any person except where disclosure is necessary for the purpose of investigating the complaint or initiating disciplinary measures.

If harassment is founded, the harasser may be subject to appropriate discipline up to and including termination.

If the complaint is found to be without merit, all documentation will be destroyed. In order to protect the alleged harasser's reputation, those individuals who were involved in the investigation will be advised that the complaint was unfounded.

## ***Article 6 No Strike, No Lockout, No Strike-Breaking***

6.1 The Union will not cause nor permit its members to cause, nor will any member of the bargaining unit take part in a slowdown or a strike, either a sit-down or stay-in or any kind of cessation of work or in any other kind of strike or any other kind of interference or any work stoppage whatsoever, either total or partial, while this Agreement is in force. The Company will not cause nor permit its employees to cause, engage in or permit a lockout of any of its employees within the bargaining unit while this Agreement is in force.

6.2 The Company will not require any employees to perform the duties of any other person who is engaged in a lawful strike or to originate a program or programs expressly for the purpose of strike breaking.

6.3 An employee shall have the right to refuse to go to any television station; transmitter site or a location where a legal strike or lockout of persons whose functions are similar to those covered by this Agreement is in progress. Such refusal shall not be considered grounds for disciplinary action, except that ENG, EFP and Microwave Truck Operators will be required to perform their news functions.

## ***Article 7 Grievance and Arbitration Procedure***

7.1 For the purpose of this Article, unless otherwise specified, the reference to "Union" shall mean the steward or Unit Chair.

Grievance – An employee shall have the right to grieve any complaint arising from the application, interpretation, administration or alleged violation of this Agreement. It is understood that nothing contained in this Article is intended to preclude the informal discussion and review of employee concerns or complaints between employees and members of management. The parties recognize that the Canada Labour Code provides that any employee may present his/her personal grievance to the Company at any time. Any such grievance may

be subject to consideration and adjustment as provided in the following Articles on grievance procedure.

- 7.2 No employee shall have a grievance until the employee, with the assistance of a Union representative if so desired, has met with his/her immediate Manager with the objective of resolving the complaint. Such a meeting shall occur not later than ten (10) days following the date from which the employee became aware or reasonably should have become aware of the event or circumstances giving rise to the complaint. A written response shall be made to the employee with a copy to the Unit Chair within five (5) working days of this meeting. If the matter is not resolved, the following shall be the procedure for the adjustment and settlement thereof:

### **STEP 1**

In the event the complaint is not resolved, a grievance may be taken up in the following manner and sequence provided it is presented within ten (10) working days of the Manager's reply to the complaint: the Union shall present the grievance in writing, in the case of an individual grievance, to the Departmental Manager (or designate) setting forth the nature of the grievance, and the remedy sought. The Departmental Manager (or designate) shall arrange a meeting with the Union within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the grievance at which the grievor, in the case of an individual grievance, may attend, if requested by either party, and discuss the grievance. The Departmental Manager (or designate) may have such assistance at the meeting as is considered necessary. The Departmental Manager (or designate) will give the National Representative and Unit Chair a decision in writing within ten (10) working days or less following the meeting with a copy to the grievor and the Union.

### **STEP 2**

In the event that the grievance is not resolved in STEP 1, the grievance may be referred to the Director of Human Resources (or designate), and a Union National Representative and Unit Chair for further discussion and consideration within fifteen (15) working days. The Company shall provide the National Representative and Unit Chair with

written notice of its decision within ten (10) working days of their discussion and/or meeting.

### **STEP 3**

In the event the Director of Human Resources (or designate) and the National Representative and Unit Chair are unable to reach a resolution in STEP 2, either party may, by notice in writing given to the other, within twenty (20) working days, submit the grievance to final and binding arbitration.

The notice of the party referring the matter to arbitration shall include the name of the proposed sole Arbitrator, which is to be mutually agreed upon. If the parties are unable to agree on the selection of an Arbitrator within twenty (20) working days once formal notice is given, the Federal Minister of Labour shall be requested to appoint the Arbitrator. The Company and the Union local shall each pay one-half (1/2) of the remuneration and expenses of the Arbitrator. Neither party shall be obligated to pay any part of the cost of any stenographic transcript of an arbitration hearing without its express consent.

- 7.3 Arbitrator – The Arbitrator shall not be authorized to alter, modify, or amend the provisions of this Agreement nor to make any decision inconsistent therewith. Where the Arbitrator determines that a disciplinary penalty or discharge is excessive, it may substitute such other penalty for the discipline or discharge as it considers just and reasonable in all the circumstances.
- 7.4 Time Limits – Any time limit mentioned under the Grievance Procedure shall be counted as working days, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Statutory Holidays. The time limits imposed upon either party of any STEP in the Grievance Procedure may be extended by mutual written agreement. A request for extension of the time limit made prior to the expiry of such time limit shall not be denied on an arbitrary basis.
- 7.5 Where no reply is given to a grievance within the time limits specified, and no extension was agreed to, the Union or the Company, as the case may be, shall be entitled to submit the grievance to the next step in the Grievance Procedure.

- 7.6 Grievances involving the discharge or discipline of an employee may be submitted at STEP 2 of the Grievance Procedure.
- 7.7 The Company shall have the right to file a grievance in writing signed by the Director of Human Resources (or designate), with the Union within ten (10) working days of when the circumstances giving rise to the grievance were known or should reasonably have been known to the Company. A meeting will be held with the Union within ten (10) working days of the presentation of the grievance and the Union shall give the Company its written reply to the grievance in ten (10) working days following the meeting. Failing settlement, such grievance may be referred to arbitration under this Article within twenty (20) working days of the date the Company received the Union's reply.
- 7.8 The Union shall have the right to file a 'policy' grievance in writing with the Company within ten (10) working days of when the circumstances giving rise to the grievance were known or should reasonably have been known to the Union. Failing settlement, a meeting will be held with the Union within ten (10) working days of the presentation of the grievance and the Company shall give the Union its written reply to the grievance in ten (10) working days following the meeting. Failing settlement, such grievance may be referred to arbitration under this Article within twenty (20) working days of the date the Union received the Company's reply.
- 7.9 In the event, that more than one (1) employee is affected by the same circumstances and based on the same incident, such grievances may be combined and treated as a group grievance.
- 7.10 The Company shall compensate the Unit Chair and stewards at their regular salary plus applicable shift differential for time spent in attending meetings with the Company and in servicing grievances up to but not including arbitration. Any time spent in such meetings shall not be considered for the purpose of determining regular or overtime pay, if the meetings extend beyond their regularly scheduled shift. It is understood that such

meetings may be held, with mutual consent, at times when employees are not scheduled to work.

- 7.11 Employees shall suffer no loss of regular salaries or other benefits while investigating grievances, or while attending grievance meetings with the Company.

### ***Article 8 Report on Performance***

- 8.1 Employees who have completed their probationary period shall be notified in writing, of any expression of dissatisfaction concerning his/her work, within ten (10) working days of cause for dissatisfaction becoming known to his/her immediate Manager. He/she shall be provided with a copy of any complaint or accusation which may be detrimental to his/her advancement or standing within the Company, as soon as possible after the complaint or accusation is made. If this procedure is not followed, such expression of dissatisfaction shall not become part of his/her record for use against him/her at any time.
- 8.2 Employees may respond, in writing to any such complaint or accusation and if the written reply is received by their immediate Manager within ten (10) working days of receiving the notice referred to above, the reply shall become part of their record for use by them at any time.
- 8.3 An Employee shall have access to his/her personnel file in the presence of his/her supervisor during office hours, once every six (6) months (or earlier in the case of a grievance), at a mutually agreeable time, but in no event later than five (5) working days after the initial request.
- 8.4 All references to disciplinary action at a level less than a suspension shall be removed from the employee's personnel file after eighteen (18) months of the date of such action being taken, provided that the employee does not incur any further disciplinary actions of a similar nature within the eighteen (18) month period.

All references to disciplinary action involving a suspension shall be removed from the employee's personnel file after twenty-four (24) months of the date of such action being taken, provided that the employee does not incur any further disciplinary actions of a similar nature within the twenty-four (24) month period. Absences shall not be included in this calculation.

- 8.5 In lieu of the application of Article 8.1, it is agreed that probationary employees shall receive feedback and direction on their performance during their probationary period. The parties agree that further to Article 2.5 and 2.6, Employee Categories & Definitions, in cases where a probationary employee is experiencing performance or conduct problems during his/her probationary period the Company will verbally notify both the employee and the Union of such issues which may affect the employee's standing with the Company.
- 8.6 Employees shall have the right to take their steward (or Unit Chair) if he/she is located at the same location as the employee, otherwise the steward shall assist) with them to any disciplinary meeting involving Management personnel. The employee shall notify the Company in advance if he/she is bringing a Union representative to the meeting.
- 8.7 Nothing in this Article shall prevent the Company from continuing its practice of providing Performance Development Plans for employees and meeting with employees to discuss such. It is understood that a Performance Development Plan is not a Report on Performance (i.e. disciplinary action) and shall not be considered in the event disciplinary action is taken.

