### **AGREEMENT NO. 7.1**

**RATES OF PAY AND RULES** 

Between

**ONTARIO NORTHLAND RAILWAY** 

and

TEAMSTERS CANADA RAIL CONFERENCE
MAINTENANCE OF WAY EMPLOYEES DIVISION

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Definition of Maintenance of Way Employees

- **1.1** By Maintenance of Way Employees is meant employees working in the Track and Bridge and Building Departments for whom rates of pay are provided in this Agreement.
- **1.2** Labourers in extra gangs, unless those engaged practically all year round, shall not be considered as coming under this Agreement.
- **1.3** The use of the masculine gender in this Collective Agreement includes the feminine and vice versa.
- **1.4** Headquarters is defined as the employee's reporting location of the bulletin or preference bid location.
- **1.5** Home location is defined as the headquarter closest to their personal residence. Home location shall be designated as North Bay, Temagami, New Liskeard, Englehart, Kirkland Lake, Rouyn, Matheson, Porquis, Kidd, Cochrane, Smooth Rock Falls, Kapuskasing, and Hearst.

## **SECTION 2**

### Hours of Service and Meal Period

**2.1** Eight consecutive hours, exclusive of meal period (which shall be one hour unless otherwise mutually arranged) shall, except as otherwise provided, constitute a day's work.

**NOTE**: See Understanding No. 1

- 2.2 Regular day shifts shall start at or between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.; 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. for Extra Gangs.
- **2.3** Notice of a cycle change will be provided with a minimum of 10 calendar days. Notice of cycle change is not required for an employe that is bidding, displacing, or filling a vacancy due to preferred bid into a position with a different cycle.

**2.4**(a) Not withstanding the provisions of Clause 2.2, the starting time for employees may be established or changed to meet the requirements of the service. When the starting time is to be changed, as much advance notice as possible, but not later than at the completion of the previous tour of duty, shall be given the employees affected and, where practicable, the notice will be posted promptly in a place accessible to such employees. The appropriate Local Chairman and TCRC MWED Director shall be advised of any change in starting time.

(See Miscellaneous Letters of Understanding, letter dated March 13, 1970 "STARTING TIME RULES")

- (b) Regular assigned employees shall be allowed straight time for wet or stormy days, provided they remain on duty.
- **2.5** Any change in starting time is subject to employees being afforded eight hours' rest between tours of duty.
- **2.6** Where two shifts are worked, the starting time of each shift shall be established to meet the requirements of the service. The provisions of Clauses 2.3 or 2.4, as the case may be, apply in respect of any change of starting time.
- 2.7 Where shifts are worked in continuous service the second shift relieves the first, the third relieves the second and the first relieves the third; the starting time of the first shift shall be at or between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. The provisions of Clauses 2.3 and 2.4 do not apply hereto.
- **2.8** In changing or establishing starting times, due consideration will be given to the availability of public transportation, when applicable.
- 2.9 The periods of advance notice in respect of changes in starting time contained in Clauses 2.3 and 2.4 may, by immediate consent between the employees affected and their mutual supervisor, be reduced in any particular situation to meet local conditions. The TCRC-MWED Director will be advised.

- **2.10** Employees are entitled to a paid break of 30 minutes during every period of 5 consecutive hours of work and they remain at the Company's disposal.
- **2.11** Employees' time will start and end at designated tool houses, outfit cars or shops. Where local conditions necessitate it temporarily, other designated assembly points may be established by mutual agreement between the Local Chairman or TCRC-MWED Director and the appropriate representatives of the Railway.
- **2.12** In isolated areas with limited transportation, hours worked and days off will be modified to suit transportation availability. In such cases, proper Company and Union officers will establish schedules. Such schedules will be issued with accommodation information and attached to seniority lists.

#### **Hours of Rest**

3.1 In emergencies, employees shall not be required to work more than 16 hours continuously without a rest of eight hours. Employees in snow plow service shall be allowed eight hours' rest after 16 hours' service, if desired, provided such rest is requested on arrival at a headquarters, except when the main track is blocked and no one else is available.

# **SECTION 4**

#### **Work Week**

**4.1** The work week for all employees covered by this Agreement, unless otherwise excepted herein, shall be 40 hours consisting of 5 days of 8 hours each, with 2 consecutive rest days in each 7, subject to the following modifications: the work weeks may be staggered in accordance with the Railways' operational requirements. This clause shall not be construed to create a

guarantee of any number of hours or days of work not provided for elsewhere in this Agreement. (See Clause 8.6 for definition of work week.) There will be no loss of regular pay when work schedules change.

**4.2a)** The Company will have the ability to designate 8/6 work cycles (8 work days, 10 hours each, followed by 6 rest days) and 4/3 work cycles (4 work days, 10 hours each, followed by 3 rest days). The Company and the Union will make a joint application to the Ministry of Labour. Work cycles other than the foregoing may be established by mutual agreement between the proper officer of the Company and the Union and where such agreement is reached the parties will make a joint application to the Ministry of Labour. Any request by either party will not be refused by the other without good reason.

### b) 7/7 Cycle

- 1. The 7/7 work cycle schedule shall consist of seven (7) consecutive shifts, followed by seven (7) consecutive rest days. Each shift shall be eleven (11) hours and twenty-five (25) minutes in length.
- 2. The Employer will post all positions that will change to the 7/7 work cycle schedule prior to the schedule being implemented.
- 3. A six point two five (6.25) percent premium shall be paid on all regularly scheduled hours worked by employees working on the 7/7 work cycle schedule.
- 4. Any overtime above and beyond the eleven (11) hours and twenty five (25) minutes per day shall attract the normal overtime compensation under the Collective Agreement along with the RRSP contribution.
- 5. Any current practices applicable to the current 8/6 work cycle schedule shall apply to the 7/7 work cycle schedule, with any necessary modifications. (This shall include stat holidays and bereavement leave)
- 6. Positions that have a cross shift may be moved to a 7/7 work schedule. Any consideration for use of this schedule in any other circumstance will not be done without concurrence of the union. Such circumstances will be explained by the union if denied

- 7. The Union may approach the company with suggestion of a 7/7 work cycle in certain areas that make operational sense for both parties.
- 8. Vacation must be scheduled in full seven (7) scheduled days (80 hours) segments.
- 9. No employee changing schedules shall lose regular earnings as a result of the cycle change.
- 10. On the seventh day of work, should a bunk house not be available, an employee may request to their Supervisor for a room accommodation should they desire to stay the night. These requests will not be unreasonably denied.

### **Assignment of Rest Days**

**5.1** The rest days shall be consecutive as far as is possible consistent with the establishment of regular relief assignments and the avoidance of working an employee on an assigned rest day. Preference shall be given to Saturday and Sunday (Friday, Saturday, Sunday on 4/3 cycle) and then to Sunday and Monday (Sunday, Monday, Tuesday 4/3 cycle.) In any dispute as to the necessity of departing from the pattern of the above consecutive rest days or for granting rest days other than Saturday and Sunday or Sunday and Monday, it shall be incumbent on the Railway to show that such departure is necessary to meet operational requirements and that otherwise additional relief service or working an employee on an assigned rest day would be involved.

# **Accumulation of Rest Days**

**5.2** On positions where it is not reasonably practicable to provide regular relief each week, the rest day or days for which relief is not provided may be accumulated and granted at a later date. Such accumulation shall not exceed 10 days and rest days so accumulated shall be allowed consecutively when 10 days have been accumulated. However, the accumulation of a greater number of rest days and their allowance at longer intervals may be arranged by mutual agreement between the officers of the Railway and the TCRC-MWED Director.

## **Non-Consecutive Rest Days**

- **5.3** In the event that a situation arises which makes it impracticable to assign consecutive rest days to all employees the following procedure shall be followed.
- **5.4** All possible regular relief positions shall be established pursuant to Clauses 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3.
- **5.5** Possible use of rest days other than Saturday, Sunday or Monday, where these may be required under this Agreement, to be explored by the parties.
- **5.6** Accumulation of rest days under Clause 5.2 shall be considered.
- **5.7** Other suitable or practicable plans which may be suggested by either of the parties shall be considered and efforts made to come to an agreement thereon.
- **5.8** If the foregoing does not solve the problem, then some of the relief or extra employees may be given non-consecutive rest days.
- **5.9** If, after all the foregoing has been done, there still remains service which can only be performed by requiring employees to work in excess of five days per week, the number of regular assignments necessary to avoid this may be made with two nonconsecutive days off.
- **5.10** The least desirable solution of the problem would be to work some regular employees on the sixth or seventh days at overtime rates and thus withhold work from additional relief employees.

### **Relief Assignments**

- **6.1** All possible regular assignments with five days' work per week and two consecutive rest days (subject to Clauses 5.3 to 5.10, inclusive) shall be established to perform necessary relief work or to perform relief work on certain days and such types of other work on other days as may be assigned under this Agreement.
- **6.2** Where situations exist making it impracticable to establish relief assignments in accordance with the above, the Brotherhood's accredited representative of the employees and the company may, by mutual agreement, arrange for relief assignments in accordance with the above, the representatives of the employees and the company may, by mutual agreement, arrange for relief assignments on such other basis as may be suitable. Consent to such proposed arrangements shall not be unreasonably withheld in cases where otherwise employees would be required to work on assigned rest days or unreasonable travel time would be involved.
- **6.3** Regular relief assignments may on different days have different starting times, duties, and work locations, provided such starting times, duties, and work locations are those of the employee or employees relieved.

## **SECTION 7**

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### Overtime and Calls

**8.1** Except as otherwise provided, when employees are required to work in excess of eight hours per day or on regularly assigned rest days, employees shall be paid for overtime on an actual minute basis at the rate of time and one half.

For overtime work, the senior employee regularly performing the work will be called. Employees shall be paid overtime based on their regular rate of pay, or the rate of pay for the position they actually work, whichever is higher.

(a) For overtime work on any particular track section the following order of call will be utilized:

First Employee- Foreman— TMF on that section, if unavailable the ATMF, if unavailable TT's from that section in seniority order if qualified. If there is no qualified employee available from the track section involved, a qualified employee working out of the section headquarters will be called in based on TMF seniority. If there is no qualified employee available from the employees working out of the section headquarters, a qualified employee from the closest adjoining section headquarters will be called in the same order as above. If there is no qualified employee from the closest adjoining section headquarters, a qualified employee will be called from the next adjoining sections headquarters to those sections in the same order as above.

Second Employee – Senior TT on the track section affected.

Additional Employees – Remaining track technicians if any, in seniority order from the section headquarters involved, then any other employee working out of the setion headquarters based on track technician seniority. If further additional employees are required, they will be called in the same order as above from the following:

- Adjoining sections headquarters
- The next closest section headquarters

**Note**: When employees are attending training, the relieving employee will be entitled to the calls only on the days that employee relieves. The employee in training will be entitled to overtime calls on their section at the end of the shift on their final day of training and on scheduled days off providing the employee is immediately available.

Example - Temagami work site at mile 120. Englehart/Englehart North Section Headquarters would be closest when there are no available employees from the Temagami Headquarters. Temagami work site at mile 70. North Bay/North Bay North Section Headquarters would be closest when there are no available employees from the Temagami Headquarters.

- **8.2** Except as otherwise provided, work in excess of forty straight time hours in any work week shall be paid for at one and one-half times the basic straight time rate, except where such work is performed by an employee moving from one assignment to another, or to or from a laid-off list, or where rest days are being accumulated under Clause 5.2.
- **8.3** Except as otherwise provided, employees working more than five days in a work week shall be paid one and one-half times the basic straight time rate for work on such sixth and seventh days worked in any work week, except where such work is performed by an employee due to moving from one assignment to another, or to or from a laid-off list, or where rest days are being accumulated under Clause 5.2. In instances where employees work modified hours and days other than eight hours per day, five days per week, any work performed outside of assigned hours will be paid at overtime rates.
- **8.4** There shall be no overtime on overtime; neither shall overtime hours paid for, other than hours not in excess of eight paid for on holidays or for changing shift, be utilized in computing the forty hours per week, nor shall time paid for in the nature of arbitraries or special allowances such as attending court, deadheading, travel time, etc., be utilized for this purpose, except when such payments apply during assigned working hours in lieu

of pay for such hours, or where such time is now included under existing rules in computations leading to overtime.

- 8.5 An employee called in case of emergency or a temporary urgency outside of their regularly assigned hours, after having been relieved, shall be paid a minimum of three hours at overtime rates for which three hours of service may be required, but for such minimum shall not be required to perform work other than that of the emergency, and possibly another emergency which might arise subsequent to time of call. An employee who is called by the Company for overtime work pre-arranged or otherwise and accepts a call, will be paid one (1) hour at punitive rates if such call is cancelled prior to his leaving home. If however, employees are called to commence work less than two hours before regular starting time, the time will be computed continuously with the regular day's work, and the time before the regular starting time shall be paid for at the rate of time and one-half on the minute basis.
- **8.6** The term "work week" for regularly assigned employees shall mean a week beginning on the first day on which the assignment is bulletined to work and for laid-off or unassigned employees shall mean a period of seven consecutive days starting with Monday.
- **8.7** Employees shall not be required to suspend work in regular working hours to equalize overtime.
- **8.8** All overtime earned shall be shown as a separate item on the pay cheques of employees.
- **8.9** In case of employee works in the excess of 16 hours of continuous hours, they shall be paid at double time for hours worked passed the 16<sup>th</sup> hour of continuous work.

### **Overtime Banking**

- **8.10** Employees desiring to bank overtime may elect to do so under the following criteria:
- \* Employees working overtime will have the option of banking all or the half time associated to overtime, to a maximum of forty (40) hours per year. This bank can be refilled once depleted, however no more than 40 hours will be used as paid time off per year
- **★** Banked time must be taken in full day increments or the employee may elect to receive the pay.
- ★ Employees must have cleared or be scheduled to clear their hours account by December 15. If the account is not cleared then the employee will be paid
- ★ There shall be no banked overtime between December 15<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- ★ Payment will be based on the current rate of pay at the time the banked time is used
- **★** Time off must be requested in advance, unless bona fide illness. (Company will monitor)
- ★ Time off will be subject to Company service requirements and no additional cost to the Company.

## **SECTION 9**

# **Work on Rest Days**

- **9.1** Employees required to work on regularly assigned rest days, except when these are being accumulated under Clause 5.2, shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half.
- **9.2** When the Company requires the patrol of two or more sections on the sixth day of the regular work week as a regular

practice, employees assigned to such patrol will be paid at the rate of time and one-half for the time so occupied with a minimum of eight hours work.

NOTE: See Understanding No. 18.

### **SECTION 10**

### **General Holidays**

- **10.1** The following general holiday provisions shall be applicable in respect of general holiday entitlement.
- **10.2** An employee who qualifies in accordance with Clause 10.4 hereof, shall be granted a holiday with pay on each of the following general holidays. When a general holiday falls on an employee's rest day, such holiday shall be moved to the normal working day immediately following the employee's rest day.

New Year's Day

Jean Baptiste Day

Day following (Quebec only)
New Year's Day Canada Day
(Ontario only) Civic Holiday
Good Friday Labour Day

Easter Monday National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

(Substitution for Thanksgiving Day Remembrance Day)
Victoria Day

Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day
Boxing Day

**10.3** If, in any province or part thereof, a holiday is more generally recognized than any one of the holidays specified above, the signatories to the Master Agreement dated May 24, 1974 will substitute such holiday therefore in that province or part thereof. If such signatories fail to agree that such holiday is more generally recognized, the dispute will be submitted to arbitration for final decision.

- **10.4** In order to qualify for pay for any one of the holidays specified in Clause 10.2, an employee:
- (a) must have been in the service of the company and available for duty for at least 30 calendar days. This Clause (a) does not apply to any employee who is required to work on the holiday;
- (b) must be available for duty on such holiday if it occurs on one of their work days excluding vacation days.