### ***Article 9 Seniority Rights***

- 9.1 Seniority for full-time employees shall be defined as the length of continuous service in the bargaining unit for all employees since the date of last hiring. Seniority for part-time employees shall commence in the same manner but shall be equal to the length of service in accumulated hours worked. Seniority for part-time

employees shall be broken and cease to exist after a break in service of six (6) months.

- 9.1.1 Seniority shall not be established until the probationary period, and any extension thereof, as set out in Article 2, has been served but shall then be calculated from the date of hire.
- 9.1.2 Seniority shall exist but not accumulate during any leave of absence approved by the Company, except as provided in this Agreement (e.g., Article 4.6).
- 9.1.3 The principle of seniority shall apply as set forth in the applicable Articles in cases of promotions and transfers (Article 10), layoff and recall, severance and vacation scheduling.
- 9.1.4 The Company shall prepare a seniority list showing the name, date of hire and classification of each employee in the bargaining unit. An up-to-date copy of the seniority list shall be posted in all workplaces and a copy shall be sent to the Union every six (6) months.
- 9.1.5 A person shall lose all seniority with the Company if he or she:
  - i) Retires or voluntarily quits the employ of the Company; or
  - ii) Is discharged and such discharge is not reversed through the Grievance Procedure; or
  - iii) Is absent for five (5) consecutive working days unless a satisfactory reason is given to the Company; or
  - iv) Fails to return to work upon termination of an authorized leave of absence or fails to utilize a leave of absence for the purpose indicated at the time the leave of absence was granted unless a satisfactory reason is given to the Company.



## 9.2 Layoffs

When layoffs are to be made, the Company shall determine the classifications where reductions are required and the number of employees to be laid off. The Company shall post such a declaration in the workplace along with the bargaining unit seniority list on the date layoffs are announced.

Layoffs shall proceed in inverse order of Company seniority within those job classifications in Article 27. Regardless of work assignment, the least senior employees in a classification where reductions are required shall be laid off from such classification. The Union agrees the Company may offer senior employees within an affected classification a voluntary separation package as part of a work force reduction program consistent with Article 9.4. The Company agrees to consider an application from a senior employee, in an affected classification, who may wish to volunteer to be laid off (consistent with Article 9.4) if it would prevent the layoff of a junior employee.

Employees who are eligible to displace another employee but elect to be laid off from their employment shall, in addition to the payments under Article 9.4, receive one (1) additional week of severance pay per year of service to a maximum of twelve (12) additional weeks of severance pay.

- 9.2.1 An employee about to be laid off from a classification who wishes to displace a less senior employee in a classification at the same or lower level for which the employee possesses the occupational qualifications must notify the Company, in writing, of the classification the employee wishes to assume within forty-eight (48) hours of being notified of the layoff. Occupational qualifications may include: creativity, knowledge, experience, skill and ability. If an employee fails to provide such notice to the Company, the employee will be deemed to have abandoned any rights under this Article. No employee is to be displaced by a more senior employee unless the latter possesses the occupational qualifications to perform the job filled by the employee with less seniority. It is agreed that an employee may require a reasonable period of familiarization in the new

classification, which shall not exceed for four (4) weeks. It is understood that an employee who would otherwise be familiar with a method or process may require guidance on new or unfamiliar equipment/software as part of the familiarization period.

If the employee has successfully performed the duties in the new classification during the familiarization period, the employee will be transferred to the position following the familiarization period. In the event the employee has not demonstrated his/her ability to satisfactorily perform the duties in the new classification, during the familiarization period, the employee will be laid off within the familiarization period and shall elect (within forty-eight (48) hours) to either be on the re-engagement list in accordance with Article 9.6 or to receive severance pay as per Article 9.4. In the event such an employee does not notify the Company within forty-eight (48), hours the employee will be deemed to have elected to receive severance.

9.2.2 The Company shall advise the employees and the Union through one announcement by way of the declaration described in Article 9.2 to all employees covered under this Agreement at least six (6) weeks in advance of the proposed layoff, or such length of time as prescribed by legislation. In lieu of such notice the Company shall pay the affected employee(s) six (6) weeks pay, less the amount worked by the employee during the notice period. For example, if two (2) weeks are worked, then only four (4) weeks shall be paid. Employees who are displaced in accordance with Article 9.2.1 shall be deemed to have received notice of layoff at the time of declaration referred to above, provided that they are advised and laid off within the six (6) week notification period. A further notification period of four (4) weeks shall be added to the initial period for any affected employee who has not been advised and laid off within the initial six (6) week period.

Employees who elect to receive severance pay in accordance with Article 9.4 will be deemed to have been laid off and abandoned any recall rights.

The Company shall provide the Union with copies of all advice, notices, declarations, applications, elections, and documents relevant to the layoff procedure within twelve (12) hours of said documents being presented. In addition the Company agrees to release Union official(s) from work, without loss of pay or other benefits, to assist affected employees during the layoff process. It is understood that Union official(s) may be released when it is necessary to directly assist a particular employee, on request, or to be available to provide general advice and assistance to affected employees at specific times during the notification period.

- 9.2.3 The right of an employee to bump as set out in Article 9.2 shall include the right to bump to a part-time job classification, provided the employee scheduled for lay-off has at least as much seniority as the part-time employee whom the full-time employee seeks to displace. The employee wishing to bump must be able to meet the qualifications as established by the Company and he/she may require a reasonable period of familiarization period as per 9.2.1.

When seeking to apply his/her seniority to bump/recall to part-time status, subject to meeting the qualifications as established by the Company, the laid-off full-time employee will be able to work part-time hours to the extent as defined in Article 2.6. The company will make its best efforts to assign the most available part-time hours to the employee exercising his bumping rights into said part-time position.

The right of an employee as set forth in this Article shall only be available to a qualified employee who has elected to retain his/her seniority rights. Such an employee shall not accumulate full time seniority while employed on a part-time basis pursuant to this Article.

- 9.3 An employee who has reverted to a lower salary group under Article 9.2.1 shall assume the salary on the new scale in accordance with the chart below. Such an employee's placement on the new scale shall be established based on credit for years of service within the classification and any credit for industry

experience recognized by the Company at the time the employee initiated the new position.

Seniority	Number of months from the date the employee initiated the new position until the salary reverts to the new scale
Less than 1 year	1 month
1 – 3 years	12 months
Greater than 3 years	24 months

- 9.4 Employees laid off and deemed terminated pursuant to any statute, will receive severance pay equal to three (3) weeks pay for each year of continuous service to a maximum seventy-eight (78) weeks. With respect to incomplete years, the severance pay shall be on a prorated basis, calculated to the nearest month. The above noted severance payment shall be deemed to include any severance required pursuant to any statute.
- 9.5 While an employee is laid off, the Company will continue the group health (except for elective Dental and Vision Treatment, STD, LTD and Life Insurance) and benefit payments for the period of layoff up to a maximum of six (6) months or until the employee is eligible for benefits at a new place of employment.
- 9.6 Re-engagement of Laid Off Employees – Employees will retain their seniority and have recall rights as follows:
- a) Employees with less than one (1) year seniority will retain recall rights for six (6) months.
  - b) Employees with more than one (1) year seniority will retain recall rights for twelve (12) months.
  - c) Employees with more than three (3) years seniority will retain recall rights for twenty-four (24) months.

9.6.1 When full-time vacancies occur, the Company agrees to recall former employees who have recall rights in accordance with Article 9.6 and have the occupational qualifications to fill the vacancy, in order of Company seniority. Employees accepting a recall in other than their previous job classification shall be paid the wage appropriate to the new classification. It is agreed that an employee may require a reasonable period of familiarization in the new classification which shall not exceed four (4) weeks. It is understood that an employee who would otherwise be familiar with a method or process may require guidance on new or unfamiliar equipment/software as part of the familiarization period.

If the employee has successfully performed the duties in the new classification during the familiarization period, the employee will be transferred to the position at the end of the familiarization period. In the event the employee has not demonstrated his/her ability to satisfactorily perform the duties in the new classification, during the familiarization period, the employee will be laid off within the familiarization period, resume their recall period, and the employee shall lose recall rights to this classification.

Notwithstanding the above, employees who had exercised their Company seniority and moved to another job classification at time of layoff (Article 9.2.1) shall have first recall rights to their previous classification when a vacancy occurs therein.

9.6.2 The Company's responsibility will be considered fulfilled if the Company gives notice, in writing, by registered mail to the employee's last known address. If the employee does not advise the Company of his/her intentions within five (5) business days and return to work within a further seven (7) days of the date of the recall notice (if the employee is on layoff), or on the date specified in the recall notice, whichever is the later, or make alternate arrangements which are mutually acceptable, the employee will have waived that recall.

An employee who may not be available for recall for personal or other reasons, and has not advised the Company, shall be deemed to have abandoned all recall rights.

9.6.3 If an employee is recalled or re-engaged prior to the expiry of recall rights, as indicated above, seniority shall be considered unbroken.

9.7 The Company agrees that it will not consistently schedule overtime in order to affect or extend layoffs.

### ***Article 10 Promotions and Transfers***

10.1 Promotions – Where the Company decides that a position is to be filled or created within the bargaining unit on a permanent or regular part-time basis, the Company shall post a notice of vacancy which will include the proposed job title, for a minimum of five (5) days. Employees from within and outside the bargaining unit may apply during the posting period.

When the Company requires a temporary employee to cover: a project or production, vacation relief, maternity leave, child care leave or leave of absence, the Company will post the position. The temporary assignment cannot exceed the twelve (12) or eighteen (18) month maximum as outlined in article 2.6. The successful applicant will be reassigned to the temporary position without loss of seniority or benefits.

The employee will be on trial for a period of up to three (3) months in the new position. The Company may, at any time during this period, return the employee to the former position with no loss of seniority. Nothing in this clause shall prevent the Company from hiring (without posting a position) a temporary employee in accordance with Article 2.6 to temporarily replace an employee accepted on a posting for a temporary assignment.

The parties acknowledge that where it is not possible to determine with certainty the length of the reassignment to a temporary position the Company may end a temporary reassignment at any time and return the employee to the former position with no loss of seniority. At the conclusion of the

temporary reassignment, the employee shall return to his/her former position. Where the Company decides that the position is to be filled on a permanent basis it is understood the position will be posted in accordance with this Article.

Extensions of the temporary reassignment will be agreed to by the parties where in the circumstances it is reasonable to do so.

- 10.1.1 Promotions and transfers to jobs within the bargaining unit shall be based on qualifications established by the Company. These qualifications may include: creativity, knowledge, experience, skill, ability, training and/or education, as well as other relevant factors. Providing that one or more of the applicants satisfactorily meets or exceeds the qualifications, the Company shall award the position to the best applicant. Company seniority will be considered when evaluating applicants. When two (2) or more employees' qualifications are relatively equal, Company seniority shall apply. If there is no applicant who satisfactorily meets the qualifications established for the position, the Company may hire from any source.

The Company encourages employees to self-identify to managers when they are interested in training opportunities. Management will make best efforts to offer these opportunities in a fair and equitable manner. The Company and the Union agree this paragraph will not be subject to the grievance procedure.

- 10.1.2 An employee who is promoted or transferred to another position shall be on trial for a period of up to three (3) months. The Company may, at any time during this trial period, return the employee to the former classification with no loss of seniority. At the conclusion of a successful trial period the employee will be advised, in writing, that the promotion or transfer has been confirmed.

- 10.1.3 It is recognized that the Company may, from time to time, require employees to perform work in a job classification other than their regular classification. Employees who

perform in a job classification different from their regular classification will not be penalized for errors committed during such performance if such errors are not a result of negligence.

- 10.1.4 Should an application for promotion or transfer be unsuccessful, it is agreed that management will discuss with the employee, if so requested, why his/her promotion or transfer was denied and will bring to the employee's attention any concerns, which may affect his/her opportunities for advancement.
- 10.1.5 The Company shall post electronic notice of full-time and regular part-time vacancies at its PL, WI and NX locations and shall send a copy to the Union.
- 10.1.6 Relocation – The Company shall not transfer any employee to another city to work without the consent of the employee.
- 10.1.7 No employee shall be penalized in any way for refusing to accept a promotion.
- 10.1.8 Should an application for transfer to a lower wage classification be successful, the employee's rate of pay shall be set no less than at the 2 year wage rate within the lower classification. If the employee's current wage rate is lower than the 2 year wage rate of the lower classification, the employee's salary shall remain at his/her current wage rate until his/her salary reaches the 2 year wage in the new classification.

### ***Article 11 Jurisdiction, New Devices and Methods***

- 11.1 The Company agrees not to assign duties relating but not limited to the preparation, administration, audition, rehearsal and/or broadcast of the Company's television programs and overall operation, including the operation of technical equipment, to other than employees in the bargaining unit if such work assignment



directly avoids the hiring of a full-time employee in the bargaining unit, directly results in a layoff, or avoids a recall from layoff of a full-time employee. It is agreed that the Company's obligations under this Article shall apply only with respect to work on television programs, web based programs or productions produced exclusively by and for the Company at the Company's premises.

11.2 Technological Change – Should the introduction, replacement, supplementation or modification of any systems/processes, machinery, equipment or device result in the layoff of employees as distinguished from layoffs, caused by changes in programming, the Company agrees to the following conditions:

- i) The Company shall give the Union and the employees affected as much advance notice as is practicable, but not less than four (4) months notification of such layoffs or four (4) months pay in lieu of said notice plus all other benefits for the same period. Also, the employee shall receive severance pay as outlined in Article 9.4.
- ii) The Company shall notify the Union in writing stating the nature of the change contemplated and the number of jobs likely to be affected. Upon receipt of such notice by the Union, the parties shall arrange a meeting, or meetings, for the purpose of conducting discussions which will achieve an understanding to assure that any hardship to the employees affected shall be minimized; this shall be done by providing wherever possible, alternative employment within the Company for employees whose jobs have been eliminated or by joint efforts on the part of the Company and the Union to obtain employment outside the Company, and/or by any other means that the parties, may, by mutual agreement, decide upon. The Company will provide such employees reasonable time off, during their normal workweek without loss of salary, to be interviewed for positions outside the Company.

11.3 Program Credits – As the parties have recognized that creative work carries creative responsibility, the Company will provide

television program credits on all productions one-half (1/2) hour in length or greater. The parties further agree that news and weekly strip programs will provide credits once a week. The content of these credits will be at the Company's sole discretion. When using an employee's credit or likeness for promotion or any other media use, the Company shall consult the employees involved when practicable.

- 11.4 The Company will display the Union logo and local name in the credits for productions produced exclusively by the Company.

## ***Article 12 Employee Benefits and Pension Plan***

12.1 The Company agrees to meet and review with the Union, prior to its implementation, any change in the level of benefits provided to employees covered by this agreement under the following:

- The Pension Plan
- The health, life and accidental insurance coverage under the Omniflex Benefits Program
- The Disability Plans.

Part time employees shall be eligible for benefits under the Omniflex Benefit Plan, as per Company policy.

### Sickness Absence

#### **Absence Due to Sickness or Quarantine Prior to the Eighth Full Calendar Day of Absence**

An Employee who is absent on account of sickness or quarantine, shall be paid for continuous absence prior to the eighth full calendar day of such absence.

#### **Absence Due to Sickness or Quarantine on or after the Eighth Full Calendar Day of Absence**

Upon the eighth full calendar day of an absence covered above, such an absence shall be treated in accordance with applicable Company practices currently in effect, or as amended from time to time following notification to the Union.

- a) When taken ill, an employee shall notify his/her department head, or other person as determined by the Company from time to time, as soon as possible after his/her illness, at least two (2) hours before the beginning of the scheduled starting time where possible, unless the employee's shift commences between 02:00 and 09:00, in which case the notice shall not be later

than one (1) hour before the beginning of the scheduled starting time.

- b) An employee shall offer medical proof of his/her illness of three (3) days or more, if requested to do so by the Company.

- 12.1.2 Absence because of illness or incapacity shall not interrupt an employee's accrual of vacation credits for the first six (6) months of absence only.

### ***Article 13 Maternity and Parental Leave***

#### 13.1 Leave for Employees with Child Care Responsibilities

An employee shall be granted child care or adoption leave, without pay, under the conditions of eligibility set forth in the applicable Company practices currently in effect, or as amended from time to time following consultation with the Union.

In addition, a regular employee who has completed six (6) consecutive months of continuous employment with the Company and who meets the conditions of eligibility contained in the applicable Company practices shall receive an allowance under the Supplemental Allowance Plan in accordance with these same practices.

- 13.2 An employee will be entitled to up to seventy-eight (78) weeks of leave of absence made up as follows:

- (1) Up to seventeen (17) weeks of maternity leave.

- (2) Up to sixty-one (61) weeks for of parental leave for the birth mother and up to sixty-three (63) weeks of parental leave for all other new parents. Parental leave must be completed within seventy-eight (78) weeks of the baby's birth.

(3) In the case of an adoption, up to sixty-three (63) of leave is allowed per couple. The adoption leave must be completed within 63 weeks of the date the child enters the employee's custody.

Notwithstanding Article 13.2 the aggregate amount of leave that may be taken by one or two employees in respect of the same birth shall not exceed sixty-three (63) weeks.

If a conflict should arise between what is outlined in Article 13.1 and 13.2, the Canada Labour Code shall prevail.

13.3 Upon request, a non-birth parent shall be granted a three (3) days leave of absence at their regular rate of pay, inclusive of any increases and benefits to which they are entitled, for attending the delivery and subsequent care following the birth or legal adoption of his or her child.

#### ***Article 14 Compassionate Care Leave***

14.1 Compassionate Care Leave – Compassionate Care Leave shall be granted in accordance with the Canada Labour Code. The employee may request additional leave without pay; however the granting of such a request will be at the discretion of the Company.

Definition of Care or Support to a Family: Care or support to a family member means: Providing psychological or emotional support, or arranging for care by a third party, or directly providing or participating in the care.