This Clause (b) does not apply in respect of an employee who is laid off or suffering from a bona fide injury, or who is hospitalized on the holiday, or who is in receipt of, or who subsequently qualifies for weekly sickness benefits because of illness on such holiday.

A regularly assigned employee who is required to work on such general holiday shall be given an advance notice of four calendar days, except for unforeseen exigencies of the service, in which case they will be notified not later than the completion of their shift or tour of duty immediately preceding such holiday that their services will be required;

(c) must be entitled to wages for at least 10 shifts or tours of duty during the 30 calendar days immediately preceding the general holiday. This Clause (c) does not apply to an employee who is required to work on the holiday.

**NOTE:** Provided that an employee is available for work on the general holiday, absences from scheduled shifts or tours of duty because of bona fide injury, hospitalization, illness, parental, or adoption leaves for which the employee qualifies for weekly sick benefits and authorized maternity leave will be included in determining the 10 shifts or tours of duty referred to in this Clause (c).

**10.5** A qualified employee whose vacation period coincides with any of the general holidays specified in Clause 10.2, shall receive an extra day's vacation with the pay to which the employee is entitled for that general holiday.

- **10.6** An assigned employee qualified under Clause 10.4 and who is not required to work on a general holiday shall be paid eight hours' pay at the straight time rate of their regular assignment. An employee whose wages are calculated on a daily hourly basis shall, for a general holiday on which they are not required to work, be paid at least the equivalent of the wages he would have earned at his regular rate of wages for his normal hours of work.
- **10.7** An unassigned or spare employee qualified under Clause 10.4 and who is not required to work on a general holiday shall be paid eight hours' pay at the straight time rate applicable to the position in which such employee worked their last tour of duty prior to the general holiday.

**NOTE:** In the application of this Clause 10.7 for employees paid on the basis of a specified number of hours per four-week period "eight hours' pay at the pro rata hourly rate" shall be deemed to be a day's pay.

- 10.8 An employee who is required to work on a general holiday shall be paid, in addition to the pay provided in Clause 10.6, at a rate equal to one and one-half times their regular rate of wages for the actual hours worked by him/her on that holiday with a minimum of three hours for which three hours' service may be required, but an employee called for a specific purpose shall not be required to perform routine work to make up such minimum time.
- **10.9** Where an employee is paid a guarantee of a specified number of hours per four-week period and who works on the holiday, the general holiday with pay specified in Clause 10.6 shall be paid in addition to the regular compensation for such four-week period.
- **10.10** Shifts or tours of duty commencing between 12:00 midnight on the eve of the general holiday and 11:59 p.m. on the night of the general holiday, both times inclusive, shall be considered as work on that holiday.

**10.11** Pump repairers paid on the basis of 179.3 hours per fourweek period and qualified under Clause 10.7 and who are not required to work on a general holiday shall be paid eight hours at the straight time rate and this time shall be included in making up the 179.3 hours.

### Close-Down for Christmas and New Year's Holidays

**10.12** Where Maintenance of Way gangs, otherwise continuously employed are closed down for the Christmas and New Year's holidays to allow employees to return to their homes, and where employees so affected are, by mutual arrangement and as a consequence of such close-down, required by the Company to work additional days over and above their normal work week prior to such close-down, the additional days so worked will be recognized as shifts or tours of duty for which the employee is entitled to wages in the application of Clause 10.4(c). Where such close-down occurs and the Company does not require the employees to work additional days as a consequence thereof, the number of working days in the period of close-down will be credited in the application of Clause 10.4(c).

### SECTION 11

# Travelling or Detained on Orders of the Company

- **11.1** Employees when detained for conveyance and while traveling on passenger trains on orders of the Company to and from work away from their regular sections or headquarters after regular hours will be paid at the straight time rate for all time involved.
- **11.2** Employees will be paid for time travelling in boarding and sleeping cars, on orders of the Company under the following conditions only:
- (a) during regular working hours, or
- (b) outside regular working hours provided that such employees are scheduled for duty the following day. This also

applies to those employees who choose to travel to the new location with the boarding cars.

Payment under the foregoing conditions will be at straight time rates.

- 11.3 Employees not traveling in boarding and sleeping cars when such cars are moved on orders of the Company will, provided they were available for duty at the old work location at the completion of work and are available for duty at the new location at the commencement of work, be paid straight time for the time taken for such movements during regular working hours.
- **11.4** When required, the Foreman or another employee designated by the Company will accompany boarding and sleeping cars being moved from one location to another. In such circumstances, payment will be in accordance with Clause 11.2.
- **11.5** When practical to do so, boarding and sleeping cars shall be moved at times other than between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- **11.6** Employees' time spent traveling to and from the designated assembly point during assigned hours will be included in a day's pay.
- **11.7** Employees' time spent traveling on track motor cars or Company-operated vehicles outside of assigned hours shall be paid at the time and one-half rate.
- **11.8** Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 11.7 employees' time spent traveling prior to regular starting time shall be paid at time and one-half rate.
- **11.9** The traveling time referred to in Clause 11.7 and 11.8 will not be used in computing daily or weekly overtime.

### **Snow Service (Track Forces Only)**

**12.1** Foremen and operators in charge of snow plows or spreaders in snow service will be paid the rate of Extra Gang Foreman Level I.

**NOTE**: See Understandings No. 3.

- **12.2** A wing person who actually assists a foreman in the operation of snow plow or when actually required to operate a spreader in snow service in conjunction with a snow plow, will be paid the rate Extra Gang Foreman Level III. Their wing person seniority will apply.
- **12.3** The rate applicable will be paid the employee for the hours they are entitled to pay from the time required to report for duty at home station until released from duty on return to home station, at straight time within regularly assigned hours for section work and at the rate of time and one-half outside the limits of such regularly assigned hours, except that for deadheading they shall be paid at pro rata rate.

### 12.4 Plow/Spreader Foremen

The seniority list will show employees who are qualified or wish to be qualified as Plow/Spreader Foremen and Wingmen. To be qualified, employees must be in possession of an A-100 Rule Card, know the territory over which the plow/spreader will operate, and be familiar with the operation of the snow plow/spreader. When a snow plow/spreader will operate on a plow/spreader district, the Plow/Spreader Foreman will be called in the following manner.

 Plow/Spreader Foreman, in seniority order from the plow District on which the work is being performed. (Discussion on populating list from current terminal lists, in seniority order and using Date entered service for new additions to the list)

- 2. Foremen, in Seniority order after the above list has been exhausted.
- 3. Machine Operators in Seniority order after 1 and 2 above.
- 4. Other Qualified employees in seniority order from the opposing plow District.

Plow/Spreader Wingman will be call in the following manner:

- a. Plow/Spreader Foreman, in seniority order from the plow District on which the work is being performed. (Discussion on populating list from current terminal lists, in seniority order and using Date entered service for new additions to the list)
- b. Foremen, in Seniority order after the above list has been exhausted.
- Machine Operators in Seniority order after 1 and 2 above.
- d. Other Qualified employees in seniority order from the opposing plow District.

Headquarters for plows and spreaders will be assigned as needed on the plow District that they are working.

A Plow/Spreader list will be established for each plow district.

### Deadheading

The deadheading provision of Section 12.3 will only apply when employees are deadheading on passenger trains, buses and not travelling with the plow/spreader. Employees travelling with the plow/spreader will be responsible for the plow/spreader and will be paid at the applicable rate (i.e. straight time for regular working hours and overtime for hours outside of regular working hours.

### **Plow and Spreader Service**

At Ontario Northland plows/spreaders (hereafter referred to as a plow) and assigned crews operate out of two plow districts as follows: District 1 (Cochrane South) and District 2 (Cochrane North and West)

When plow is ordered, a plow crew will be assigned as follows:

A plow required on a Plow District will use, in seniority order the District Plow list in assigning the employees to operate it. These employees will remain on the Plow while working in their District and will hand off to the employees of the other District when required to cross the District boundaries.

### **SECTION 13**

### Seniority

**13.1** Except as otherwise provided in Clause 26.14, a new employee shall not be regarded as permanently employed until after 120 working days' service, which service must be accumulated within the preceding 24 months. Within such 120-day period they may, without investigation, be removed for cause which in the opinion of the company renders him/her undesirable for its service. If removed for cause, they shall be provided with a written notice following their written or verbal request. If retained, their seniority in the Maintenance of Way department shall commence from the date of entry into the service as a Maintenance of Way employee under this Agreement. New Track Maintenance Foreman will work under a 120 day probationary period.

When two or more employees commence work in the same seniority group on the same day, the procedure for establishing their relative seniority shall be as follows:

(a) The employee who commenced work at the earliest hour of the day shall be senior;

- (b) When all other things being equal, if two or more employees commenced work in the same seniority group on the same day, The Company, Union and Employee would incorporate a lottery method to determine seniority.
- **13.2** In the event of an employee leaving the service when their services are required, upon re-entering the service, they shall rank as a new employee.

NOTE: See Understanding No. 15.

**13.3** Probationary employees, if qualified, shall have preference of employment over the engagement of new probationary employees.

### Seniority Lists

- 13.4 Complete lists of all Maintenance of Way employees covered by this Agreement, showing their seniority standing in their respective departments and dates of promotion to higher classifications therein, shall be prepared and posted not later than March 1st of each year, a copy of which shall be furnished representatives of the employees and a copy of the list posted at headquarters of each gang. The current seniority lists issued by the Company will show the seniority of all employees in all classifications as per the Collective Agreement. In addition, the employer will include a total number of hours of cumulative compensated service in this list.
- **13.5** Separate lists will be prepared for employees in the track department, bridge and building department and all other groups governed by this Agreement.
- **13.6** All lists shall be open for correction on proper representation, which representation must be made by August 31st of each year. If no exceptions are taken by August 31, the seniority dates shall be established as correct and not changed thereafter except by mutual agreement between the TCRC-MWED President or their authorized representative and the appropriate officer of the Company.

- **13.7** For employees engaged in specialized classes of work which justify other specified seniority territories, these may be established by agreement between the TCRC-MWED President and the appropriate officer of the Company.
- **13.8** Employees who, during the preceding calendar year, have performed no service for the Railway may be removed from the seniority list by agreement between the TCRC-MWED President and the appropriate officer of the Company.

## **Seniority Lists:**

Track Mtce. Foremen
Extra Gang Foremen
Asst. Extra Gang Foremen
Shovel & Crane Operators
Spreader Operators
Machine Operators - Group #2

Spreader Operators Machine Operators - Group #2
Rail Welders Machine Operators - Group #3

Front End Loader & Bulldozer Operators

Snow Plow Foremen Beaver Control Foreman Beaver Control Helper

### **Promotion**

**13.9** Employees shall be promoted in each of the departments in order of seniority, provided they are qualified. Employees qualifying for foremen positions must be able to read and write English.

**NOTE:** See Understanding No. 7.

## **Supervisor Seniority**

**13.10** Employees who hereafter accept permanent positions not covered by this Collective Agreement, must continue to pay the monthly dues as set by the Brotherhood from time to time. If they decide to suspend the payment of Union dues, their seniority will be frozen as of the month in which such payment is stopped.

An employee accepting an official position may only be returned to their former position if such change is made within a period of one year, and after one year they may displace the junior permanent employee of their class.

An employee temporarily promoted to an official or excepted position will continue to pay Union dues and revert to their former position held prior to promotion. The appropriate officer of the Company shall advise the local representative concerned of such promotion, including the expected duration thereof. Employees temporarily promoted may only bid on permanent vacancies, however, if they held a temporary position in the bargaining unit prior to being promoted, they may return to that temporary position upon being released provided that a junior employee is working the position at the time.

### **SECTION 14**

### **Vacancies and New Positions**

NOTE: See Understanding No. 8.

**14.1** Except as otherwise provided in Clauses 14.4 to 14.6 inclusive, employees shall be advised by bulletin on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month of all vacancies or new positions in their department (except official positions), including the positions of Extra Gang Foreman and Assistant Foreman. Should there be no vacancies, a bulletin will be issued to that effect. Bulletins will be posted promptly in places accessible to all employees affected. Bulletins shall remain open for ten days (inclusive of issue date) and be awarded on the following circular. A copy of each bulletin will be furnished to the Local Chairman and the TCRC-MWED Director. Posting days may be changed in consultation with the TCRC MWED President or his designate.

This rule is not intended to preclude the issuance of individual bulletins at other times should circumstances so warrant in any particular instance. Workforce schedules will be posted without delay in the same locations as Bulletins.

- **14.2** Bulletins will show classification of position, the expected duration, location (including gang or crew, if applicable) and full particulars such as living accommodation and water available, etc. In addition, bulletins will indicate the name of the employee who vacated the position. For example: Vice: Joe Reid.
- **14.3** Employees desiring bulletined positions will submit written application, which application must reach the designated officer no later than the date indicated in the bulletin. Applicants must forward a copy of their application to the Local Chairman. Applicants bidding on more than one position on the same bulletin must state, in order, their preference.

When the extra gangs are mobilized in the Spring and a gang to which a Junior Employee has been appointed to by bid is mobilized ahead of a gang to which a Senior Employee has been appointed by bid, the Senior Employee may not exercise his seniority to displace the Junior Employee.

When a gang shuts down for the work season, a Senior Employee may exercise his seniority to displace a Junior Employee.

**14.4**(a) Except as otherwise provided below, temporary vacancies of less than 30 calendar days required by the Company to be filled, in positions subject to being bulletined in accordance with Clause 14.1, shall be filled by the senior qualified employee immediately available, subject to the provisions of Clause 21.9. An employee who does not exercise their seniority to such a temporary vacancy of less than 30 days will not forfeit any seniority.

Where there are two or more employees filling temporary track technician vacancies at one location and one of them is being displaced, the senior temporary employee will be given the first opportunity to exercise his displacement rights to a more preferred location. This option is not available if the senior employee would then be subject to layoff.

- (b) An employee will only establish seniority in a higher classification by being awarded a bulletined vacancy in such higher classification. An employee filling a temporary vacancy under this Clause 14.4 other than by bid will, at the conclusion of such temporary vacancy, revert to their former position.
- **14.5** An employee obtaining a temporary vacancy of thirty (30) days or more by bid in their own classification will, at the conclusion of such temporary vacancy, revert to their former permanent position or displace a junior employee filling a temporary vacancy (provided the position will be in existence for more than fourteen days).
- **14.6** An employee working as an Extra Gang Foreman, Assistant Extra Gang Foreman, Machine Operator, or Truck Driver, but not holding Track Maintenance Foreman or Assistant Track Maintenance Foreman seniority will be permitted to apply for advertised temporary vacancies in the Track Maintenance Assistant Maintenance Foreman and Track Foreman classifications without forfeiture of seniority in their classifications. If such an employee is successful in obtaining a temporary vacancy of Track Maintenance Foreman or Asst. Track Maintenance Foreman, he will not be released to fill the position until completion of his assignment, but will accumulate seniority in the classification from the date of the award. In the meantime, such temporary vacancy will be filled by the next senior applicant without the necessity of re-advertising the position.
- **14.7** (a) An employee may bid to a lower classification or group or to any position in Agreement 7.1 without forfeiting seniority in any classifications or groups in which they have previously established seniority.
  - **(b)** An employee who does not bid on a position for which they had previously established seniority will not forfeit seniority as a result of failure to bid any position.
  - (c) An employee will not forfeit any established seniority in any classification or group while working in a lower classification or group when a junior employee is working in a higher classification or group.