Employees that qualify for benefits under Employment Insurance (E.I.) will be paid a bi-weekly sum in the amount of thirty percent (30%) of their regular gross wages.

In the event the employee wishes to access the Compassionate Care Leave for an extended family member as defined in Article 15, such leave shall be in accordance with the E.I. legislation's

definition of care. The employee will be entitled to the leave and all provisions provided in this Article.

### ***Article 15 Bereavement Leave***

15.1 A bereavement leave shall be granted for the purposes of making funeral arrangements and or attending the funeral when an employee is required to absent due to a death on the following basis:

- 5 days – spouse, children, father, mother and step-children.
- 3 days – legal guardians, brother, sister, mother in-law, father in-law, grandparent, and grandchild.
- 1 day – brother in-law, sister in-law, grand-parent in-law, step parents, step siblings.

Immediate family shall include common-law relationships and same sex relationships of one (1) year or more. Pay for such bereavement leave will be limited to the number of working days prescribed above, occurring immediately prior to and/or following the day of the funeral.

15.2 The Company will consider requests for additional leave when traveling is necessary, however, the granting and payment of such leave will be at the discretion of the Company.

### ***Article 17 Witness or Jury Duty***

17.1 Witness or Jury Duty – Employees called to serve on juries or to obey a subpoena shall receive their regular salaries during such periods. Employees will not be scheduled to work evenings or weekends while serving on a jury or obeying a subpoena. If released for the day prior to 1:00 p.m. on a day while serving on a jury or obeying a subpoena, the employee shall call the Company to see if there is a requirement to report to work on that day. Employees shall have the responsibility of notifying the

Company upon the discharge of jury duty of their availability to return to work.

### ***Article 18 General Leave***

18.1 General Leave - The Company will consider, on an individual basis, all requests for long term leaves of absence without pay. The granting of such leave will be at the sole discretion of the Company.

### ***Article 19 Education and Training***

19.1 Education and training will be available to employees as per Company policy.

19.2 If the Company requests that an employee attend a particular course, seminar or continuing education program, and the employee agrees, the Company will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the costs involved, including out-of-town expenses if applicable.

### ***Article 20 Outside Activities***

20.1 Outside Activities – The first professional obligation of employees shall be to the Company. Employees shall be free to engage in any activities outside working hours provided such activities do not consist of service performed for any other person or company in competition with the Company or when such activities would create a conflict of interest (unless prior approval is obtained from the Company) and provided these outside activities do not interfere with their service to the Company.

“Competition” shall be defined as: a program which will or could air on a competitor’s channel or website or an advertisement for any competitor.

In the event any employee is uncertain regarding whether or not their outside work activities are permitted under this Article, such an employee must seek written approval from his/her Manager.

### ***Article 21 Travel Provisions and Expenses***

- 21.1 The Company agrees to reimburse each employee for all authorized and/or approved expenses when the Company authorizes travel.
- 21.2 If an employee consents to use his/her own automobile and such use is authorized for transportation in connection with his/her duties, he/she shall be reimbursed per kilometer at the rate being paid by the Company at the time of such use.
- 21.3 When an employee on Company business is involved in an accident, resulting in damage to his/her car and the amount of damage cannot be recovered from any other person or persons, the Company agrees to reimburse the employee for the deductible amount under the employee's car insurance plan to a maximum of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350.00). Furthermore, the Company will not be required to pay any deductible amount if the accident was a result of proven negligence on the employee's part.
- 21.4 Article 21.2 notwithstanding, it is recognized that an employee may be required to use his/her own automobile in the execution of his/her normal job function, except in the case when such use becomes impractical due to the necessity of transporting heavy or bulky equipment.
- 21.5 The Company agrees to maintain adequate liability insurance on all vehicles owned or rented by the Company, which it requests any employee to drive. The Company further agrees to maintain sufficient credit cards and/or written procedure to follow, which shall provide for emergency towing or repair of such vehicles.



21.6 Travel Conditions – Employees shall be credited with all time used during their day’s assignments in which traveling is authorized, except as follows:

Employees traveling on a common carrier on a work day when no work is done shall be credited with all time used at basic (straight time) rate, with a maximum credit of twelve (12) hours in any one day computed as follows:

- a) When the employee departs from home, from four (4) hours before the departure of the common carrier to the time of arrival of the common carrier at the final destination for international flights and three (3) hours for domestic flights.
- b) When the employee departs from his/her normal place of employment to travel on a common carrier, from the time the employee reported to his/her normal place of employment to the time of arrival of the common carrier at the final destination.
- c) When the employee departs from a place of lodging when on an out-of-town assignment, from one (1) hour before the departure of the common carrier to the time of arrival of the common carrier at the final destination.

It is understood that travel on a day off shall be regarded as work on a day off and shall be calculated using (a) (b) and (c) above and shall be received in equivalent time off on an hour for hour basis.

21.7 Time credited for the return journey under the above conditions will be computed in the same manner.

21.8 No employee will be required to fly in an aircraft with a pilot not licensed for commercial flights.

21.9 When an employee is required to work at a studio or remote location other than his/her normal place of employment, he/she shall be credited with all time consumed in transit between such

normal place of employment and any other studio or remote location and return.

21.10 Definition of Location and Location Expenses – for the purposes of this Agreement, the following definition of “location” shall apply:

- i) The CTV London “Local” location is considered to be any point within the combined radius of 30 km from One Communication Road London.
- ii) The CTV Wingham “Local” location is considered to be any point falling within a 40 km radius of the CTV Wingham Bureau.
- iii) The CTV Windsor “Local” location is defined as any point falling within a 20 km radius of the Windsor Station
- iv) “Out-of-town” location shall be any point beyond the limits defined as “Local” location.

The parties agree to address any unforeseen issues that may arise from these changes in Labour/Management meetings.

21.11 Employees on “out-of-town” assignments shall receive expenses for meals in accordance with the following:

	Receipt	No Receipt (Per Diem)
Breakfast	\$15.00	\$7.00
Lunch	\$20.00	\$10.00
Supper	\$30.00	\$17.00
Additional Meal	\$20.00	\$9.00

“Breakfast” means any meal taken between 5:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

“Lunch” means any meal taken between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

“Dinner” means any meal taken between 4:00 p.m. and midnight.

“Additional Meal” means any meal taken between midnight and 5:00 a.m.

Employees on “out of town” assignments, which require overnight accommodation, shall receive a per diem allowance of \$65.00 per day (24 hour period). Where exceptional conditions require higher per diems than those contained herein, the Company will provide an additional amount based on conditions at the location concerned. Expense or per diem allowances will be calculated at the Canadian/Foreign Country rate and paid in Canadian funds for travel outside of Canada. Costs of currency conversion or purchase of foreign funds will be reimbursed upon submission of receipts on an expense statement.

Where suitable meals, including choice of items, recognizing individual dietary requirements including, vegetarian, religious, and/or medical considerations, are provided to employees on assignment who receive the required time away from work duties to eat, the per diem amounts may be reduced up to the amount of meal allowances involved in accordance with this Article. A reduction of per diems will not apply when only light items are available at the same time work is being performed.

21.12 Employees on “out-of-town” assignments who require overnight accommodation shall receive single occupancy first class accommodation as per CAA standards when available at the location concerned at Company expense upon presentation of receipt. The Company may designate such accommodation.

21.13 Expense or per diem allowances shall be in addition to the following allowable expenses:

- i) The cost of economy transportation or its equivalent and, when applicable, automobile mileage allowance;

- ii) The cost of taxis and limousine bus service between residence and station or airport at point of departure and return; and between station or airport and hotel at point of destination;
- iii) The cost of vehicles for the transport of equipment;
- iv) The cost of fax and long distance telephone calls required for Company business.

21.14 Employees will be reimbursed on a monthly basis for expenses incurred. All accounting of such expenses shall be submitted on the prescribed forms not later than two (2) working days following the month in which the expenses were incurred. Expenses will be reimbursed within two (2) weeks of the submission of the forms.

**Article 22 Paid Holidays and Vacations**

22.1 Holiday and Holiday Pay – The following shall be paid holidays:

New Year’s Day	Civic Holiday
Good Friday	Labour Day
	Thanksgiving Day
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
Canada Day	Boxing Day

Plus any day proclaimed by the Federal Government as a public holiday.

- a) In addition to the holidays listed above, employees may be eligible for up to two (2) Personal Floater Days per calendar year. Eligibility to Personal Floater Days is determined as follows:

- Any new employee is eligible to two (2) Personal Floater Days if actively at work for at least 9 months in the calendar year;
  - Any new employee is eligible to one (1) Personal Floater Day if actively at work for at least 3 months but less than 9 months in the calendar year;
  - Any new employee is not eligible to Personal Floater Days if actively at work for less than 3 months in the calendar year.
- b) Personal floater days not taken during the calendar year cannot be carried over to the next calendar year and are forfeited.

When one of the holidays listed above falls on a Saturday or Sunday and another week day is proclaimed a holiday by the Federal or Provincial Government, the Saturday or Sunday shall be deemed to be the holiday for the purposes of this Agreement, except for those employees who regularly work Monday through Friday, in which case the proclaimed day shall be the holiday.

Employees who for personal or religious reasons wish to observe a holiday other than the above listed paid holidays may, upon reasonable advance written notice (3 weeks), request that one of the paid holidays, or the floating holiday, be considered as a normal working day and that another day be substituted and that the substituted holiday shall be treated as a paid holiday for the purposes of this Agreement.

22.2 Holiday Compensation – Employees shall be compensated for the holidays listed in Article 21.1 in the following manner:

- i) If the holiday falls on a scheduled day off, the employee may add one day to his/her annual vacation.
- ii) If a holiday falls on a regular working day or on a scheduled day off and the employee is required to work, he/she shall receive three (3) times their basic hourly rate (which includes the employee's basic hourly rate of pay) with a

minimum credit of the standard work day as scheduled for that week for all hours worked.

- iii) An employee is required to work his scheduled shift prior to and following the holiday to be eligible for holiday pay. This section will not be applicable where the employee is on leave of absence, or on sick leave, or for other reasons authorized by the Company.

22.3 Scheduling of Christmas and New Year's Holidays – By November 15<sup>th</sup> of each year the employees will advise the Company in writing of their preference of days off to be scheduled over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The employees' choice of days off shall be granted on the basis of seniority within the job classification and each employee, if the employee so requests, shall be scheduled off on either Christmas Day or New Year's Day. This article does not apply to an employee who has elected to substitute a holiday for either Christmas or New Year's Day (Article 21.1). An employee scheduled off on one of these days shall not be required to work beyond 20:00 hours on the eve of that holiday.

22.4 Employees shall be entitled to an annual vacation with pay in accordance with the following table.

The annual vacation year is defined as January to December. Annual Vacation entitlement is to be taken between January 1 of the calendar year in which it is earned and April 30 of the following year. Employees are not permitted to take the next fiscal year's vacation in advance. Individuals, who leave the Company having taken unearned vacation leave, will have an equivalent amount deducted from their final payroll.

Vacation scheduling shall be scheduled between June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> and preference shall be given to employees on the basis of Union seniority. The employees request for earned vacation shall be submitted in writing, on a form prescribed by the Company, by March 31<sup>st</sup>

Summer vacation schedules shall be posted by May 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

Vacations may be granted on a first come first serve basis outside the vacation period when requested by an employee and approved by the Company and in this case, confirmation of the vacation shall be either confirmed or denied in writing within one week of the request thereof by the department head.

**Vacation Entitlement:**

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Vacation Days**</b>
Less than 1	1.5 days per month for a maximum of 15 days
1 – 6	15 days
7 – 11	20 days
12 – 17	23 days
18 – 24	25 days
25 and above	30 days

The vacation schedule for a part time employee is the same as that for a full time employee, except that it is pro-rated based on time worked. The time worked considered for calculating the prorated vacation is the employee's scheduled time. For example, if a person is scheduled to work 2 days per week throughout the year, he or she will earn 2/5<sup>th</sup> of the days under the above vacation schedule.

Employees who have already reached a vacation entitlement that is greater than Bell's policy as of January 1, 2014, will be grandfathered at their existing entitlement until they reach a higher vacation entitlement under Bell's policy.

Vacation not taken in time off prior to leaving the company will not be paid (except what is required by the Labour Code if applicable). In such circumstances, the employee's vacation eligibility before leaving the company is pro-rated according to the portion of the year worked.

The Company shall have the right to determine the number of employees, who may be released for vacation from any job

classification at any one time. Preference shall be given on the basis of Company seniority within the job classification, provided that an employee with more seniority may not require the Company to alter a scheduled vacation of an employee with less Company seniority once the vacation period has been confirmed by the Company.

### ***Article 23 Health and Safety***

- 23.1 Health & Safety Committee – A joint Health and Safety Committee shall be constituted consisting of an equal number of representatives of the Company and the Union which shall identify potential dangers and health hazards, and obtain information from the Company or other persons respecting the identification of hazards, health and safety, experience and work practices, and standards elsewhere. The committee shall meet a minimum of nine (9) times per year. Minutes of the meeting shall be taken and copies shall be posted on Company and Union bulletin boards.
- 23.2 Representation – Two (2) representatives of the Joint Health and Safety Committee, one from the Company and one from the Union, shall make periodic inspections, as determined by the Joint Health and Safety Committee, of the work place and equipment and shall report to the Joint Health and Safety Committee the results of their inspections.
- 23.3 Copies of Reports – Copies of all accident and incident reports will be provided to all members of the Joint Health and Safety Committee.
- 23.4 The Union committee representatives will receive their regular salaries plus applicable shift differential for time lost from scheduled work to attend meetings of, and perform inspections for the Joint Health and Safety Committee.



## **Article 24 Hours of Work and Overtime**

24.1 The normal work week for employees is thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours initiating at 00:01 Sunday and in the case of scheduled employees, the normal workday is seven and one-half (7 ½) hours exclusive of a one-half (½), one (1) or one and one-half (1 ½) hour lunch period. Overtime for scheduled employees shall be defined as a period worked in excess of seven and one-half (7 ½) hours in a scheduled day or in excess of thirty-seven and one-half (37 ½) hours in a week. A “shift” shall mean the authorized and/or approved time worked by an employee during a day, calculated to the end of the last quarter (¼) hour in which work was performed. If a shift extends beyond midnight, it shall be considered as falling wholly within the calendar day in which it starts. There will be no assignment of split shifts without the consent of the employee; however, part-time employees may elect to accept more than one shift in one day.

Schedules other than those described above shall be permitted upon mutual agreement of the parties.

### 24.2 Overtime Payments

Hours Worked	Rate
	7- ½ hour Standard Work Day
0 – 7 ½	Basic
7 ½ - 11 ½	1 ½ X Basic
11 ½ - 15 ½	2 X Basic
Over 15 ½	2 ½ X Basic

Minimum overtime shall be computed on fifteen (15) minute segments.

Authorization – All overtime shall be authorized only by a representative of Management or their designate.

Overtime will be offered to the most senior qualified employee. An employee may refuse to work overtime; however, if all employees in a classification, in a department, refuse to work or

cannot be reached to do the work, the Company will require the most junior qualified employee in the classification in the department to do the work. Where such assignment constitutes more than sixteen (16) hours of overtime over the fourteen (14) day period the next most junior qualified employee may be so assigned.

In the case of work or an assignment of a continuing nature or a business emergency, the employee who had been assigned to the work or assignment may be required to perform the overtime.

- 24.3 Days Off – There shall be two (2) consecutive days off. These two (2) scheduled days off may be in separate workweeks, i.e., Saturday and Sunday. The Company shall make every effort to schedule the days off on weekends as frequently as possible, but in no event shall an employee be required to work more than two (2) weekends in a row without the employee's prior consent unless weekend work is a condition of hire, transfer or promotion. On-Air Talent (as per Article 2.4) and News Producers may not receive weekends off in accordance with this Article.
- 24.4 The five (5) days in any workweek need not necessarily be consecutive; they may be separated by the two (2) consecutive days off.
- 24.5 Scheduled Days Off: Two (2) consecutive days off shall be defined as forty-eight (48) hours plus the turnaround period of ten (10) hours for a total of fifty-eight (58) hours. Where two (2) or more days off are taken consecutively, or in conjunction with a paid holiday or leave of absence, only one 10 hour turnaround period shall apply.

Work on a Scheduled Day Off: An employee may refuse to work on a scheduled day off and shall not be penalized for such refusal. However, should all employees in the job classification refuse to work on a day off; the Company may assign the work to any available qualified employee in reverse order of seniority in that classification. Where such assignment constitutes more than sixteen (16) hours of overtime over the fourteen (14) day period the next most junior qualified employee may be so assigned.

- 24.6 Employees may elect to bank overtime earnings as time in lieu to be taken at a mutually agreeable time. A maximum of five (5) days may be in an employee's bank at any time. A day off in lieu is defined as twenty-four (24) hours plus the turnaround period and shall be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.
- 24.7 Posting of Schedules – Each employee's schedule for any week shall be posted as early as possible, but in no event later than 5:00 p.m. the second Friday prior to the week in question. Each employee's schedule shall be posted in his/her immediate work area. It is the intent of the foregoing to ensure that each employee is advised of his/her work schedule at the earliest possible time. It will be the responsibility of the employee to check the posted schedule. Employees may not switch or vary shifts without prior written authorization from his/her manager. Any alteration or change of an employee's hours of work will be done for operational purposes only and not in a discriminating or punitive fashion.
- 24.8 Each employee's schedule shall state clearly daily starting time, finishing time, days off, holidays off, vacation days.
- 24.9 After this posting, there shall be no reduction in the number of hours scheduled for any day in the week without notice being given by 1:00 p.m. of the day prior to the day in question. If such notice is not given the employee shall be credited with all hours originally scheduled. If the schedule is changed on the employee's day off the Company will be responsible to notify the employee personally of such change.
- 24.10 An employee's days off will not be changed once the schedule has been posted without the employee's prior consent.
- 24.11 No employee shall be required to work in excess of eight (8) consecutive calendar days without his/her prior consent.
- 24.12 Change of Schedules – Notice of change of starting time shall be given as much in advance as possible, but not later than 1:00 p.m. of the day prior to the day of the change. If such notice is not

given, the employee shall be credited with all hours originally scheduled. If the changes to schedules occur within 24 hours of the start of the shift, the changes will occur by mutual consent. If the employee does not agree to the shift change by mutual consent, the Company reserves the right to assign the shift change to the least senior employee. If the schedule is changed on the employee's day off the Company will be responsible to notify the employee personally of such change.