- Should there be no qualified applicants for a bulletined position, employees holding seniority in that classification or group, but working in a lower paid classification or group at the time the awards are made will be offered the position in seniority order. If necessary, the most junior employee holding seniority in that classification or group who is working in a lower paid classification or group will be offered the position. Should any employee decline to accept such position offered in this manner, that employee will forfeit seniority in that classification or group and be restricted for one (1) year from re-gaining seniority in that classification or group. The position will then be offered in reverse seniority order to the next most junior employee holding seniority in that classification or group and working in a lower paid classification or group at the time the awards are made. The same process will continue until the position is filled. It is understood that senior may/ junior must will not trigger personal expenses (as per 21.9) for the protection of seniority. It is also understood that where bunkhouses are provided, employees will be offered such accommodation at no cost.
- **14.9** These provisions will not in any way affect or diminish any other provision(s) in the Agreements which provide for protection of seniority in a higher classification or group while occupying a position in a lower paying classification or group.
- **14.10** A qualified employee awarded a higher classification (except Track Technician/Truck Driver) by bulletin will be accorded a seniority date from the date of appointment on bulletin in such classification and in all lower-rated classifications in which they are qualified to work and in which they had not previously established seniority. Employees awarded seniority of Track Technician/Truck Driver will also establish seniority of Track Technician if not holding seniority in this classification already.
- **14.11** An employee who has applied for a position may cancel their application provided written cancellation reaches the designated officer and the Local Chairman two days prior to next regular date for issuing of bulletin, or two days prior to expiration of individual bulletin, otherwise they will not be permitted to do so.An employee may bid on a vacancy created by himself/herself but will not be appointed to such vacancy unless there are no other applicants, or until it again becomes vacant.

- **14.12** Appointments shall be made by the office issuing the bulletin. The name of the appointee and their seniority number will be shown on the next bulletin. Employees shall be permitted to assume positions to which awarded within 15 calendar days of the date of the bulletin making the appointment and must assume such position within 30 calendar days of such appointment or on completion of their present or subsequent, temporary assignments except that employees bidding from one temporary position to another must assume the position immediately after appointment. Seasonal jobs which are bid several weeks in advance will be excluded from this rule and will be so noted on the circular.
- **14.13** Bulletined positions may be filled temporarily with the senior qualified employee immediately available in accordance with Section 15.4, pending assignment of the successful applicant.
- **14.14** Any appeal against appointment must be made in writing within 30 calendar days from the date of issue of bulletin covering such appointment.
- **14.15** In the event of a vacancy or new appointment occurring in the departments enumerated in Clause 13.5 and no application being made, following exhausting all Senior May/Junior Must provisions, employees of the other departments shall have the preference in filling vacancies or new appointments before new employees are hired, provided they are qualified. This section does not apply to employees working under Agreement #7.2.
- **14.16** In case of emergency, an employee may be transferred temporarily to another sub-department of the Maintenance of Way service. Employees may also be transferred temporarily for extra gang work, to construction department, or on the opening of new lines, without losing their seniority standing and transfer will be given in writing, if requested. Transfers, if extended beyond one year, shall be subject to agreement between TCRC-MWED President and the appropriate officer of the company.
- **14.17**(a) An employee holding seniority under this Agreement who works in a classification not specified in this Agreement for a

period of 12 consecutive months will have their former permanent position bulletined as permanent.

(b) A vacancy created as a result of an employee being absent account illness or injury, which is required to be filled, will be considered as temporary for up to one year. Should the employee not return to work within a period of one year, the position, if still required, will then be advertised as permanent unless otherwise mutually agreed between the proper officer of the Company and the TCRC-MWED Director. If such employee returns to work after one year, they will be required to exercise displacement rights.

### **Positions Not Subject to Rules of Promotion**

- **14.18** Modified duty assignments at highway or railway (non-interlocked) crossing are not subject to the general rules for promotion. These positions are intended to provide for employees who become unfit for other service, and shall be assigned to such employees in the maintenance of way department unless mutually agreed otherwise between the TCRC-MWED President and the appropriate officer of the company.
- **14.19** Modified duty assignments at each location shall have preference of shift, based on seniority as watchmen, provided that by mutual agreement between local committees and representatives of the Company, rotation of shift may be arranged.
- **14.20** In the event of reduction of forces in positions mentioned in Clause 14.18, the employee with the longest service under this Agreement shall have preference of employment. It is understood, however, that an able-bodied employee may be displaced by a disabled employee under the provisions of Clause 14.18

NOTE: See Understanding No. 9.

**NOTE:** In the application of Sections 14.18 and 14.20 see letter dated April 26, 1982. "Special Arrangements for an Employee Who Becomes Physically Disabled"

- **14.21** When employees submit their bids in isolated areas on the Island Falls Subdivision they will fill out the form provided to indicate that they have submitted a bid.
- **14.22** Notwithstanding the Filling Truck Driver Positions LOU and article 14.15, positions may be filled externally after they have been posted two times with no applicants. External applicants filling these positions will also be placed on the Track Technician seniority list.

#### Staff Reduction and Recall

- **15.1** Not less than ten working days' advance notice with a subsequent 10 day window will be given when regularly assigned positions are to be abolished, except in the event of a strike or work stoppage by employees in the Railway Industry, in which case a shorter notice may be given. Such notice will include, when known, the expected duration of temporary abolishments. A copy will be provided to the Local Chairman.
- **15.2** Except as otherwise provided in Clauses 14.4 and 14.10, an employee whose position is abolished or who is displaced or notified he is to be displaced due to a reduction in staff may displace a junior employee in their classification or, within five calendar days, if qualified, displace a junior employee in a lower class or group in which they had established seniority. An employee failing to exercise their seniority in accordance with this provision, unless prevented by illness or other cause for which bona fide leave of absence has been granted, shall forfeit their seniority under this Agreement.
- **15.3** When staff is increased or when vacancies of 22 days or more occur, laid off employees shall be recalled to service in seniority order in their respective classifications. Failure to respond to such call within 15 days of the date an employee is notified at their last known address shall result in severance of employment relationship, unless satisfactory reason is given.

Employees recalled to active duty will be notified by telephone either on a Tuesday or Wednesday and will have until Friday 10:00 a.m. of that week to return the call for placement. If the employee does not return the call within this timeframe the Company may call the next senior employee. In accordance with the Preferred Locations LOU, employees that return the call after Thursday at 12:00 a.m. may not end up in their preference and will be required to fill a vacancy. The first employee will be contacted again the following week to start work the next work cycle. The same procedure as above will apply.

- **15.4** Temporary positions or temporary vacancies of under 30 days' duration shall be filled in seniority order by qualified laid off employees living at or near the work location, provided they are immediately available. Laid off employees shall not be required to accept recall to vacancies of less than 22 days when they have steady employment elsewhere.
- **15.5** A laid off employee who desires to return to the service when work is available for him/her must keep the proper officer advised of his address and telephone number, in order that he may be readily located.

## **SECTION 16**

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# SECTION 17

# **Manning New Lines or Extensions**

**17.1** Preference in manning new lines or extensions shall be given to employees on promotion territories from which the new lines divert.

### Discipline

**18.1** No employee shall be suspended (except for investigation), disciplined or discharged until a fair and impartial investigation has been conducted and his responsibility established.

Minor incidents will be handled by use of an informal investigation procedure.

## **Informal Investigations**

- **18.2**(a) Investigations of minor incidents will be handled as quickly as possible and subsequently reviewed with the employee(s) concerned.
- (b) In cases where the assessment of discipline is warranted, the employee will be advised in writing within 28 calendar days from the date the incident is reviewed with him unless otherwise mutually agreed. A copy of the disciplinary letter will be sent to the TCRC-MWED Director on the property and the Local Chairman. A maximum of 10 demerits may be issued in an informal investigation.
- (c) When an employee is notified of the conclusions reached by the Company, and of the discipline assessed, if any, he shall, if such are not acceptable to him, have the right to exercise one of the following options:
  - (i) if they are not in accord with the conclusions reached by the Company they may, within 20 calendar days of receipt of such notification, so advise the proper officer of the Company and request a formal investigation under the procedures set forth in Section 3 hereof; or

(ii) if they accepts the conclusions reached by the Company but they are not in accord with the discipline assessed, they may initiate an appeal of the discipline in accordance with the grievance procedure of the Collective Agreement, but commencing with Step II.

## **Formal Investigations**

#### **18.3**(a) A formal investigation will be held:

- (i) In the case of an employee committing an alleged dismissible offense;
- (ii) When an employee is alleged to have committed a minor offense where the seriousness of such offense might warrant discipline to the extent that when added to their current record could result in discharge for accumulation of demerit marks;
- (iii) When an employee is alleged to have been involved in a major incident;
- (iv) When an employee is involved in an incident where the need for information and appropriate documentation is required by order, regulation or Company requirements.
- (b) When required to attend a formal investigation, an employee will be given at least 48 hours' notice in writing. The notice will include the date, time, place and subject matter of the hearing.
- (c) Where an employee wishes to have an \*accredited representative appear with him/her at a hearing and such a representative cannot be made available for the time set for the hearing, the employee, either directly or through an accredited representative, may seek a delay in the hearing sufficient for the Union to have an accredited representative made available. Concurrence to such a request will not be unreasonably withheld by the proper officer of the Company. Application of this provision will not result in a need for a second notice period under the terms of Item (b) above.

\* For the purposes of the provision, the following Brotherhood Officers will be considered accredited representatives:

TCRC-MWED President, TCRC MWED Director Local Chairmen, and Grievance Representatives

- (d) Where an employee so wishes, accredited an representative may appear with him/her at the hearing. Prior to the commencement of the hearing, the employee will be provided with a copy of all the written evidence as well as any oral evidence which has been recorded and which has a bearing on their involvement. The employee and their accredited representative will have the right to hear all of the evidence submitted and will be given an opportunity through the presiding officer to ask questions of the witnesses (including Company Officers where necessary) whose evidence may have a bearing on their involvement. The questions and answers will be recorded and the employee and their accredited representative will be furnished with a copy of the statement
- (e) If corrective action is to be taken, the employee will be so notified in writing of the Company's decision within 28 calendar days from the completion of the employee's investigation, unless otherwise mutually agreed. Such notification will be given at the same time or after the employee is personally interviewed by the appropriate Company Officer(s) unless the employee is not available for such an interview within the time limit prescribed.
- (f) An employee may be held out of service with pay pending the complete investigation and notice provided to the Local Chairperson.
- (g) Except as otherwise mutually agreed, the investigation officer shall be an individual who is in the best position to develop all of the relevant facts, provided such individual is not emotionally involved with the incident.
- (h) Third Party Investigations. The parties agree to modify Section 18 of the Collective Agreement as follows when a third party investigator is retained by ONTC to investigate

- allegations of harassment, violence and/or human rights violations.
- 1) The investigator shall record a full statement (in a Q&A format) from the employee being investigated and shall have them review and sign off on this statement. A copy of this statement will be given to the employee and to the TCRC MWED Representative (Union Rep).
- 2) The investigator shall record a full statement (in a Q&A format) from other persons interviewed & shall have them sign off on this statement. Copies of all such statements will be shared with the employee under investigation and the Union Rep TCRC-MWED Director. All persons involved in a statement will be required to sign a confidentiality agreement. In the event that there is concern regarding the safety of any employee, the TCRC MWED Director and company official will develop a plan to ensure that all employees remain safe and free from retaliation. In order to maintain the strictest of confidentiality, the statements referred to in this paragraph 2) shall be returned to the investigator or designated HR representative until such time that discipline, if any, is issued against the employee, Should discipline be issued a copy of all evidence/statements will be provided to the Union Rep. for the express purpose of the Union's consideration in regard to the possible processing of a grievance on behalf of the employee at step 2 of the grievance procedure.
- 3) The investigator will ask the employee being investigated and the Union Rep. whether they have any questions that the investigator should be asking other persons who may be interviewed, including the Complainant.
- 4) The investigator may reach conclusions and make recommendations, which ONTC will take into account in rendering the Company's decision. ONTC need not conduct its own investigation once the investigator's report has been shared the Employee and Union. A copy of any conclusions and recommendations made by the investigator will be included in the evidence provided to the

Union for their consideration in processing a grievance provided the employee being represented has given consent.

Note: This article is not intended to conflict with Company Policies

- **18.4**(a) Any written reprimand, warning or caution, or the like, will be removed from the employee's record following a period of 10 months of discipline-free performance from the date of such written reprimand, warning or caution, or the like.
- (b) Demerit marks will be removed from the employee's record following a period of 12 months of discipline-free performance from the date of such demerit marks, to a maximum of 20 demerits.

Suspension or the like will be removed from the employee's record following a period of 12 months of discipline-free performance from the date of such suspension or the like.

(c) Discipline will be expunged from an employee's personnel record following a period of 48 months of discipline-free performance.

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#### Grievances

**18.6** A grievance concerning the interpretation or alleged violation of this Agreement, or an appeal by an employee who believes they has been unjustly dealt with shall be handled in the following manner:

## Step I

The aggrieved employee, the Local Chairman or their duly authorized representative shall present the grievance in writing to their immediate supervisor within 28 calendar days from the date of the cause of the grievance and a decision shall be rendered in writing within 28 calendar days of receipt of the grievance.

#### Step II

Within 28 calendar days of receiving the decision under Step I, the TCRC-MWED Director or the Local Chairman may appeal the decision in writing to the Director Rail Infrastructure. A decision shall be rendered in writing within 28 calendar days of receipt of the appeal.

- **18.7** A grievance under Clause 18.6 shall include a written statement of the grievance and where it concerns the interpretation of alleged violation of the Collective Agreement, the statement shall identify the section and paragraph of the section involved.
- **18.8** A grievance not progressed within the time limits specified shall be considered settled on the basis of the last decision and shall not be subject to further appeal. Where a decision is not rendered by the appropriate officer of the Company within the time limits specified, the grievance may be progressed to the next step in the grievance procedure, except as otherwise provided in Clause 18.9.
- **18.9** Where, in the case of a grievance based on a claim for unpaid wages, a decision is not rendered by the designated officer of the Company as outlined in Clause 18.6 within the prescribed time limits specified, the claim will be paid. The application of this clause shall not constitute an interpretation of the Collective Agreement.
- **18.10** Time limits referred to in Clause 18.6 may be extended by mutual agreement between the parties referred to in each such step.

## **SECTION 19**

# **Final Disposition of Grievances**

**19.1** When a grievance concerning the interpretation or alleged violation of this Agreement or Supplemental Agreements has not been settled at Step Two of the grievance procedure, the Union or the Company may, within 10 calendar days from the date of the

Company's decision at Step Two, request pre-arbitration meeting, to be arranged through the Labour Relations Department.

- **19.2** The meeting will be held not later than 14 calendar days following the receipt of the above request. If such meeting is not requested, the Union or the Company must notify the other party in writing within the time limit specified in Rule 19.1 of its intention to proceed directly to arbitration with the grievance. If a prearbitration meeting fails to resolve the matter, it will be regarded as proceeding directly to arbitration in accordance with the following provisions.
- **19.3** When a grievance has been identified as proceeding to arbitration by either party, it must be scheduled for hearing with the Canadian Office of Railway Arbitration within 60 calendar days of the notification to proceed to arbitration or following the date the parties were unable to resolve the matter at a pre-arbitration meeting. Failure to schedule the grievance for arbitration within such period will result in the matter being considered dropped and not subject to further appeal.
- **19.4** A request for arbitration shall be made by filing written notice thereof with the Canadian Railway Office of Arbitration in accordance with the procedure established by the Canadian Railway Office of Arbitration.
- **19.5** The settlement of a grievance shall not under any circumstances involve retroactive pay beyond a period of 60 calendar days prior to the date such grievance was submitted to the immediate supervisory officer in accordance with Clause 18.6.
- 19.6 The arbitrator shall not have jurisdiction to add to, subtract from, modify, rescind, or disregard any of the provisions of the Collective Agreement or Supplemental Agreements. Disputes arising out of proposed changes in rates of pay, work hours and conditions of service, modifications or additions to this Collective Agreement are specifically excluded from the jurisdiction of the arbitrator. The arbitrator, however, in respect of a grievance involving a penalty, shall be entitled to modify such penalty as in the opinion of the arbitrator is just and equitable.