24.13 It is the responsibility of an employee to report to the Supervisor in charge of scheduling, advising when he/she will be available for duty following absence due to illness or physical injury. It is the Company's responsibility to then or subsequently inform the employee of any change in his/her schedule.

24.14 It is the intent of the foregoing to ensure that each employee shall be apprised of his/her daily work schedule at the earliest possible time.

24.15 Work on a Scheduled Day Off

Hours Worked	Overtime Payment
0 – 7 ½	1 ½ X Basic
7 ½ - 11 ½	2 X Basic
11 ½ - 15 ½	2 ½ X Basic

24.16 Notice of cancellation of assigned work on a scheduled day off or on a holiday shall be given no later than the 4<sup>th</sup> hour of the employee's last shift prior to the day in question. If such notice is not given, the employee shall receive four (4) hours pay at the straight time rate, computed separately from the workweek, provided the employee is released from duty for the entire shift.

24.17 Turnaround Period – A turnaround period is the period of at least ten (10) hours between the end of one shift and the commencement of the next shift.

- i) All time worked which encroaches on the turnaround period shall be paid for at an additional one-half (1/2) the basic hourly rate computed separately from the work week except as provided below:
- ii) No payment shall be made for the following encroachments:
  - a) On a swing-in-shift, on a regular rotating shift pattern, which occurs in conjunction with an employee's day off.
  - b) On a shift where an employee is released from duty to attend labour/management meetings.
  - c) To employees who are self-assigning, except where such employees are scheduled by the Company, or where the work requirements create overtime hours that are beyond the control of the employee that result in encroachment, and where such overtime is authorized or approved by the Company.
  - d) Where the employee has requested and received a shift change.

24.18 Call-Back – Call-back is defined as those hours credited to an employee who, having worked and/or been credited with at least the minimum shift, and who having left his/her place of work is called back to perform further work on the day in question. In such case the employee shall be paid at one and one-half (1 ½) the basic hourly rate with a minimum credit of four (4) hours. Call-back shall be computed separately from the workweek.

Employees may refuse to work a call-back and shall not be penalized for such refusal. Should all qualified employees who could be reached, refuse a call-back the Company may assign the required call-back to any qualified member of the bargaining unit, in inverse order of functional group seniority.

24.19 Temporary Upgrades – In the event that an employee is temporarily assigned to perform work for a period of at least one

(1) hour and not for purposes of training, in a higher classification or classifications than that to which he/she is permanently assigned, in or outside the bargaining unit, the employee shall be paid a premium of five percent (5%) of his/her basic rate per hour for each classification level higher than the employee's classification for all hours worked with a minimum credit of two (2) hours. This clause shall not be used for the purpose of reducing the number of employees in the job classifications to which such employee is being upgraded. At the time of assignment to a higher classification, an employee shall be verbally advised of his/her temporary upgrading.

24.20 Night Differential – An employee shall be paid a night differential, bi-weekly for hours worked between midnight and 7:00 a.m. at a rate of \$3.00 per hour. Night differential worked during overtime will be paid at one and one-half (1 ½) times \$3.00 and on statutory holidays at two (2) times \$3.00.

## **Article 25 Meal and Break Periods**

25.1 Rest Periods – Employees shall be granted a rest period as follows:

- i) A fifteen (15) minute rest period between the beginning of the regularly scheduled workday and the meal period.
- ii) A fifteen (15) minute rest period between the meal period and the end of the regularly scheduled work day.

25.2 Meal Periods:

- i) First Meal – During each shift of more than five (5) hours, a one-half (½), one (1) or one and one-half (1 ½) hour unpaid first meal period shall be taken as close to regular meal hours as possible, or as close to the half way point of the shift as possible. In lieu of the foregoing, the Company may require an employee to eat during working hours at a time which will not interfere with the efficient carrying on of the employee's duties. If an employee does not receive a first meal period in the

duration provided for on the schedule, the employee shall be paid for the missed meal period as per Article 24 Hours of Work and Overtime.

- ii) Second Meal – An employee required to work more than four (4) hours in excess of the standard work day shall receive a second meal period of at least thirty (30) minutes duration, which period shall be counted as time worked. If an employee does not receive such meal period he shall be credited with an additional one-half ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) hour of worked time.

25.3 Twenty dollars (\$20) shall be allowed to compensate for the cost of the second meal.

25.4 In the event a remote location is so situated that no facilities to obtain an appropriate meal are readily available for the crew during their assigned meal period, the Company shall:

- i) Allow the crew sufficient added time and supply them with adequate transportation to travel to where an appropriate meal can be obtained, or;
- ii) At its own expense, furnish the crew with an appropriate meal.

25.5 Employees shall not be required to travel from their normal place of employment to other studios or remote locations within the area during their meal periods, or any part thereof.

### ***Article 26 General Wage Provisions***

26.1 Employees shall be paid according to the wage schedule of the classifications to which they are assigned, with credit for years of service within the classification and any credit for industry experience recognized by the Company at the time of hiring.

26.2 Progression up the salary schedule within each classification shall automatically occur on the first complete pay period of the month nearest the employee's semi-annual or annual anniversary date of appointment, transfer or promotion.

26.3 Regular wages shall be paid on every second Friday, one week in arrears, for the two (2) week period ending on the previous Saturday. When a pay day coincides with a statutory holiday regular wages shall be paid the day prior.

26.4 An employee will be advised as soon as possible of any changes in his/her time sheets after the employee has submitted them; in which case he/she shall receive a copy of his/her original time sheet showing any change made thereto.

26.5 The rates in the scales in Article 27.1 are minimum rates. Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit the Company from paying an employee any amount more than the minimum rates.

26.6 For purposes of computation and this Agreement, the basic hourly rate of the employee shall be 1/1950 of the annual salary set forth in Article 27.1.

26.7 Each September 1 and March 1, On-Air Talent (as defined in Article 2.4) shall receive the equivalent of \$600 for work related clothing. Effective September 1, 2011 the amount will be increased to \$650 and on September 1, 2012 it will be \$675. The Company reserves the right to provide such allowance through contra arrangements. Participation in the clothing allowance benefit for eligible employees is optional.

26.8 Clothing Allowance

- i) The Company agrees to supply protective clothing and/or safety devices for employees on assignments (e.g., remotes, towers, Audio Operators doing outdoor set-ups, Directors, Broadcast Technicians, Microwave Truck Operators), where conditions require their use, and to supply other special attire where required by the Company. The Company agrees to maintain a sufficient supply of shop coats and coveralls for use



by employees upon their request. It is understood that such protective clothing and/or safety devices are and remain the property of the Company and shall be returned in good condition on demand (allowing for reasonable wear and tear).

- ii) Safety footwear shall be supplied where conditions require their use.

**Article 27 Wages, Fees and Classifications**

27.1 Wages – Wage Groups for the purpose of calculating salaries shall be as follows:

September 1, 2020	1.50%
September 1, 2021	1.50%
September 1, 2022	1.75%

**Wage Group 1**

	September 1, 2020		September 1, 2021		September 1, 2022	
	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual
<b>Start</b>	\$15.00	\$29,250	\$15.23	\$29,699	\$15.50	\$30,255
<b>\$12 Months</b>	\$16.07	\$31,337	\$16.31	\$31,805	\$16.60	\$32,370
<b>24 Months</b>	\$17.28	\$33,696	\$17.54	\$34,203	\$17.85	\$34,808
<b>36 Months</b>	\$18.55	\$36,173	\$18.83	\$36,719	\$19.16	\$37,362
<b>48 Months</b>	\$19.95	\$38,903	\$20.25	\$39,488	\$20.60	\$40,170

## Wage Group 2

	September 1, 2020		September 1, 2021		September 1, 2022	
	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual
<b>Start</b>	\$15.00	\$29,250	\$15.23	\$29,699	\$15.50	\$30,225
<b>6 Months</b>	\$15.74	\$30,693	\$15.98	\$31,161	\$16.26	\$31,707
<b>12 Months</b>	\$16.52	\$32,214	\$16.77	\$32,702	\$17.06	\$33,267
<b>24 Months</b>	\$17.35	\$33,833	\$17.61	\$34,340	\$17.92	\$34,944
<b>36 Months</b>	\$18.23	\$35,549	\$18.50	\$36,075	\$18.82	\$36,699
<b>48 Months</b>	\$19.12	\$37,284	\$19.41	\$37,850	\$19.75	\$38,513
<b>60 Months</b>	\$20.10	\$39,195	\$20.40	\$39,780	\$20.76	\$40,482

## Wage Group 3

Advertising Assistant – PT

	September 1, 2020		September 1, 2021		September 1, 2022	
	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual
<b>Start</b>	\$17.27	\$33,677	\$17.53	\$34,184	\$17.84	\$34,788
<b>6 Months</b>	\$18.55	\$36,173	\$18.83	\$36,719	\$19.16	\$37,362
<b>12 Months</b>	\$19.49	\$38,006	\$19.78	\$38,571	\$20.13	\$39,254
<b>24 Months</b>	\$20.44	\$39,858	\$20.75	\$40,463	\$21.11	\$41,165
<b>36 Months</b>	\$21.48	\$41,886	\$21.80	\$42,510	\$22.18	\$43,251
<b>48 Months</b>	\$22.55	\$43,973	\$22.89	\$44,636	\$23.29	\$45,416
<b>60 Months</b>	\$23.68	\$46,176	\$24.04	\$46,878	\$24.46	\$47,697

## Wage Group 4

Administrative Assistant News; Administrative Assistant Sales; Chyron Operator; Marketing Assistant; Promotion Writer Assistant; Traffic Assistant.