- **19.7** Upon official notice, all reasonable arrangements will be made to permit the arbitrator to have access to the work place to view the disputed operations and to confer with the necessary witnesses.
- **19.8** Both parties agree to furnish each other with copies of documented evidence reasonably anticipated to be used in the presentation of their prospective cases before the arbitrator.

The parties further agree to furnish each other with copies of reported and unreported arbitration awards and court decisions they intend to rely on at the hearings. Such documentation, awards, and decisions will be furnished at least seven days prior to the hearings. The purpose of this is to eliminate the element of surprise in relation to documented evidence and unreported arbitration awards and court decisions.

**19.9** Prior to the adjudication of final disposition of grievances by the highest designated authorities as herein provided and while questions of grievances are pending there will be neither a shutdown by the employer nor a suspension of work by the employees.

#### **SECTION 20**

# **Leave of Absence and Transportation**

- **20.1**(a) Employees shall be granted leave of absence and passes, or reduced rates, in accordance with the general regulations or practice of the Company.
- (b) If an employee is granted leave of absence, concurred in by the TCRC-MWED Director, for a period of six months or less, they may retain their position for that period. If their leave of absence is extended beyond six months, their position will be bulletined vacant at once and they may retain their seniority for an additional six months after which time their employment relationship is terminated. This is not intended to apply in cases of sickness and/or disability which are, in the opinion of the Chief Engineer and the TCRC-MWED Director, bona fide.

- (c) Upon notification, an employee who must serve a period of incarceration as a result of a conviction arising from the operation or use of a motor vehicle, shall be granted a leave of absence without pay up to three (3) months in order to serve the period of incarceration. Such period of leave will not be credited towards accumulation of service.
- **20.2**(a) Leave of absence and free transportation shall be granted to members of duly appointed committees for the adjustment of matters in dispute between the Company and the employees and/or to act as a delegate to Union activity, within 10 days after request in writing has been made to the proper officer.
- (b) Employees elected or appointed to a Union position of Local Chairman or higher shall be granted leave of absence for the term of office. Applications for, or renewal of such leaves must be made by the Union to the President. An employee who is on authorized leave of absence for Union activities will continue to hold and accumulate seniority previously established. Upon returning to the scheduled ranks, he may exercise his full seniority accordingly.
- **20.3** Employees shall, if desired, be granted leave of absence and free transportation in accordance with Company policy to attend their meetings. Such free transportation shall not extend beyond the system. Leave under this provision will be allowed provided that good service can be maintained and provided the Company is not put to any additional expense.
- **20.4** Employees laid off through reduction, when re-engaged within one year, shall be granted free transportation on the system to place of work.
- **20.5** Opportunity and free transportation shall be given to employees for getting to their place of residence at weekends, when such leave will not interfere with the prosecution of the work.
- **20.6** Upon request of foreman made with consent of employees in the gang and approval of the proper officer of the Company, special arrangements may be made to vary starting times on

Friday and/or Monday to permit employees to travel to and from home.

- **20.7** When employees move from one point to another by order of the Company, or in the exercise of their seniority rights, their household effects shall be transported free of charge.
- **20.8** Where an automobile mileage allowance is paid, the Company's policy will apply.

## Mileage allowance to apply as follows:

- 1. When the employee is required to use his vehicle to attend training the employee will be paid mileage from his home location to the training location.
- 2. When an individual who has reported to a gang to which he was assigned is asked to report to another gang mid week.
- 3. When headquarters of a gang or a machine changes work locations mid week.

The above is not applicable if the gang movement is closer to the individual's home.

# 20.9 Travel allowance: (See 21.9 h)

- Qualification requirements under LOU Rest Day Travel remain in effect.
- Applies (to drivers and passengers) when driving or traveling in a personal vehicle to/from home location to/from special work site on scheduled days off.
- The relocation of home location must be supported by a change of address, change of telephone number when applicable, and a photo copy of their drivers license depicting their new address, where applicable.

#### 20.10 Employees Filling Temporary Vacancies in Moosonee

All employees filling these temporary vacancies shall be paid up to eight (8) hours straight time when required to travel by train into Moosonee on a regularly scheduled work day.

All employees filling these temporary vacancies shall be paid 3 hours straight time when required to travel by train from Moosonee at the end of their work cycle.

#### **SECTION 21**

#### Meals and Lodging

- **21.1** Employees called to work outside of their regular working limits, requiring their absence beyond regular working hours, shall be supplied with boarding car or given an opportunity to procure meals when necessary, no employee shall be required to work more than five hours without food.
- **21.2** Employees boarding in Company or contractor's outfits shall not be required to pay for meals.
- **21.3** Where it has heretofore been the practice in boarding outfits, one employee shall be allowed one hour for cooking dinner and one hour for cooking supper. This will not apply where meals are furnished by boarding car contractor or where a foreman is boarding the employees.
- **21.4** In large gangs time will be increased sufficiently for him/her to perform this duty. Foremen shall be held responsible if there is any excess time devoted to cooking. Employees performing in this service shall not be paid for time in excess of that period on any day to other labourers in their gang. Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 21.4, the Company may elect to employ a suitable cook.
- 21.5 When it can be done without in any way interfering with the work, employees shall be permitted to take meals at their homes.

**21.6** Bridge and building road gang cars, welding gang and extra gang foreman's cars or other cars generally used throughout the year, will be equipped with clean mattresses, and with end doors if required, and as conditions permit such cars as are not fitted with sleeping car type berths will be equipped with steel bunks with springs, and the number of bunks per car will be regulated in accordance with the governing legislation.

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- **21.9** Employees required to be absent from their home location overnight, will be entitled to claim expenses if they meet one of the following criteria
- Filling temporary assignments, including seasonal assignments and PMO positions not being worked by the Permanent Incumbent.
- Filling any assignment when they cannot hold an equal or greater rate of pay (including premiums) at their Home Location. This will include employees at date of ratification who's permanent position is not at or within 56 kms of their home location until they have the opportunity to obtain a permanent position at their home location.
- To establish seniority in any classification they do not currently hold
  Employees forced to a position will be entitled to expenses regardless of distance, kilometres threshold would not apply.

Expenses may be claimed without producing receipts as follows:

a) \$45.00 for meals for each day the employees are scheduled for work at the discretion of the Company at locations where bunkhouses, boarding cars or other Company supplied premises with batching facilities are provided. \$55.00 for meals where batching facilities are not provided.

## Meal Allowance without Batching Facilities

Breakfast	Lunch	Supper	Total
11.75	14.75	28.50	55

- b) Per Diem expenses to \$135.00 for meals, lodging, and travel for each day employees are required by the Company to work at locations and where bunkhouses, boarding cars or other premises are not provided. If employees are staying in Moosonee and Company premises are not available, they will be entitled to claim their hotel cost plus meal expenses. For Rouyn, employees will have the option of a per diem or company supplied hotel/motel, if bunkhouses are not available. If the company supplies hotel/motel, 21.9a will apply. This provision for Rouyn will also apply in the protection of seniority. Employees entitled to expenses in accordance with 21.9(e), when staying in Kirkland Lake, Timmins, Hearst and North Bay will have the option of a per diem or a Company supplied hotel/motel. If the company supplies hotel/motel, 21.9(a) will apply.
- c) Employees who work four hours or more of overtime continuous with regular hours will be entitled to claim a snack allowance of \$4.50 (i.e.: after 12 hours on duty for employees regularly assigned to 8 hour shifts and after 14 hours on duty for employees regularly assigned to 10 hour shifts).
- d) The Company retains the right to determine which of the foregoing will apply or by mutual agreement with the employee, where reasonable distances are involved, pay the employee the going mileage rate to travel to and from his home location provided such distance is 56 kilometres or more from his home location by the most direct route.
- e) The per diem payment for expenses provided for under subparagraph (a) and (b) will supersede any form of living, meals and/or transportation expense allowances which are currently provided by the Company.
- f) Whenever possible, without affecting productivity, personal vehicles of employees not living in boarding cars will be moved to the new headquarters during regular working hours.

In those situations where it is necessary for employees to retrieve their personal vehicle after hours, the driver of the Company or personal vehicle used to transport the employees back to their vehicle will be paid at overtime rates and the passengers will be paid at straight time rate for the return trip. If on the return trip a personal vehicle is used, Article 20.8 applies. For those employees living in boarding cars, Article 11.3 of the Agreement applies.

**NOTE**: Reimbursement may be made through the direct deposit payroll system once per pay period by adding it to the regular wages as a separate item.

g) Employees who work 2 hours or more in excess of their normal scheduled shift will receive a supper meal allowance outlined in 21.9. For example, if an employee is normally scheduled to work 8 hours they will receive a supper meal allowance if they work 10 hours or more. If an employee is normally scheduled to work 10 hours they will receive a supper meal allowance if they work 12 hours or more.

It is understood that employees who are currently receiving compensation for meal allowances or who are receiving meals provided by the Employer, will not receive any additional compensation as a result of this clause.

# h) Rest Day Travel

Personal vehicle – If a personal vehicle is required for travel, a mileage allowance will be paid to drivers and passengers from home location to assembly point. The mileage allowance will be paid as follows:

Per Kilometer Rate
39 cents

Employees shall be entitled to mileage allowance for traveling to and from headquarters each work cycle.

Other than work crews, employees cannot receive mileage if work is available in the same classification less than 56 kms from

their home location, unless they meet the requirements for expense entitlements in 21.9

**21.10** During a derailment or other emergency work, all employees called to such services will be provided meals by the Company.

#### **SECTION 22**

# **Attending Court or Investigations**

**22.1** Employees attending court or investigations at the request of the proper officer of the Company, or required to attend inquests in which the Company is concerned, will be paid at schedule rates for each day lost, and reasonable expenses actually incurred while away from home. This will not apply where employees are required for examinations for promotion, disability, to meet legal requirements, or in connection with irregularities for which they are found to be responsible. Any fee or mileage accruing will be assigned to the Railway.

# **Jury Duty**

22.2 An employee who is summoned/subpoenaed for jury duty or court attendance (not as a plaintiff, defendant or voluntary witness) and is required to lose time from their scheduled assignment shall be paid for actual straight time lost with a maximum of one basic day's pay at straight time rate of their assigned position, for each day lost. Any amounts paid by the court for attendance, excluding meal, lodging and transportation costs, shall be remitted to the Company. To qualify for such payments the employee must furnish the Company with a statement from the court requiring attendance, jury/witness allowances paid, and the days which attendance was required. An employee who has been allotted their vacation dates may reschedule such vacation because they are called for jury duty.

#### **SECTION 23**

#### **Bereavement Leave**

**23.1** Upon the death of an employee's spouse, child, parent, brother or sister, the employee shall be entitled to five days bereavement leave without loss of pay provided they has not less than three months cumulative compensated service.

Upon the death of an employee's step-parent, step-brother, step-sister, grandparent, spouse's grandparent, grandchild, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, father-in-law, or mother-in-law, the employee shall be entitled to three days' bereavement leave without loss of pay provided they has not less than three month's cumulative compensated service.

- **23.2** It is the intent of this Article to provide for the granting of leave from work on the occasion of a death as aforesaid, and for the payment of their regular wages for that period to the employee to whom leave is granted.
- 23.3 An employee who, while on scheduled vacation, becomes eligible for bereavement leave will be able to reschedule the vacation days affected by the bereavement leave. Such vacation will be taken at a time mutually agreeable to the Company and the employee.

**NOTE**: In the application of this Article "employee's spouse" means the person who is legally married to the employee and who is residing with or supported by the employee provided that, if there is no legally married spouse, it means the person that qualifies as a spouse under the definition of that word in Section 2(1) of the Canadian Human Rights Benefits Regulations, as long as such person is residing with the employee.

**NOTE**: An employee may request to postpone their bereavement leave to enable the employee to attend memorial service that may take place after the time of death. When bona fide situation of this nature exists, the supervisor or Manager will give appropriate consideration to such request.

## **SECTION 24**

# **Vacation with Pay**

#### 24.1

Full Years of Continuous Employment Relationship at the Beginning of the Calendar Year	Proration	Annual Maximum Vacation Entitlement (in days)	
< 3 years	1 vacation day with pay for each 25 compensated working days or major portion thereof in the preceding calendar year	10 days	
3 years to 6 years	vacation day with pay for each 16.67 compensated working days or major portion thereof in the preceding calendar year	15 days	
7 years to 14 years	1 vacation day with pay for each 12.5 compensated working days or major portion thereof in the preceding calendar year	20 days	
15 years to 24 years	vacation day with pay for each 10 compensated working days or major portion thereof in the preceding calendar year	25 days	
25 years or greater	1 vacation day with pay for each 8.33 compensated working days or major portion thereof in the preceding calendar year	30 days	

- **24.2** In the application of Clause 24.1 25 years or greater, the Company will have the option of:
  - (i) Scheduling an employee for five weeks' vacation with the employee being paid for the sixth week at pro rata rates; or
  - (ii) Splitting the vacation on the basis of five weeks and one week.
- **24.3** A year's service is defined as 250 days of cumulative compensated service.

- **24.4** In computing service under Clauses 24.1, days worked in any position covered by similar vacation agreements shall be accumulated for the purpose of qualifying for vacation with pay.
- **24.5** Provided an employee renders compensated working service in any calendar year, time off duty, account bona fide illness, injury, authorized pregnancy leave, to attend committee meetings, called to court as a witness or for uncompensated jury duty, not exceeding a total of 100 days in any calendar year, shall be included in the computation of service in that year for vacation purposes.
- **24.6** An employee who, while on annual vacation, becomes ill or is injured, shall have the right to terminate (temporarily) their vacation and be placed on weekly indemnity. An employee who is again fit for duty shall immediately so inform the Company officer in charge and will continue their vacation if within their scheduled dates. If the remaining vacation falls outside the employees' scheduled dates, such vacation will be rescheduled as may be mutually agreed between the proper officer of the Company and the authorized Local Union representative.
- **24.7** An employee who, due to sickness or injury, is unable to take or complete their annual vacation in that year shall, at the option of the employee, have the right to have such vacation carried to the following year, however such vacation must be exhausted by March 31 of that year.
- 24.8 An employee who is entitled to vacation shall take same at the time scheduled. If, however, it becomes necessary for the Company to reschedule an employee's scheduled vacation dates, they shall be given at least 15 working days' advance notice of such rescheduling and will be paid at the rate of time and one-half their regular rate of wages for all work performed during the scheduled vacation period. The rescheduled vacation with pay to which they are entitled will be granted at a mutually agreed upon later date.

This Clause 24.12 does not apply where rescheduling is a result of an employee exercising their seniority to a position covered by another vacation schedule.

- **24.9** An employee will be compensated for vacation at the rate of pay they would have earned had they not been on vacation during such period.
- **24.10** An employee terminating their employment for any reason at a time when an unused period of vacation with pay stands to their credit shall be allowed vacation calculated to the date of their leaving the service, as provided for in Clause 24.1 and if not granted shall be allowed pay in lieu thereof.
- **24.11** An employee who is laid off shall be paid for any vacation due him/her at the beginning of the current calendar year and not previously taken, and if not subsequently recalled to service during such year shall, upon application, be allowed pay in lieu of any vacation due him/her at the beginning of the following calendar year.
- **24.12** An employee who leaves the service of their own accord or who is dismissed for cause and not reinstated in their former seniority standing within two years of date of such dismissal shall, if subsequently returned to the service, be required to again qualify for vacation with pay as provided in Clause 24.1.
- **24.13** An employee who has become entitled to vacation with pay shall be granted such vacation within a 12-month period immediately following the completion of the calendar year of employment in respect of which the employee became entitled to the vacation.
- **24.14** Applications for vacation from employees filed between December 15th of the previous year and March 15th, shall insofar as it is practicable to do so be given preference in order of seniority. Vacation must be taken in increments of a minimum of forty (40) hours, unless mutually agreed otherwise between the employee and the company. Such mutual agreement will not be unreasonably withheld. Applicants applying between December 15th of the previous year and January 31 will have preference over later applicants. Applicants will be advised in April of the dates allotted them and unless otherwise mutually agreed, employees must take their vacation at the time allotted.

- **Note 1**: When a general holiday falls on an employees' scheduled vacation day, the scheduled amount of vacation may be reduced accordingly.
- **Note 2**: Employees with 20 days or more vacation will be allowed to take 40 hours vacation in 1 day or more random increments, subject to the requirements of service. Such requests must be made in advance to the immediate supervisor. If the current medical leave and personal leave provisions decrease by at least 40 hours (5 days), this will revert back to 80 hours.
- **24.15** Unless otherwise mutually agreed, employees who do not apply for vacation prior to February 1st shall be required to take their vacation at a time to be prescribed by the Company.
- **24.16** Employees desiring an advance vacation payment must make application for same not later than five weeks prior to commencing their vacation.

The advance vacation payment shall be 4% of the employee's previous years' earnings, less an appropriate amount (approximately 30%) to cover standard deductions.

- **24.17** Machine Operators will be paid at a Machine Operator's rate if they take vacation outside of the Work Program season.
- **24.18** Employees are eligible for overtime on rest days prior to, but not at the end their vacations. If the vacation extends beyond one week, employees will not be eligible on intermediate rest days.
- **24.19** Employees going on vacation will only be eligible for overtime calls on the rest days immediately prior to the vacation period and not prior to them returning to their next regular shift.

For employees transferred to the Work Service Agreement during the Extra Gang season who take their vacation AFTER the work season, the rate will be established based on the majority of shifts during the work season. When the vacation is taken PRIOR to the start of the work season, the rate will be established based on the majority of shifts in the prior work season.

# **SECTION 25**

# Rates of Pay

#### Effective Jan. 1/25

	JAN 1/25	JAN 1/26	JAN 1/27
	2.50%	2.00%	2.00%
B & B FOREMAN	39.689	40.483	41.293
BEAVER DAM CONTROL FOREMEN	38.183	38.947	39.726
BEAVER DAM CONTROL LEAD HAND	32.475	33.125	33.788
RAIL LUBRICATOR FOREMAN	38.127	38.890	39.668
TRACK MAINTENANCE FOREMAN - 0-7 MEN	38.543	39.314	40.100
TRACK MAINTENANCE FOREMAN - 8* MEN	39.620	40.412	41.220
ASST TRACK MAINTENANCE FOREMAN	35.882	36.600	37.332
TRACK MTCE FOREMAN - UNTRAINED	33.403	34.071	34.752
ASST TRACK MTCE FOREMAN- UNTRAINED	32.512	33.162	33.825
EXTRA GANG FOREMEN - LEVEL 1	42.122	42.964	43.823
EXTRA GANG FOREMEN - LEVEL 2	39.620	40.412	41.220
EXTRA GANG FOREMEN - LEVEL 3	38.868	39.645	40.438
TRACK TECHNICIAN (Qualified or 12 Months)	32.475	33.125	33.788
TRACK TECHNICIAN (Thereafter 6 Months)	30.110	30.712	31.326
TRACK TECHNICIAN (0-120 Days)	25.742	26.257	26.782
BOOM TRUCK OPERATOR (Ticketed)	38.543	39.314	40.100
FLAGGING FOREMAN	34.139	34.822	35.518

**NOTE:** Pay rates are based on the successful completion of the training program specified in Section 26.

**NOTE**: 250 days' work, including probationary period specified in Clause 13.1 shall constitute one year's service

#### Shift Differentials

- **25.2** Effective January 01, 2025 employees whose regularly assigned shifts commence between 1400 and 2159 hours shall receive a shift differential of \$1.00 per hour, and employees whose regularly assigned shifts commence between 2200 and 0559 hours shall receive a shift differential of \$1.10 per hour. Overtime shall not be calculated on the shift differential nor shall the shift differential be paid for paid absence from duty such as vacations, general holidays, etc.
- **25.3** Four or more years' experience as a helper with the Railway will count, upon promotion to the mechanics' classification, as two years' experience as a mechanic.
- **25.4** The minimum hourly rate for probationary employees as defined in Clause 13.1 shall be specified in Clause 25.1 (c) and (d).

This Clause 25.4 does not apply in respect of employees who on entering the service can show evidence of six months' service in similar work on any Railway.

An employee who, on entering the service can show evidence that they has had six months' service as a Track Technician on any Railway will receive the rate of track technician 7 - 24 months.

An employee who, on entering the service can show evidence that they has, in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 hereof, received the training and is qualified in any of the classifications referred to in Clause 25.1 (a) or (b), shall upon filling a position in such classifications be paid the rate applicable to qualified employees in those classifications.

**25.5** On Railways and in territories where Maintenance of Way Employees are assigned exclusively to steel bridge work, rail and reclamation plants, or other work of a special nature for which seniority territories are established by agreement between the TCRC-MWED President and officers of the Railway under the provisions of Clause 13.7, the rates to be paid and any special conditions shall be mutually agreed upon between the TCRC-MWED President and the proper officer of the Railway.

- **25.6** Employees temporarily assigned to higher-rated positions shall receive the higher rates in accordance with Clauses 25.1 and 26.5, while occupying such positions.
- **25.7** Employees temporarily assigned to lower-rated positions shall not have their rates reduced.

## **Compensation for Additional Positions or Classifications**

**25.8** When additional positions or classifications are created, compensation shall be fixed in conformity with agreed rates for similar positions or by agreement between TCRC-MWED President and officers of the Railway.

## **SECTION 26**

#### Training (Track Forces Only)

- **26.1** Employees taking training under this Training Program shall, for the purpose of this Agreement, be designated as follows:
- (a) **Regular Employee**: An employee holding a position as an Extra Gang Foreman, an Assistant Extra Gang Foreman, a Track Maintenance Foreman, an Assistant Track Maintenance Foreman, or a Track Technician, prior to January 1, 1978, or an employee being qualified as a Track Technician pursuant to paragraph (b) below.
- (b) **Trainee**: An employee establishing seniority as a Track Technician on or after January 1, 1978. Such employee shall be regarded as a Trainee until they becomes fully qualified as a Track Technician, after which they will be regarded as a regular employee.
- **26.2** A Regular Employee will be required to take training and attempt the qualifying tests in all classifications in which they holds seniority. In instances where an employee requests that they not be required to take training because of particular circumstances, their case will be reviewed by the TCRC-MWED President or their authorized representative, and proper officer of the Company. In

the event such employee does not take training, they will not be entitled to the higher rate.

A Regular Employee holding seniority in a higher classification, who fails to qualify in such higher classification, shall retain seniority in such classification until they relinquishes it in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

**26.3** A Regular Employee will not be permitted to apply for or take training for promotion until they has successfully completed the qualifying tests in their present classification.

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- **26.5** The Company shall determine the order in which employees will receive their training. The selection will be based on seniority order to the extent practicable. However, a senior employee shall not lose seniority in a higher classification to a junior employee when, through no fault of their own, such senior employee has not had the opportunity to take training and qualify. Until they takes training, such senior employee shall, while occupying a position in a higher classification, be paid the rate applicable to qualified employees.
- **26.6** An employee selected for training must attend and actively participate in all training sessions.
- **26.7** While in training, an employee will be paid at the rate of pay they would have received had they not been in training and will be allowed away-from-home location expenses in accordance with Section 21.9. Time spent travelling, outside of regular working hours, up to a maximum of 13 hours in any day will be paid to employees directed by the Company to attend training at any away-from-home location. No time will be paid to those employees required to travel less thaqn 56 kilometres to the training location.
- **26.8** When regular rest days coincide with the classroom training session, other rest days off will be given without loss of pay.

- **26.9** If, through mutual agreement in writing between the employee and the appropriate Company officer an employee's annual vacation is rescheduled to enable him/her to attend the Training Program, the provisions of Clause 24.12 shall not apply and the employee affected shall be granted their vacation at a mutually convenient later date.
- **26.10** The Company shall provide each employee taking training with textbooks and/or written material required for training which will remain the property of the Company and must be returned on request or on leaving Maintenance of Way service.
- **26.11** Employees will, when required, assist other employees to learn and understand the various aspects of their jobs.
- **26.12** The requirements for qualification in each classification, the training and corresponding tests to be given will be established by the Company. The TCRC MWED President will be given an opportunity to review written course material to be used in the training program.

Track Maintenance Course > prior to appointment prior to appointment prior to appointment prior to appointment prior to appointment

Basic First Aid 12 months
Basic CPR 12 months
Track Foreman Course 12 months

**26.13** An employee taking training will be required to take the corresponding oral, practical, and/or written tests. A Trainee who fails a test on the first attempt will be given a second opportunity to pass such test prior to the expiration of two years' cumulative compensated service. A regular employee who fails a test on the first attempt will be given a second opportunity to pass such test within a reasonable period of time.

When training is delayed, employees would not be penalized and would qualify for the higher rate after two years for Track Technicians and one year for Track Maintenance Foremen. Once training has been provided, any employee who fails will have their rates reduced.

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- **26.15** A Regular Employee who fails twice on any test will be considered for further testing on their own time, and providing that the Company is not put to any expense or undue inconvenience. Such employee desiring further testing must apply in writing to their supervisor requesting an appointment.
- **26.16** An employee who fails any test and claims they did not have a proper test may appeal the decision under the provisions of Clause 18.6, starting at Step II.
- **26.17** Notwithstanding the provisions of Clause 13.9, an employee may accept promotion to a higher classification and will be paid the untrained rate, in order of seniority prior to taking training in such classification. An employee so promoted must complete the training and become qualified within 12 months from the date they are promoted to such higher classification or be returned to their former position and forfeit any seniority acquired through such promotion.
- **26.18** An employee will not be required to attempt a particular qualifying test without having had an opportunity to receive the appropriate training or be exposed to that aspect of the job.
- **26.19** An employee who has successfully passed all tests in a classification will receive a card certified by the Chief Engineer. An employee becoming qualified in the classification of Extra Gang Foreman or Track Maintenance Foreman will also receive a diploma certified by the Chief Engineer.
- **26.20** During orientation classroom instruction, the Local Chairman or their delegate shall be allotted an amount of time to address the Trainees.

#### **SECTION 27**

#### **Benefits**

#### Life Insurance Upon Retirement

**27.1** An employee who retires from the service with a Company pension will be provided a \$10,000.00 death benefit. If retirement on pension is earlier than age 65 and an employee's term life insurance extended to age 65, the death benefit will be provided at age 65.

#### **Dental Plan**

**27.2** The Dental Plan shall be that Plan established by the Dental Plan Agreement dated November 30, 1979, as revised, amended or superseded by any Agreement to which the parties to this Collective Agreement are signatories.

## **Employee Benefit Plan**

- **27.3** Refer to the appropriate supplemental agreement for provisions governing:
  - \* Weekly Indemnity
  - \* Medicare Allowances
  - \* Extended Health Care

#### **Continuation of Benefits on Retirement**

- **27.4** Effective June 12, 2015, Health and Welfare benefits including any post-retirement changes applicable to active employees will continue until age 65 for employees:
- a) Retiring with a Company pension and who have 15 years of continuous employment relationship, or
- b) Who qualify for a Disability Pension under Ontario Northland's Pension Plan.

**NOTE**: Employees who retired prior to June 12, 2015 will have continuation of benefits that were applicable upon their retirement date up to age 65.

#### **Injured on Duty**

**27.5** An employee prevented from completing a shift due to a bona fide injury sustained while on duty will be paid for their full shift at straight time rates of pay, unless the employee receives Workers' Compensation benefits for the day of the injury in which case the employee will be paid the difference between such compensation and payment for the full shift.

## **Worker Compensation/Weekly Indemnity**

- 27.6 In order to facilitate the return to active duty, where an employee is deemed fit to return to modified work, by their attending physician, Worker Compensation or the Company physician, they may be assigned, temporarily, to any position anywhere within their home terminal. The intent of this practice is to work towards returning injured and disabled employees to their regular assignment. When dealing with positions or groups of employees whose nature of work takes them throughout the system, then the assignment under this provision shall follow similar practices. In such instances the employee will be compensated their normal basic rate of pay/guarantee or the rate of the temporary assignment, whichever is greater.
- 27.7 In the event that an employee's claim for worker's compensation benefits is challenged either by the Company or the Worker's Compensation Board, or if such claim is delayed for more than two weeks, from the time reported, the employee may apply for Weekly Indemnity benefits. Applications for Weekly Indemnity benefits under this provision will be processed in the normal manner as regular weekly indemnity claims and will be adjudicated in accordance with our weekly indemnity provisions excluding the requirement that the injury/illness cannot be work related. In making application for weekly indemnity benefits under this provision the employee will be required to complete a waiver directing that should the WCB claim be approved, WCB will

reimburse the Company's insurance carrier directly. This means that the employee must submit both parts A and B of the weekly indemnity claim and provide additional information if required.

#### **SECTION 28**

#### **Employment Security and Income Maintenance Plan**

**28.1** The provisions of the current Supplemental Agreement governing the Employment Security and Income Maintenance Plan will apply to employees covered by this Agreement.

#### **SECTION 29**

#### **Certificate of Service**

**29.1** Employees leaving the service of the Railway shall be furnished with certificate of service, if requested.

# **SECTION 30**

#### General

## **Cleaning Latrines**

**30.1** Employees shall not be required to clean out public station latrines or septic tanks.

#### **Stoves in Tool Houses**

**30.2** The use of stoves will be permitted in tool houses.

# Performance of Maintenance of Way Work by Employees Outside of Department

**30.3** Except in cases of emergency or temporary urgency, employees outside of the maintenance of way service shall not be assigned to do work which properly belongs to the maintenance of way department, nor will maintenance of way employees be required to do any work except such as pertains to their division or department of maintenance of way service.

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## **Distribution of Pay Cheques**

- **30.5** Employees will be paid every other Thursday in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreement dated December 20, 1967.
- **30.6** All employees will be required to enroll in mandatory direct deposit.

## **SECTION 31**

# **Applicable to Track Forces Only**

#### **Line of Promotion**

**31.1**(a) The line of promotion for employees in the Track Department shall be as follows:

Track Technician
Assistant Track Maintenance Foreman
Track Maintenance Foreman
\*Extra Gang Foreman

\* Section 14.10 does not apply to these classifications.

#### **Track Technician**

- **31.2**(a) A Track Technician is defined as an employee who has successfully completed the training program for such classification and has passed the qualifying tests as outlined in Section 26.
- (b) The position of Track Technician is to be regarded as one which has been assigned in accordance with the provisions of Section 14.12 and which has been worked, in the preceding eighteen months, by the Track Technician assigned to it or by the senior Track Technician who has displaced him/her.
- (c) A Track Technician who has been laid off on account of reduction of staff and who is unable to exercise displacement rights in accordance with Clause 31.2 (d) shall have preference of employment in order of seniority in any extra gangs.

**NOTE:** See Understanding No. 11.

(d) A Track Technician whose position was abolished will have prior rights to return to their former position if such position is re-established within a period of eighteen months, except that such prior rights will not extend over a Senior Track Technician who has been displaced and is exercising seniority to displace a junior employee.

# **Special Maintenance and Extra Gangs**

**31.3** (a) Track Technician employed in temporary extra gangs to be known as special maintenance gangs, doing section maintenance work, shall be paid the applicable Track Technician rate.

NOTE: See Understanding No. 12.

(b) Section rates of pay shall not apply on large temporary extra gangs employed in ballasting and lifting track where new material has been distributed continuously along the line, relaying rail out of face, lining and other work incidental to such ballasting and relaying rail, or in other work too heavy for regular section gangs to perform.

(c) Extra gangs shall not be used to take the place of regular section gangs.