	September 1, 2020		September 1, 2021		September 1, 2022	
	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual
<b>Start</b>	\$17.68	\$34,476	\$17.95	\$35,003	\$18.26	\$35,607
<b>6 Months</b>	\$19.01	\$37,070	\$19.30	\$37,635	\$19.64	\$38,298
<b>12 Months</b>	\$20.42	\$39,819	\$20.73	\$40,424	\$21.09	\$41,126
<b>24 Months</b>	\$21.45	\$41,828	\$21.77	\$42,452	\$22.15	\$43,193
<b>36 Months</b>	\$22.51	\$43,895	\$22.85	\$44,558	\$23.25	\$45,338
<b>48 Months</b>	\$23.64	\$46,098	\$23.99	\$46,781	\$24.41	\$47,600
<b>60 Months</b>	\$24.83	\$48,419	\$25.20	\$49,140	\$25.64	\$49,998
<b>72 Months</b>	\$26.07	\$50,837	\$26.46	\$51,597	\$26.92	\$52,494

## Wage Group 5

Administrative Assistant Executive; Editorial Assistant; Writer News; Graphics Co-ordinator; Traffic Coordinator

	September 1, 2020		September 1, 2021		September 1, 2021	
	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual
<b>Start</b>	\$19.44	\$37,908	\$19.73	\$38,474	\$20.08	\$39,156
<b>6 Months</b>	\$20.89	\$40,736	\$21.20	\$41,340	\$21.57	\$42,062
<b>12 Months</b>	\$22.45	\$43,778	\$22.79	\$44,441	\$23.19	\$45,221
<b>24 Months</b>	\$23.59	\$46,001	\$23.94	\$46,683	\$24.36	\$47,502
<b>36 Months</b>	\$24.75	\$48,263	\$25.12	\$48,984	\$25.56	\$49,842
<b>48 Months</b>	\$26.00	\$50,700	\$26.39	\$51,461	\$26.85	\$52,358
<b>60 Months</b>	\$27.28	\$53,196	\$27.70	\$54,015	\$28.18	\$54,951
<b>72 Months</b>	\$28.65	\$55,868	\$29.08	\$56,706	\$29.59	\$57,701

## Wage Group 6

Accounting Assistant Senior; Associate Producer, Building Services Coordinator; Graphic Designer; Program Acquisitions Coordinator; Weather Announcer; Writer Producer Promotion; News Acquisitions Editor; Web Writer

	September 1, 2020		September 1, 2021		September 1, 2022	
	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual
<b>Start</b>	\$22.93	\$44,714	\$23.27	\$45,377	\$23.68	\$46,176
<b>6 Months</b>	\$24.66	\$48,087	\$25.03	\$48,809	\$25.47	\$49,667
<b>12 Months</b>	\$25.88	\$50,466	\$26.27	\$51,227	\$26.73	\$52,124
<b>24 Months</b>	\$27.17	\$52,982	\$27.58	\$53,781	\$28.06	\$54,717
<b>36 Months</b>	\$28.55	\$55,673	\$28.98	\$56,511	\$29.49	\$57,506
<b>48 Months</b>	\$29.96	\$58,422	\$30.41	\$59,300	\$30.94	\$60,333
<b>60 Months</b>	\$31.47	\$61,367	\$31.94	\$62,283	\$32.50	\$63,375

## Wage Group 7

Assignment Editor; Cameraperson Tape Editor (ENG); Director News; Director Production; Reporter News; Reporter Sports; Reporter Writer; Technical Coordinator; Writer Producer Creative; Writer Producer Promotion Senior; Multimedia Producer/Editor; Community Relations Coordinator; Multi-skilled Journalist; Digital Producer

	September 1, 2020		September 1, 2021		September 1, 2022	
	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual
<b>Start</b>	\$23.47	\$45,767	\$23.82	\$46,449	\$24.24	\$47,268
<b>6 Months</b>	\$25.21	\$49,160	\$25.59	\$49,901	\$26.04	\$50,778
<b>12 Months</b>	\$27.11	\$52,865	\$27.52	\$53,664	\$28.00	\$54,600
<b>24 Months</b>	\$28.46	\$55,497	\$28.89	\$56,336	\$29.40	\$57,330
<b>36 Months</b>	\$29.90	\$58,305	\$30.35	\$59,183	\$30.88	\$60,216
<b>48 Months</b>	\$31.39	\$61,211	\$31.86	\$62,127	\$32.42	\$63,219
<b>60 Months</b>	\$32.97	\$64,292	\$33.46	\$65,247	\$34.05	\$66,398
<b>72 Months</b>	\$34.61	\$67,490	\$35.13	\$68,504	\$35.74	\$69,693

## Wage Group 8

Anchor; Broadcast Technician; Line up Editor; (Producer); Producer Director  
Programming; Producer Performer; Weather Anchor; Multimedia Coordinator;  
Creative Producer

	September 1, 2020		September 1, 2021		September 1, 2022	
	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual
<b>Start</b>	\$22.36	\$43,602	\$22.70	\$44,265	\$23.10	\$45,045
<b>6 Months</b>	\$24.05	\$46,898	\$24.41	\$47,600	\$24.84	\$48,438
<b>12 Months</b>	\$25.85	\$50,408	\$26.24	\$51,168	\$26.70	\$52,065
<b>18 Months</b>	\$27.78	\$54,171	\$28.20	\$54,990	\$28.69	\$55,946
<b>24 Months</b>	\$29.87	\$58,247	\$30.32	\$59,124	\$30.85	\$60,158
<b>36 Months</b>	\$31.36	\$61,152	\$31.83	\$62,069	\$32.39	\$63,161
<b>48 Months</b>	\$32.93	\$64,214	\$33.42	\$65,169	\$34.00	\$66,300
<b>60 Months</b>	\$34.58	\$67,431	\$35.10	\$68,445	\$35.71	\$69,635
<b>72 Months</b>	\$36.30	\$70,785	\$36.84	\$71,838	\$37.48	\$73,086
<b>84 Months</b>	\$38.11	\$74,315	\$38.68	\$75,426	\$39.36	\$76,752

## Wage Group 9

Senior Anchor; Meteorologist; Sales Promotion Supervisor; Senior Producer;  
Operations Supervisor; Senior Creative Producer; Assistant News Director

	September 1, 2020		September 1, 2021		September 1, 2022	
	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual	Hourly	Annual
<b>Start</b>	\$31.89	\$62,186	\$32.37	\$63,122	\$32.94	\$64,233
<b>12 Months</b>	\$33.48	\$65,286	\$33.98	\$66,261	\$34.57	\$67,412
<b>24 Months</b>	\$35.16	\$68,562	\$35.69	\$69,596	\$36.31	\$70,805
<b>36 Months</b>	\$36.92	\$71,994	\$37.47	\$73,067	\$38.13	\$74,354
<b>48 Months</b>	\$38.77	\$75,602	\$39.35	\$76,733	\$40.04	\$78,078
<b>60 Months</b>	\$40.70	\$79,365	\$41.31	\$80,555	\$42.03	\$81,959

## ***Article 28 Effective Date and Duration***

- 28.1 This Agreement shall commence on July 8, 2021 and shall remain in force until August 31, 2023 and from year to year thereafter unless either party notifies the other, in writing, by registered mail or fax, no more than 120 days prior to the date of expiry, anniversary of such date, of its intent to modify this Agreement. Except that where notice of intent to modify this Agreement is given, this Agreement shall continue in force until a new Agreement is signed or a lawful strike or lockout is executed pursuant to the Canada Labour Code, whichever first occurs.
- 28.2 Upon receipt of notice from either party of a desire to negotiate a new Agreement as provided in Article 28.1 above, a meeting shall be held between the parties within twenty (20) days for the purpose of negotiations and further meetings shall be held as frequently as possible until settlement is reached, or until either party makes application for conciliation.