#### **Section Houses and Dwellings**

- **31.4**(a) Where provided, the Company shall keep bunkhouses in good repair. The Company shall also furnish when required, storm doors, storm windows (for cold sections of the country), and shall also furnish window and door screens when necessary.
- (b) All bunkhouses to include lockable storage (employees to provide lock), high speed internet access, satellite TV or cable and phone service. Each room will be furnished with a dresser and bed. Where possible and when required the Company will begin to replace single beds with a minimum of a full sized bed and frame. Current facilities which cannot accommodate a full sized bed will be exempt, any new or renovated facilities must have full sized beds unless mutually agreed with the TCRC-MWED Director
- (c) Where necessary at outlying points where other living accommodation is not available, suitable quarters for sleeping and eating shall be provided for track forces and/or B & B, which shall be kept in good repair.

**NOTE:** See Letter of Understanding dated Dec. 20/95 "Job Exchange"

(d) Where it is necessary to transport water for the use of the employees living in Company dwellings, good water and suitable receptacles shall be provided. When water is not available in the vicinity, and is not supplied by the Company, it may be obtained on Company time.

# **Special Pay Provisions**

**31.5**(a) Labourers in extra gang engaged practically all year round shall be paid the same rates as track technician.

- (b) A track maintenance foreman required to leave their own section gang or put in charge of a combination of more than two section gangs, to put in switches, lift, line or surface track, shall be paid the rate of track maintenance foreman 8 or more employees.
- (c) Employees who successfully complete the appropriate training program Extra Gang Foreman (1, 2, 3), shall be paid the applicable rate (Levels 1, 2, or 3).

#### **SECTION 32**

## Applicable to B & B Only

## Composition of B & B Gang

- **32.1** A bridge and building gang will be composed of:
- 1st Foreman,
- 2nd Carpenters, who shall be skilled mechanics in house or bench work, and have a proper kit of carpenter's tools,
- 3rd Bridgemen, who shall be rough carpenters capable of performing the duties required with a saw, axe and hammer, and have a general experience in bridge work.
- 4th Bridge and building gang labourers, who shall be capable of performing such work as may be assigned to them.

# Pump Repairs - 179.3 Hour Employees

**32.2**(a) In view of the intermittent character of the work of pump repairers, except as otherwise provided herein, such employees shall be allowed 179.3 hours per four-week period for all work performed during such four-week period. The 179.3 hours per four-week period shall be comprised of 160 straight-time hours and 19.3 hours at time and one-half at the rate to which such employees may be entitled under the provisions of Clause 1 (d) of Article 25.

**NOTE:** When any employee works less than their regular 160 hours in a four-week period, the 19.3 hours referred to in Clause 32.2 (a) will be prorated as per practice currently in effect.

(b) If required to work in excess of 179.3 hours per four-week period, exclusive of time occupied in travelling, such hours will be paid as follows:

Actual overtime hours worked in excess of 160 hours will be accumulated over a twelve-week period.

If these total overtime hours worked exceed 57.9 (comprised of 19.3 hours x 3 four-week periods) such additional hours worked in excess of 57.9 will be paid for at the rate of time and one-half at the conclusion of the twelve-week period.

- (c) Should an employee take a position paid on the basis of Rule 32.2 (a), and remain on such position for a period of less than twelve weeks, the period so engaged will be recognized as the cumulation period for the employee. In such circumstances, overtime compensation will be calculated in relation to the total overtime hours worked prorated over the number of weeks actually engaged during the twelve-week period. This does not apply to employees who work for periods of less than one week.
- (d) They shall be assigned one regular rest day per week, Sunday if possible, and service on such assigned rest day shall be governed by Clauses 9.1 and 11.1 Hours paid for on such assigned rest days shall not be included in computing the 179.3 hours per four-week period.
- (e) Where in regular practice such employees were allowed one day a week off prior to this Agreement, the conditions applicable to such day shall apply to the sixth workday of the workweek and they shall not be required to work on such days except in emergency to make up the 179.3 hours.
- (f) Ordinary maintenance or construction work not heretofore required on Sunday shall not be required on the sixth work day of the work week.

## **Special Pay Provisions**

- **32.3**(a) Carpenters employed in the bridge and building department and who are required to perform cabinet making, planing mill, and coach and locomotive carpenter work shall be paid under the same provisions as for bench carpenters.
- (b) Rates provided for bridge and building gang labourers will not apply to casual labourers temporarily employed as such, provided that regular bridge and building department employees laid off on account of reduction of staff, who take jobs as labourers and are available for service the year round, shall be paid bridge and building gang labourer's rates.
- (c) A bridge and building foreman having their gang increased to twenty employees or over, for the supervision of whose work they are responsible, shall receive sixty (60) cents per day in addition to their regular rate of pay.

NOTE: See Understanding No. 16.

## **SECTION 33**

## Interpretation

**33.1** It is agreed that the Ontario Northland Railway and the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference Maintenance of Way Employees Division representing the maintenance of way employees shall confer promptly upon notice from either party to the other with respect to any questions which may arise regarding the interpretation of this Agreement.

## **SECTION 34**

#### **Deduction of Dues**

**34.1** The Agreement signed at Montreal, Quebec on February7, 1953 by and between the Railways and the respective labour organizations providing in Article 3 for the deduction

of dues is made a part hereto, as Appendix "A", as are subsequent amendments thereto, and employees hereby will be subject to these provisions. **See Appendix "A".Union Dues Agreement** 

## **SECTION 35**

#### Jurisdiction

**35.1** For the carrying out of this Agreement, the Company shall, except as otherwise provided, deal only with duly authorized committees of its maintenance of way employees. At the beginning of each year the TCRC-MWED President will furnish the Company with the names of the committees authorized to deal with such matters.

#### **SECTION 36**

#### **Printing of Agreements**

**36.1** The Company will undertake the responsibility for the printing of this Agreement as may be required from time to time and will absorb the cost of such printing. This will include the cost of printing updated pages.

#### **SECTION 37**

**37.1** The TCRC-MWED President and the Proper Officer of the Company shall confer promptly upon notice from either party to the other with respect to any questions which may arise regarding the interpretation or application of this Agreement. Interpretations or applications that are agreed to will be concluded in mutual agreement in writing between the TCRC-MWED President and the Officer of the Company. Unless otherwise specified, the Chief Engineer is the Company officer responsible for interpretations and the administration of the Agreement.

Should either the Brotherhood or the Company desire to revise an article or articles, a written statement containing the proposed change shall be given and a conference held within 30 calendar days.

If any of the changes referred to above cannot be settled by mutual agreement during the term of the Collective Agreement, such changes may be progressed during the next open period of the Agreement."

## **Duration of Agreement**

**37.2** This Agreement as amended and updated, shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2027 and thereafter, subject to four months notice in writing from either party to this Agreement of its desire to revise, amend or terminate it. Such notice may be served at any time subsequent to August 31, 2027.

Signed by the Union at the City of North Bay, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2024

Wade Phillips

Maclean Foster

Peter Whitehouse

Sylvain Gagne

Signed by the Employer at the City of North Bay, this 3rd day of October 2024

Keith Darbyson

Paul-Andre Lajeunesse

Jeremy Girard

Chad Martin

Ryan Pelletier

Haley D'Angelo

Kevin Mantha

## <u>UNDERSTANDINGS</u>

With the exception of the following understandings, all previous understandings between the Company and the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees are null and void.

## NO. 1 - SECTION 2.1

**Question:** How are employees to be paid when twenty minutes is taken for lunch?

**Answer:** If an employee took twenty minutes in their lunch hour they would be paid for 40 minutes at time and one-half rate. If however, 20 minutes is taken for lunch during regular working hours there would be no loss of pay, and they would be allowed time and one-half if required to work through the regular lunch hour.

## **NO 2. - SECTION 7.1**

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## NO. 3 - SECTION 12.1

**Question:** Does the Snow Plow Foreman assigned to such position have rights to position of Flanger Foreman or Spreader Foremen when snow plow is not required?

Answer: Yes.

## NO. 4 - SECTION 12.1

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## NO 5. - SECTION 12.2

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## **NO. 6 - SECTION 12.3**

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## NO. 7. - SECTION 13.9

**Question:** "A" is a section from which a snow plow is operated. Can the railway require that Track Technicians bidding on positions bulletined for this section, be qualified or qualify for the operation of snow plows?

**Answer:** No. The Brotherhood and Management will cooperate in endeavouring to have sufficient qualified employees available to man snow fighting equipment.

## NO. 8. - SECTION 14

There is a vacancy for the position of Track Maintenance Foreman, and a Track Technician having the necessary service, and considered qualified, bids in same and is accepted, but after a period of six to eight months they falls down on the job and is reduced, although still retaining their qualifications as a Track Technician

**Question:** Where does they go, back to their former position on section or to any section which their seniority entitles him/her to go?

**Answer:** Unless satisfactorily placed by mutual arrangement, employee may exercise their seniority as Track Technician

## NO. 9. - SECTION 14.20

**Question:** What is meant by the term "service" as contained in Section 14.20 of the Agreement?

**Answer:** Date of entry into service as a Maintenance of Way Employee under this Agreement.

# NO. 10 - SECTION 31.2 (d)

A Track Technician temporarily displaced from their section and who exercises their seniority to a Track Technician position on another section may return to their own section when work on such section is re-opened, unless in the meantime they has bid in a bulletined position.

## NO. 11. - SECTION 31.2 (d)

It will not be necessary for the Track Technician, having completed their probationary period under this Agreement to complete a probationary period as a track labourer. They will be paid the maximum rate per hour applicable to a temporary track labourer.

It is also understood that when a temporary track labourer is employed on a regular section gang they will be required to comply with the provisions of Section 13.1 of this Agreement if they has not previously done so.

# NO. 12. - SECTION 31.3 (a)

Effective February 1, 1942, service performed in a special maintenance gang by a probationer who has had service on a regular section will be counted towards completing the probationary period as specified in Section 13.1 of this Agreement.

## NO. 13 - SECTION 18.5

**Question:** When an employee is dismissed from the service of the Railway and later reinstated in a lower classification, can they displace any junior employee or only fill a vacancy?

**Answer:** It was considered that, generally speaking, this question should be automatically decided by the terms under which the employee returns to the service of the Railway. This is a question which would be best determined by the representatives of the

Brotherhood and the Local Officers of the Railway who would have full particulars with respect to the case.

Generally speaking, they should be guided by the principle that the return of an employee to the service of the Company, who has been dismissed or demoted for cause, should not be permitted to displace other employees.

## NO. 14 - SECTION 11.1

**Question:** If an employee had been instructed to relieve a Foreman at Point B, would they be entitled to the Foreman's rate of pay while travelling to and from Point B?

**Answer:** Unless they was voluntarily exercising their seniority rights, they would be paid under Section 11.1 of the Agreement at their regular rate until they assumed the duties of Foreman at Point B and they would be paid in accordance with the same clause at Foreman's rate when travelling from Point B to resume their regular duties.

## NO. 15 - SECTION 13.2

**Question:** Should an employee who left the service of their own accord be required, upon re-employment, to serve the probationary period stipulated in Section 13.1 of the Agreement before receiving the minimum rate established by the schedule?

**Answer:** The object of Section 13.1 is to secure qualified employees for the service, therefore, if the experience of an applicant meets the requirements of this Section they are, if employed, entitled to the minimum schedule rate.

# NO. 16. - SECTION 32.3 (c)

**Question:** How shall overtime be calculated for a Bridge and Building Foreman who qualifies for compensation under this clause?

**Answer:** When, during overtime hours, the gang is 20 employees or more, overtime will be based on the regular daily rate of the

foreman plus 60 cents. When, during overtime hours, the gang is less than 20 employees, overtime will be based on the regular daily rate.

## NO. 17 - GENERAL

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## NO. 18 - SECTION 9.2

A patrol over two sections is required by the Company on the sixth day of the regular work week as a regular practice. On one of the sixth days that the patrol is normally required, the same employees who may regularly perform the patrol are not assigned.

**Question:** Would the employees who perform the patrol still be covered by the application of Clause 9.2 even though they do not regularly perform the patrol?

**Answer:** Yes. It is the intention of this Section that the patrol be required as a regular practice. It is not the intention that the same employee(s) must also be assigned as a regular practice in order to be paid in the manner prescribed.

# **APPENDIX "A"**

## UNION DUES AGREEMENT

#### **Deduction of Dues**

The Railways shall deduct on the payroll for the pay period which contains the 24th calendar day of a month from the wages due and payable to each employee coming within the scope of this Collective Agreement an amount equivalent to the uniform monthly Union dues of the appropriate Organization, subject to the conditions and exceptions set for hereunder.

- 1. The amount to be deducted shall be equivalent to the uniform, regular dues payment of the appropriate Organization which is signatory to the Agreement covering the position in which the employee concerned is engaged and shall not include initiation fees or special assessments. The amount to be deducted shall not be changed during the term of this Agreement except to conform with a change in the amount of the regular dues of the appropriate Organization in accordance with its constitutional provisions. The provisions of this article shall be applicable to each individual Organization on receipt by the Railway concerned of notice in writing from such Organization of the amount of regular monthly dues.
- 2. Employees filling positions of a supervisory or confidential nature not subject to all the rules of the applicable Agreement as may be mutually agreed between the designated officers of the individual Railway and of the Organization concerned shall be excepted from dues deduction.
- 3. Membership in any of the Organizations signatory hereto shall be available to any employee eligible under the constitution of the applicable Organization on payment of the initiation or reinstatement fees uniformly required of all other such applicants by the local lodge or division concerned. Membership shall not be denied for reasons of race, national origin, colour or religion.
- 4. Deductions for new employees shall commence on the payroll for the first pay period which contains the 24th calendar day of the month.

- 5. If the wages of an employee on the payroll for the pay period which contains the 24th calendar day of any month are insufficient to permit the deduction of the full amount of dues, no such deduction shall be made from the wages of such employee by the Railways in such month. The Railways shall not, because the employee did not have sufficient wages payable to him/her on the designated payroll, carry forward and deduct from any subsequent wages the dues not deducted in an earlier month.
- 6. Employees filling positions coming within the scope of more than one wage agreement in the pay period which the deduction is made shall have dues deducted for the Organization holding the Agreement under which the preponderance of their time is worked in that period. Not more than one deduction of dues shall be made from any employee in any month.
- 7. Only payroll deductions now or hereafter required by law, deductions of monies due or owing the Railways, pension deductions and deductions for provident funds shall be made from wages prior to the deduction of dues.
- 8. The amounts of dues so deducted from wages accompanied by a statement of deductions from individuals shall be remitted by the Railways to the officer or officers of the Organization concerned, as may be mutually agreed by the Railway and the applicable Organization, not later than 40 calendar days following the pay period in which the deductions are made.
- 9. The Railways shall not be responsible financially or otherwise either to the Organization or to any employee, for any failure to make deductions or remittances. However, in any instance in which an error occurs in the amount of any deduction of dues from an employee's wages the Railway shall adjust it directly with the employee. In the event of any mistake by the Railway in the amount of its remittance to the Organization, the Railway shall adjust the amount in a subsequent remittance. The Railway's liability for any and all amounts deducted pursuant to the provisions of this article shall terminate at the time it remits the amount payable to the designated officer or officers of the Organization.

- 10. The question of what, if any, compensation shall be paid the Railways by the Organizations signatory hereto in recognition of the services performed under this Agreement shall be left in abeyance subject to reconsideration at the request of either party on fifteen days' notice in writing.
- 11. In the event of any action at law against the parties hereto or any of them resulting from any deduction or deductions from payrolls made or to be made by the Railways pursuant to the first paragraph of Article III of this Agreement, all parties shall cooperate fully in the defence of such action. Each party shall bear its own cost of such defence except that if at the request of the Organization or any of them counsel fees are incurred those shall be borne by the Organization or Organizations so requesting. Save as aforesaid the Organizations, jointly and severally, shall indemnify and save harmless the Railways from any losses, damages, costs, liability or expenses suffered or sustained by them as a result of any such deduction or deductions from payrolls.
- 12. All bargaining unit employeesshall become and remain members in good standing of the Union as a condition of employment. Maintenance of good standing requires the payment of regular Union dues, unpaid back dues, initiation fees and reinitiation fees.

The Union's Secretary-Treasurer shall, from time to time, and by written notice, advise the Company of the amount of the Union's current regular monthly dues, initiation fees and re-initiation fees.

The Company agrees to deduct the required initiation fee fro mthe first pay of every new employee. The company agrees to notify the Union of all such deductions along with the name, date of hire, address, phone number and email address of each new employee.

13. When a new employee is hired, the Company shall provide the employee with a Union membership card which, after being filled out and signed, will be forwarded to the Union's Head Office. The Union will ensure that the Company is kept supplied with membership cards.

- 14. The Copmany also agrees to deduct re-initiation fees if requested to do so by the Union. When such deductions are required, the Union will provide the Company with the names and employee numbers of the employees from whom deductions are to be made. The Union will, when requests for deductions are made, advise the Company of the amount of the re-iniation fee.
- 15. The Company will, on a yearly basis, provide the Union with a complete and updated list of all employees in the bargaining unit. The list shall include the empoyee's name, date of hire, addres. Phone number, email address and any other pertinent information that practical for the Company to provide.

**Letters of Understanding** 

# **Starting Time Rules**

Montreal, Quebec March 13, 1970

Mr. C. Smith Vice-President Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees 115 Donald Street Winnipeg 1, Manitoba

Referring to your discussions today with Mr. J.D. Anderson, Vice-President, Industrial Relations, CP Rail, in which you expressed the concern on the part of some members of your General Committee as to the manner in which the Railways intend to apply the new starting time rules agreed to in the Memorandum of Settlement signed on February 18, 1970.

We are prepared to advise the line officers that the purpose of the flexibility in starting times which will enable a particular work force to function in the manner that will achieve higher productivity. It was realized by all concerned at the negotiations that maintenance and construction work on the Railways' facilities must, to the extent possible, be performed at times when conditions permit the undertaking to be progressed in the most efficient and productive manner and the purpose of the rule is to meet these conditions. There is no intention whatever that starting times be changed as you put it to suit the personal desire or convenience of any Company officer. Starting times will not be changed except where it is necessary to do so to obtain proper productivity and efficiency in the work force.

The foregoing is consistent with the application of starting time flexibility in the other Collective Agreements in the Railway industry.

Yours truly,

(Original signed D.M. Dunlop) Chairman, Operating Committee

(Original signed K.L. Crump) Executive Secretary

## ONTARIO NORTHLAND RAILWAY

## **CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**

## **CP RAIL**

## **Report Late for Work**

Montreal Quebec April 28, 1978

Mr. R.E. Peer Chairman Associated Railway Unions Negotiating Committee Suite 1, 332 Lafleur Avenue Ville LaSalle, Quebec H8R 3H5

Dear Mr. Peer:

The following letter will be sent to the line management:

"This will confirm the understanding reached during negotiations concerning the policy which is to be adopted with respect to employees who, because of severe snow conditions, either report late for work or unable to report at all.

All employees are expected to make every effort to report for work on time, notwithstanding snow or storm conditions. However, in the circumstances quoted above, it is agreed that employees, except Running Trades and Sleeping, Dining and Parlour Car employees, who arrive late for their assignments, but report prior to the mid-point of their tour of duty, will be paid for the day provided such late arrival is directly attributable to the aforementioned severe snow conditions. Employees who report after the mid-point of their tour of duty will be paid one-half day.

With respect to employees who are unable to report for work due to the aforementioned severe snow conditions, or who report after the mid-point of their tour of duty, it is agreed that notwithstanding the provisions of the Collective Agreement, such employees may be given the opportunity to work additional hours at straight time rates in order to make up part or all of such lost time. It is

understood that such arrangements will only apply insofar as they do not conflict with the provisions of the Canada Labour Code.

The above policy only applies when the proper municipal authorities have requested the public to leave their motor vehicles at home and local public transportation services are not operating due to snowstorms.

The nature of work in which the Running Trades and Sleeping, Dining and Parlour Car staff are involved results in certain vagaries and uncertainties from day to day. Furthermore, the Collective Agreements covering these employees contemplate their services being interrupted by storm conditions and there are arrangements in their Collective Agreements in respect thereto. Alternatively, it is recognized, generally speaking, that opportunities will occur for such employees to make up lost miles or time resulting from storm conditions. Therefore, no special arrangements are contemplated for these employees."

Yours truly,

FOR THE RAILWAYS SIGNATORY TO THE MASTER AGREEMENT:

(Sgd.) S.T. Cooke Asst Vice-President Labour Relations (Sgd.) R. Colosimo Asst Vice-President Industrial Relations

Canadian National Railways CP Rail

# **Special Arrangements for an Employee Who Becomes Physically Disabled**

North Bay, Ontario April 26, 1982

Mr. A. Passaretti Vice-President Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Suite 1, 1708 Bank Street Ottawa. Ontario K1V 7Y6

## Dear Sir:

This has reference to discussions during current contract negotiations with respect to the Railway's proposal regarding the desirability of undertaking special arrangements for an employee who becomes physically disabled during the course of their employment and is unable to perform the regular duties of their assigned position and is unable to exercise their seniority on a position which they are capable of performing.

This letter will confirm our understanding that, in such circumstances, the proper officer of the Company and the TCRC-MWED Director of the Brotherhood will meet to see if arrangements can be made to provide employment to the employee concerned within the bargaining unit. The parties may by mutual agreement, place a disabled employee on a position that their qualifications and ability allow him/her to perform, notwithstanding that it may be necessary to displace an ablebodied employee in the bargaining unit so as to provide suitable employment. The permanently assigned employee so displaced will be allowed to exercise seniority onto a position within the bargaining unit that they are qualified for and has the ability to perform.

A disabled employee placed on a position shall not be displaced by an able-bodied employee so long as they remains on that position except when a senior employee is otherwise unable to hold a position within his seniority group. Should the disabled employee subsequently recuperate, he shall be subject to displacement, in which case such employee will exercise seniority rights. When a senior able-bodied employee believes that the provisions of this letter will result in undue hardship, the Director Eastern Region may discuss the circumstances with the Company.

The above understanding is to provide guidelines for assisting disabled employees to continue to be employed.

If you are in accord with the above, would you please so indicate below.

Yours truly,

P.A. Dyment General Manager

I CONCUR:

(Sgd.) A. Passaretti Vice-President Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees

# **Ontario Northland Railway**

## **Contracting Out of Work**

North Bay, Ontario May 22, 1985

Mr. J.D. Hunter, Chairman Associated Non-Operating Railway Unions Negotiating Committee 2300 Carling Avenue Ottawa, Ontario K2B 7G1

## Dear Sir:

This has reference to the award of the Arbitrator, the Honourable Emmett M. Hall, dated December 9, 1974, concerning the contracting out of work.

In accordance with the provisions as set out on Page 49 of the above-mentioned award, it is agreed that work presently and normally performed by employees represented by the Associated Non-Operating Railway Unions signatory to the Memorandum of Settlement dated May 22, 1985, will not be contracted out except:

- (1) When technical or managerial skills are not available from within the Railway; or
- (2) Where sufficient employees, qualified to perform the work, are not available from the active or laid-off employees; or
- (3) When essential equipment or facilities are not available and cannot be made available from Railway-owned property at the time and place required; or
- (4) Where the nature or volume of work is such that it does not justify the capital or operating expenditure involved; or

- (5) The required time of completion of the work cannot be met with the skills, personnel or equipment available on the property; or
- (6) Where the nature or volume of the work is such that undesirable fluctuations in employment would automatically result.

The conditions set forth above will not apply in emergencies, to items normally obtained from manufacturers or suppliers not to the performance of warranty work.

It is further agreed that at a mutually convenient time at the beginning of each year and, in any event, no later than January 31 of each year, representatives of the Union will meet with the designated officers to discuss the Company's plans with respect to contracting out of work for that year. In the event Union representatives are unavailable for such meetings, such unavailability will not delay implementation of Company plans with respect to contracting out of work for that year.

In addition, the Company will advise the Union representatives involved in writing, as far in advance as is practicable, of its intention to contract out work which would have a material and adverse effect on employees. Except in case of emergency, such notice will be no less than 30 days.

Such advice will contain a description of the work to be contracted out; the anticipated duration; the reasons for contracting out and, if possible, the date the contract is to commence. If the TCRC-MWED Director, or equivalent, requests a meeting to discuss matters relating to the contracting out of work specified in the above notice, the appropriate Company representative will promptly meet with him for that purpose.

Should a TCRC-MWED Director, or equivalent, request information respecting contracting out which has not been covered by a notice of intent, it will be supplied to him promptly. If he requests a meeting to discuss such contracting out, it will be arranged at a mutually acceptable time and place.

Where a Union contends that the Company has contracted out work contrary to the foregoing, the Union may progress a

grievance by using the grievance procedure which would apply if this were a grievance under the Collective Agreement. Such grievance shall commence at Step 2 of the grievance procedure, the Union officer submitting the facts on which the Union relies to support its contention. Any such grievance must be submitted within 30 days from the alleged non-compliance.

Yours truly,

P.A. Dyment General Manager

## ONTARIO NORTHLAND RAILWAY

# Work to be Performed on Boarding and Work Gang Service Equipment

Understanding agreed to between the Railway and the authorized representatives of the Carmen and Bridge & Building Workers as to the division of work to be performed on Boarding and Work Gang Service Equipment.

- (1) Carmen shall retain all construction of steel cars when being built or under general repairs and modifications.
- (2) All work now performed by Carmen and B. and B. workers on wooden cars will remain status quo until these cars are retired.
- (3) Carmen's work on steel cars will consist of all steel and wood work, painting and stencilling to the body and frame, all inside finishing and trimming such as ceiling, walls, floors, room dividers, including general repairs as to readiness for service.
- (4) All running gear maintained by Carmen.
- (5) After Carmen have made these steel cars wholly serviceable the B. & B. workers can make emergency minor repairs that occur on the road to doors, windows, screens, roof patching, touch up painting to the repairs that they have made on these cars.
- (6) All stoves and refrigerators installed in construction, and modifications in steel cars will be done by Carmen. Heater stoves and refrigerators removed for storage and reinstallation for service to be done by B. & B. workers.

All the work agreed to between the Carmen and Bridge and Building Employees on the above mentioned Boarding and Work Gang Service equipment will remain as outlined above unless otherwise mutually agreed upon in writing between the Carmen and Bridge and Building Employees.

## FOR THE EMPLOYEES:

## FOR THE RAILWAY:

R. Marsh E.L. Desjardins Bro. of M of W Employees E.A. Frith General Manager

William G. Bishop Bro. of Rly. C. of A.

## **APPROVED BY:**

A.F.H. Hopper System Federation General Chairman Bro. of M. of W. Employees F.A. Armstrong Gen. Vice-President Bro. of Rly. C. of A.

North Bay, Ontario November 6, 1967 File: 8405-2

## ONTARIO NORTHLAND

## **Job Exchanges**

North Bay, Ontario December 20, 1995

8375 - 1 H

Mr. R.F. Liberty System Federation Chairman Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees

Dear Mr. Liberty:

## Re: Job Exchanges

This will confirm our discussions during recent bargaining on working rules contained in Agreement 7.1 concerning employees assigned to locations which do not have bunkhouses. The Company agreed that in instances where the assignment of an employee to a location not equipped with a bunkhouse facility may cause undue hardship, discussions will be held to try and minimize the impact on the employee through a job exchange.

Job exchanges will only be considered where an employee is required to drive 56 kms or more from his home location.

Responsibility for finding a suitable candidate for a job exchange will rest with the Union.

R.G. Leach Chief Engineer

RGL/jek

## **ONTARIO NORTHLAND**

# Agreement #7.1- Group #2 Machine Operator

North Bay, Ontario October 31, 1995

8375 - 1

Mr. R.F. Liberty System Federation Chairman Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees

Dear Mr. Liberty:

This is to confirm our discussions during recent bargaining on working rules contained in Agreement #7.1. The Company agreed that on the Extra Gangs the spare Group #2 Machine Operator would be assigned to the position of Motor Car Operator. In the event that there is not a spare Group #2 operator available, the senior Group #3 operator would be paid at the Group #2 rate and be responsible for the Gang Car(s).

R.G. Leach Chief Engineer

RGL:jek

## ONTARIO NORTHLAND RAILWAY

## **Truck Driver Positions**

North Bay, Ontario December 20, 1995

8375 - 1 H

Mr. R.F. Liberty System Federation Chairman Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees

Dear Mr. Liberty:

# Re: Filling Truck Driver Positions

This is to confirm our discussions during recent bargaining on working rules contained in Agreement 7.1.

The Company agreed that future vacancies as truck drivers will be bid and awarded on the basis of Truck Driver seniority subject to qualifications. In the event that there are no qualified applicants, positions will be awarded on the basis of service seniority in Agreement 7.1 subject to meeting qualifications. If there are no applicants from 7.1, then rule 14.15 will apply. The Company will provide the training required to qualify.

R.G. Leach Chief Engineer RGL/jek

# Letter of Understanding

## **Medical Forms**

January 20, 2003.

Mr. R. Paulin Local Chairman Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees

Mr. R. Marleau Chief Steward United Steelworkers of America Local 1976

Mr. A. Mitchell President CAW Local 103

Mr. G. Louttit Local Chairman International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

This letter is in reference to the discussions with regard to the payment of Company/Carrier requested medical forms. It was agreed that the Company would bear the cost of all medical forms necessary for the ongoing adjudication of a claim, except for the initial "Part B" form when an employee is applying for Weekly Indemnity Benefits.

Greg Stuart
Director Human Resources

# **Letter of Understanding**

# **Bulletining of Assignments**

April 9, 2003

Mr. R. Paulin Local Chairman Brotherhood Maintenance of Way Employees

Dear Mr. Paulin:

Re: Bulletining of Assignments

With respect to your demand #43 discussed at our meeting of July 22, 2002, please be advised as follows.

The Company commits to ensuring that every opening, be it for temporary or permanent assignments, gets bulletined in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement. If it is found that the position is not subsequently required, it will be so identified by stipulating in the follow-up bulletin as "position not required".

Sincerely

E. Marasco Senior Director Track and Structures

## **Truck Driver Positions**

Understanding #1 – Training Equipment Operators
With the emphasis that has been put on mechanization, it has become necessary for the Company to provide extensive training to our employees so that they develop the necessary skills and abilities to operate the complex equipment that is essential to our operation. To ensure employees fully develop the necessary skills during the training period and to realize the full value of the training initiatives, it is understood that the permanent positions of Truck Driver, Track Welder and the temporary positions of Relieving Welders and Truck Drivers will be bulletined with the following conditions:

## **Truck Drivers**

Individuals awarded these permanent positions by bid will be locked in for a three (3) year period if training is required.

During the lock in period, individuals may bid temporary positions in order to establish seniority. However the position will be awarded to the next senior applicant.

The individual may bid and be awarded other "permanent" Truck Driver positions.

At the conclusion of the three year lock in period, the worker is free to bid and work in other classifications.

# Relieving Truck Drivers

Individuals that require training and are awarded these positions will be obligated to relieve on the position bid, as and when required for a three (3) year period. After the original temporary job has been fulfilled by the employee trained, future temporary vacancies will be bulletined in accordance with Section 14, however will only be awarded to a senior qualified Truck Driver on the Truck Drivers' seniority list before that locked in employee must protect. When not relieving on the truck, the individual is obligated to exercise in any classification or rate in which he holds seniority. If the individual is working on a higher rated position when obligated to protect on the truck, the higher rate will apply.