The parties to this Agreement declare that it contains responsibilities and obligations for each such party and that in signing the agreement, it binds the parties during the Agreement to do everything they are required to do by this Agreement and to refrain from doing anything they are not permitted to do by the Agreement.

The parties further understand and declare that in case any provisions of this Agreement are now, or hereafter, inconsistent with any statute of Canada or any Order-in-Council or regulations passed there-under, such provisions shall be to that extent deemed null and void or shall be applied in such manner as will conform with law.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives this 15th day of July 2021.


**For the  
Company**

  
Jennifer McLellan (Jul 19, 2021 13:27 EDT)

**Jennifer McLellan**

  
Kristin Weaver (Jul 19, 2021 11:15 EDT)

**Kristin Weaver**

  
Steve Young (Jul 18, 2021 20:51 EDT)

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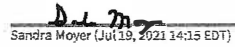
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**For the  
Union**

  
Trevor Dixon (Jul 19, 2021 10:37 EDT)

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Sandra Moyer (Jul 19, 2021 14:15 EDT)

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Matthew Thompson (Jul 19, 2021 07:45 EDT)

**Matthew Thompson**



**Howard Law**

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## **Letter of Agreement # 1 Unifor Social Justice Fund**

In the event an employee elects to contribute one (1) cent/hour worked to the Unifor Social Justice Fund, the Union will notify the Company of such and the Company will make the appropriate deductions and remit such contributions to the Unifor Social Justice Fund on a monthly basis. All such contributions are tax deductible.

## **Letter of Agreement # 2 Clothing Allowance, Article 26.7**

The Company agrees to apply the terms of the clothing allowance to employees under the following criteria;

If the employee appears on air between 13 and 26 occasions during the previous 6 months of each installment of clothing allowance payments on September 1 and March 1, the employee will receive \$337.50

If the employee appears on air more than 26 occasions during the previous 6 months of each installment of clothing allowance payments on September 1 and March 1, the employee will receive \$675.00

## **Letter of Agreement #3**

The Company confirms that it will secure the Special Retirement Allowance (SRA) through a Retirement Compensation Agreement (RCA) as defined under the Income Tax Act. Therefore, the Company will fund the SRA on an annual basis through a RCA via a separate trust.



#### **Letter of Agreement #4      Drone Operations**

It is the responsibility of the Employer to provide the appropriate certification and training of employees operating airborne drone equipment. In the event of a third party legal action against an employee in the bargaining unit pertaining to the operation of airborne drone equipment, the Employer shall assume all liability for damages awarded by a civil court of law for an employee in the bargaining unit that is authorized to operate drone equipment during the course of a business day, provided that the employee was operating the equipment in a lawful and good faith manner and in compliance with the mandated restrictions. In the event that an employee is convicted of a criminal offence, the Employer shall not assume any liability.

#### **Letter of Agreement #5      Domestic Violence**

The Company agrees to recognize that employees sometimes face situations of violence or abuse in their personal lives that may affect their attendance or performance at work. For these reasons, the Company and the Union agree, when there is adequate verification from a recognized professional (ie. Medical doctor, registered counselor) an employee who is in an abusive or violent situation will not be subject to discipline if work performance or absence can be linked to the abusive or violent situation.

#### **Letter of Agreement #6**

Contrary to past practice, part-time employees who work on a regular weekly basis, as described in Article 2.6.1 (b) 3, cannot declare themselves unavailable for work assignments. Part-Time employees shall book vacation in accordance with Article 21.4

## **Letter of Agreement # 7**

Whereas there is no mechanism in the Collective Agreement for administering overtime with Broadcast Technicians (the “employees”) with regard to work performed by the employees while on standby and while outside of the workplace ;

Whereas the employees have to perform work, from time to time, when on standby outside of the workplace;

Therefore the Union and the Company agree as follows:

1. CTV London Broadcast Technicians assigned to standby during their off hours shall be compensated at a rate of seventeen dollars (\$17.00) for each 8 hour tour or portion thereof or fifty-one dollars (\$51.00) per calendar day on a scheduled day off.
2. When CTV London or Windsor Broadcast Technicians log in to the Company network and answers work-related email and or work-related phone calls to perform work, as defined in paragraph 3 below, while on standby outside of the workplace, a minimum of 1 hour of overtime shall be applied, with quarter (1/4) hour increments.
3. To clarify, the definition of “work” for the purposes of this Article, CTV London or Windsor Broadcast Technicians simply answering the telephone or checking work email is not sufficient to constitute work. To be considered to be performing “work”, the employees must be actively participating in the solution of a critical and/or time sensitive business issue over the phone or email.

## **Letter of Agreement # 8**

### **Staffing Moves**

- 1) The parties agree to reclassify the senior regular part-time (RPT) Reporter/Cameraman in Windsor to regular full-time status (RFT) upon ratification of the new collective agreement. This has already been done.
- 2) The parties agree to reclassify Jim Knight from his current position to Cameraperson Tape Editor ENG upon ratification of the new collective agreement.
- 3) Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the parties agree that all employees in the Reporter/Cameraman position are reclassified and deemed to be qualified as Multi-Skilled Journalists.
- 4) The parties agree that employees in the Traffic Assistant job classification will be reclassified from wage group 3 to wage group 4 retroactive to September 1, 2020. All but one of the employees occupying the Traffic Assistant position will go to the 60-month step of wage group 4 (\$24.83 per hour) retroactive to September 1, 2020. The other individual is already above the maximum of wage group 4; therefore, there is no reclassification wage adjustment
- 5) The parties agree that the employee in the Traffic Coordinator job classification will be reclassified from wage group 4 to wage group 5 retroactive to September 1, 2020.
- 6) The Company agrees to post an additional full-time Multi Skilled Journalist position in Windsor. This has already been done and the position has been filled.

**Letter of Agreement # 9  
Paid Educational Leave**

The Company agrees to pay into a special fund an amount of \$2000 dollars to Unifor Paid Education Leave (PEL) program. Such payment will be remitted on a yearly basis into a trust fund established by the Unifor National Union effective from the date of ratification. Payments will be sent by the Company to the following address:

Unifor Paid Education Leave Program  
205 Placer Court  
Toronto ON M2H 3H9

The Company shall approve Education Leave, without pay, for the members of the bargaining unit at the request of the Union. Request for such leave of absence will be submitted at least 30 days in advance and approval will be subject to operational needs.

Candidates for PEL shall be selected by the Union to attend. The Union will provide written confirmation to the Company of such selection and education leave dates. Employees on PEL leave of absence will continue to accrue seniority and service as per Company practice and policy.

**Letter of Agreement # 10  
Forced Transfers of New Hires**

The Company and the Union agree that Article 10.1.6, which prevents the forced transfer of employees to another city on a permanent basis, will not apply to any employee hired after the ratification of this collective agreement (July 8, 2021).

Any such employee hired into those job classifications after ratification will be assigned to a “city” meaning London, Windsor or Wingham.

Any such employee, hired after the date of ratification and assigned to a city, whom the employer wishes to transfer unilaterally (and by

reverse seniority) to another city will be given at least 3 months notice, and have any of the following options:

- 1) Transfer to the other city with \$5,000 in moving costs, or
- 2) Severance pay under the CBA with minimum “credit” for three years service.

### **Letter of Agreement # 11 Application of Layoff Clause for New Hires**

Article 9.2 states that layoffs shall proceed in inverse order of Company seniority within those job classifications in Article 27. Regardless of work assignment, the least senior employees in a classification where reductions are required shall be laid off from such classification.

In order to address a surplus situation that is specific to a city/location, the parties agree that the Company can add city/location to the surplus criteria only if the individual being declared surplus is the most junior employee within the job classification and city/location. This will only apply if the impacted employee is a new employee hired after the ratification of the collective agreement (July 8, 2021).

An employee who is laid off in this manner shall be entitled any one of the following options:

- a) To bump a more junior employee in the same job classification in another city/location within the bargaining unit, with \$5,000 in moving costs. The effective date of the relocation shall be at least 3 months after notice of layoff (and the bumped employee shall be entitled to bumping rights under the collective agreement).
- b) Severance pay under the collective agreement with minimum “credit” for three years service.

**Letter of Agreement # 12  
Women's Advocate Program**

The Company and the Union recognize that female employee can sometimes face gender specific situations inside and outside the workplace.

The Union shall establish a Women's Advocate to support female employees by directing them to the appropriate support mechanisms. The Company will ensure that the designated Women's Advocate will be afforded the time off for training subject to business needs.

Unifor shall be responsible to reimburse the Company for the time off for training. Unifor shall also be responsible for all training and associated expenses.

**Letter of Agreement # 13  
Duration and General Wage Increases**

Duration

Three-year term expiring August 31, 2023

Wage Increases

1.5% wage increase retroactive to September 1, 2020

1.5% wage increase on September 1, 2021

1.75% wage increase on September 1, 2022

Note – Salary increases will be SAP calculated and will be rounded  
- Retroactive compensation to September 1, 2020 shall be applied to regular and overtime wages to all employees who are active on the date of the ratification.