Individuals awarded these permanent positions by bid will be locked in for a three (3) year period. During the locked in period, individuals may bid temporary positions in order to establish

seniority. However, the position will be awarded to the next senior applicant.

When working awary from headquarters, Section 21.9 applies.

Relieving Temporary Track Welders

Individuals awarded these Relieving/Temporary Positions will be obligated to work this position on an as and when required basis for a three (3) year period.

Relieving/Temporary Positions will be bulletined. When working away from headquarters, Section 21.9 applies.

When not working the Welder Position, the individual is obligated to exercise in any classification or rate in which he holds seniority. If the individual is working a higher rated position when obligated to protect as a Welder, the higher rate will apply.

NOTE: During the time period that an Article 8 is being implemented,

the terms of this understanding are not applicable.

Rod Bossert Louis G. Wilson
Superintendent Maint. of Way TCRC Maint. of Way

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July 22, 2008

Mr. Louis Wilson Secretary Treasurer TCRC – MWED

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Re: Meals on boarding Car Outfits

During the round of 2008 bargaining, the parties agreed that should problems with meal quality or frequency arise, the respective Director of the Union or Local Union Representative shall bring such concern(s) to the attention of the Superintendent Programs and Support, within 2 days of the notice of the unresolved concern, so that the appropriate remedies can be identified and implemented.

For the Company:	For the Union:

# **Payment of Company/Carrier Requested Medical Forms**

July 22, 2008

Mr. Louis Wilson Secretary Treasurer TCRC – MWED

This letter is in reference to the discussions during the 2008 round of bargaining with regard to the payment of Company/Carrier requested medical forms. To clarify the previous LOU dated January 20, 2003, it was agreed that the Company would bear the cost of any medical forms necessary for the ongoing adjudication of a claim, except for the initial "Part B" form when an employee is applying for Weekly Indemnity Benefits.

I trust this accurately reflects our discussions.

Greg Stuart
Director Human Resources

## LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

## Between Ontario Northland

and

Teamsters Canada Rail Conference Maintenance of Way Employees Division

## **Paid Education Leave**

The company agrees to pay into a special fund two (2c) cents per hour per employee for all compensated hours for the purpose of providing paid education leave. Said paid education leave will be for the purpose of upgrading the employee's skills and qualifications in all aspects of Trade Union functions. Such monies to be paid on Quarterly basis into a trust fund formed by the TCRC MWED members of the ONR, that once established wwill be sent directly to this trust fund. Unitl the fund is formed, the company will continue to send directly to the TCRC MWED national office.

The Company further agrees tht the members of the bargaining unit, selected by the union to attend such courses, will be granted leave of ansence without pay, plus travel time where necessary. In the event that service requriements conflict with such leave, the parties agree to meet to determine if adequate staffing is available. Said leave shall only be granted provided there is no extra cost to the company. Written requests to the company shall be submitted at least two (2) weeks in advance of the date of commencement of such leave.

Signed,	
Wade Phillips	Danielle Baker
TCRC MWFD	Danielle Bakei Director Human Resources

## **Access to Personal Information**

September 22, 2008

Mr. Louis Wilson Secretary Treasurer TCRC – MWED

Dear Mr. Wilson

# RE: Access to File

This is to advise that employees seeking personal information held by the Company will not have such information unreasonably withheld.

Written requests should be submitted to the Director of Human Resources by an employee, through their immediate supervisor, specifying the information requested.

Yours truly,

Greg Stuart
Director Human Resources.

## Coveralls

March 24, 2011

Mr. Ross Terry Vice President TCRC MWED

Mr. Terry,

During the 2011 round of bargaining, the Union raised the concern that a LOU negotiated in 2005 had been omitted from the collective agreement. This letter will confirm that the Company, as agreed in 2005, will reimburse an employee, up to a maximum of \$115.00 per calendar year, towards the purchase of one pair of coveralls.

Yours truly,

John L. Thib Chief Transportation Officer/Director Rail Infrastructure

## **Bunkhouse**

June 12, 2015

This letter confirms that the employer will provide accommodations at no cost for TCRC MWED members at the following locations:

Temagami, Englehart, Matheson, Porquois, Cochrane, Smooth Rock Falls, Hearst, Otter Rapids, Moose River Moosonee.

The Company shall have the ability to open/close/adjust accommodations in accordance with operational requirements.

## **Training**

January 10, 2020

The Company shall have training which will be sufficient to allow employees opportunities to upgrade their knowledge and skills when it is known that a temporary or permanent position will become vacant or there is a need to qualify additional employees for a given position. Time spent in training will be considered for all intents and purposes as time worked. When trained for 5 days or more, employees who have successfully completed training for work in a certain classification may be required to remain on a position or cover work in such classification for a maximum period of 3 years.

When an employee is the successful applicant to a higher-rated position as per Section 14 and is not permitted to immediately assume such position as a result of being required to remain on another position or cover work in a certain classification, at any time during the 3 years after becoming qualified such employee will be compensated at the higher rate of pay during such time.

The following is a list of training discussed during the 2019 round of negotiations, however is not limited to:

List of Locked In and Non-Locked In Classifications

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<u>Locked In</u>	Non-Locked In
Truck drivers – 3 years – p 106-107	Track Technician
of CBA	
Welders – 3 years – p 106-107 of	<ul> <li>Machine Operators Group 3</li> </ul>
CBA	
PMO – 2 years – p 143-145 of CBA	<ul> <li>Front End Bulldozer</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Front End Loader</li> </ul>
New 2019 – 3 years	
<ul> <li>Rail Lubricator</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Shovel &amp; Crane Operator</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Special Group Machine</li> </ul>	
Operators	
<ul> <li>Spreader Operator</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Snowplow Foreman</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Spreader Foreman</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Snowplow Wingman</li> </ul>	
o Spreader Wingman	
New 2019 – 1 Year	
o Track Maintenance Foreman	
o Extra Gang Foreman 1,2,3	
Machine Operators Group 1	

Signed,	
Wade Phillips	Paul-Andre Lajeunesse
TCRC MWED	Director Rail Infrastructure

### **ONTC Trainer/Mentor**

January 10, 2020

This refers to our discussions during the current round of collective bargaining regarding the parties desire to develop a trainer/mentorship program for employees. We both recognize the value of such a program with a long term desire in the training, development and retention of our employees. It is agreed that Unionized Trainer/Mentor positions will be established pursuant to the following:

- The estimated number of required trainers shall be brought forward by the Company during Contracting out meetings that are to occur no later than January 31 of each year. Further discussions may take place during labour management committee meetings.
- The Company will issue a special bulletin annually for employees to declare interest for the Trainer/Mentor positions as per section 14.2. The list of those that apply shall be supplied to the Union. The Company will review all potential candidates with the Union, however retains final right of selection for each position chosen.
- Trainer/Mentor positions shall be paid a premium of \$2.00 per hour on the position where the training/mentoring is needed or their current rate, whichever is higher.
- Any disqualification of a Trainee from positions shall be done solely by management following discussion with the Trainer/Mentor.
- The duties of the Trainer/Mentor position shall be established jointly by the Labour Management Committee.
- The Labour Managemetn Committee will assist in the development of training manuals and evaluation processes/documents.
- A Trainer/Mentor failing to maintain an appropriate level of performance may, at the discrection of the Company and after discussion with the Union, be removed from the position.

- The Company shall provide the Union the evidence it relied upon in deciding to remove the employee from his or her position.
- The Trainer/Mentor will be entitled to expenses according to the collective agreement

It is understood that this language does not replie section 26.11 and is only applicable to bulletined Trainer/Mentor positions when incumbent is Training/Mentoring

Signed,	
Wade Phillips	Paul-Andre Lajeunesse Director Rail Infrastructure

## **Labour Management Committee**

January 10, 2020

This letter will serve as a commitment, upon ratification of the agreement to establish a Labour Management Committee which will be composed of management and union representatives and alternates from both districts (The Union shall have the right to appoint their representatives for each district). The TCRC MWED Director shall be a member of this committee. Quorum to be defined in Terms of Reference.

This committee will develop an agree on Terms of Reference which will indicate the purpose of the Committee and establish the dates they will meet. The Committee will discuss issues including but not limited to: training, rules, equipment and systemic issues.

Included in these meetings will be the continued discussions regarding the insourcing of work that was traditionally performed by TCRC MWED members. Such work discussed shall include but not be limited to snow removal, brush work, track protection, track repair, track maintenance and track construction, culvert work and flagging of contractors.

The Labour management committee shall hold meetings no less than quarterly an minutes from these meetings shall be recorded.

This committee will not replace any current committee's that are in place, nor will it be a substitute for any meetings, committees or obligations alraey required under the collective agreement.

Signed,	
Wade Phillips TCRC MWED	Paul-Andre Lajeunesse Director Rail Infrastructure

# Flagging Foreman (New Position with new Seniority List)

January 10, 2020

The Parties agree to the creation of a new position, Flaggin Foreman. This position would have a new seniority list and would be paid at a rate of \$28.18/hour (2019 rate before % increase). The Seniority list will first e populated, in the same seniority order as the TMF list. Following this, the provisions of Agreement 7.1 and 7.2 shall apply. The Parties agree that these positions will be applied in the following fashion.

The Flagging Foreman will be responsible for protecting assignments (bulletined/subject to bulletin) related to outside parties performing work on/off ONTC right of way. The Flagging Foreman will be repsponsible to:

- Ensure safe access to the sdesired work area to staff involved in work
- Ensure safe train operations for work area involved
- Ensure Track is in accordance with ONTC Manual of Track Standards and protect track accordingly
- Notify their supervisor of any situation that may jeopardize the integrity of the track structure
- Perform other track maintenance duties such as, but not limited to, brush cutting, joint maintenance, routing track maintenance, etc that does not affect the ability of the Flagging Foreman to safely perform the duties listed above.

The duties of the Flag Person will not include;

- Ensuring the quality of the work being performed by outside parties
- Directing outside work crews in any fashion
- Provide any technical advice on the work being performed by outside parties

The Flagging Foreman will require the following qualifications

- Canadian Rail Operating Riles Manual of Track Requirements
- Driver's License (G)
- Qualified Track Technicians

This position will be subject to all articles of Agreement No 7.1 and 7.2

Signed,	
Wade Phillips	Paul-Andre Lajeunesse
TCRC MWED	Director Rail Infrastructure

### **Rubber Tire Excavators**

# LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN:

ONTARIO NORTHLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (the "Employer")

-and-

TEAMSTERS CANADA RAIL CONFERENCE MAINTENANCE OF WAY EMPLOYEES DIVISION (the "Union")

WHEREAS the Employer has acquired two rubber tire excavators and will utilize on District 1 and District 2.

AND WHEREAS the Employer may change the headquarters of the RTE throughout the year as needed however the headquarters of the permanent positions will be Cochrane and Englehart.

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. The preamble shall form an integral part of the Letter of Understanding (the "LOU").
- 2. The Employer, will post one permanent position in Cochrane and one permanent position in Englehart, on the first circular following ratification by both parties.
- 3. Should the Employer temporarily change the headquarters for the RTE throughout the year, it will post a temporary position. The employee who obtains the permanent position will have the right to follow the RTE to the temporary headquarters or exercise their seniority to another position. Once the temporary assignment is completed and the RTE is returned to its permanent headquarters, the permanent operator shall resume his permanent operator duties. The permanent machine operator will be required to hold this position for a period of three years.
- 4. The LOU is without prejudice or precedent to any other existing or future matters between the Union and the Employer.

5. The Parties agree that the LOU constitutes the complete and final agreement of all matters relating to the present situations, and that further, the Union, unless this agreement is violated, will not file any grievance or institute any proceedings before any arbitrator, judge, adjudicator, commission or tribunal in relation thereto.

Signed this 3rd day of October 2	2024 in Ontario.
Employer	Union
Director, Rail Infrastructure	National Representative
Paul-Andre Lajeunesse	Wade Phillips

### **Preferred Bid Locations**

October 03, 2024

Letter of Understanding

# Purpose

The purpose of the agreement is to fill temporary vacancies which may or may not be subject to being bulletined in accordance with Section 14.1. Senior employees will be afforded the opportunity to occupy temporary positions nearest to their preferred work location. This will be known as the Preferred Work Location System.

### Rules

- This system will be used to fill temporary positions while they are opened for bidding in accordance with Section 14. Employees who complete a preference sheet wishing to fill regular temporary positions, will be placed in temporary vacancies until the vacancies are awarded according to section 14. This will allow employees to report to a temporary job as soon as the position is available. The system is applicable to positions that are required to be filled temporarily only.
- Preferred locations will be identified on the Preferred Locations Selections Sheet and will not be subject to change without mutual agreement between the Union and the Company. Employees may change their preferences at anytime, however the changes will not take effect for up to 14 days after they have been received by the Workforce Coordinator or the beginning of the work cycle after the 14 day period.
- Movement of employees to preferred locations is subject to qualifications.
- If no qualified employee has selected a location on the Location Preference Sheet, the company may randomly select any willing qualified employee to fill the vacancy, while the bidding process in 14.4(a) takes place.
- When an employee is appointed to a new classification by bid, they will fill out a new Location Preference sheet within fourteen (14) calendar days. Failure to complete a new Preference sheet will result in the use of the previous Preference sheet.

- The Workforce Coordinator will provide electronically, to the Workforce Preference Committee any changes to employees preferences, bi-weekly.
- Bi-Weekly the workforce list will be sent to all Maintenance of Way offices and Sections by Wednesday for the two weeks ahead. The list will identify where employees must report the following Monday.
- Employees will not establish seniority through Preferred Work Location System. They will receive seniority when they are awarded a bid for a position for which they did not have seniority in that classification.
- Vacancies known to be less than 21 days (i.e. vacation coverage) will not be posted for bid under article 14.4(a) and will be filled with the Preferred Work Location System. If the temporary vacancy cannot be filled using the preferred work location system article 14.8 will apply. Prior to appointing in accordance with 14.8, the Company will consult with the Union.
- Lock in periods will apply in accordance with the collective agreement.
- The Workforce Preference Committee shall be composed of two (2) union representatives and two (2) company representatives. This committee will meet quarterly to discuss any ongoing issues or concerns.
- With written notice, either party may cancel this agreement in thirty (30) days.





Jeremy Girard Superintendent Maintenance of Way **Memorandum of Understanding** 

Memorandum of Supplementary Agreement Between Ontario Northland Railway and Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Governing Employees in Work Equipment and Welding Services.

It is agreed that the applicable provisions of Wage Agreement 7.1, as revised and amended, shall apply to employees in the classifications specified in Section 1 hereof except as otherwise provided by this Supplementary Agreement.

### **SECTION 1 - CLASSIFICATIONS**

Machine # Description

### **SPECIAL GROUP**

Leased Production tamper with liner

### **PAYLOADER OPERATOR**

47-1011	System Payloader
47-1022	Hi Rail Backhoe
47-1111	Hi Rail Backhoe
47-1112	Hi Rail Backhoe
47-1151	System Payloader
47-1981	System Payloader

# GROUP 1

48-1741	Pettibone 441 B Speedswing
48-1871	Pettibone 360 Speedswing
52-1791	Canron EASTD Mark 1 Switch Tamper
	(Torsion Beam)

### **GROUP 2**

49-1031	Nordco M-214 Regulator/Snowfighter
49-1081	Pyke Model "K" Regulator/Snowfighter
49-1821	Pyke Model "K" Regulator/ Snowblower
49-1861	Pyke Model "M" Regulator/Snow Fighter
49-1901	Pyke Model "M" Regulator/Snow Fighter
49-1931	Pyke Model M-35 Regulator/Snow Fighter
50-1851	Nordberg "Claws" Spike Puller

52-1821	Canron STM. Junior Tamper 51-1991 Auto spiker
GROUP 3	
55-1***	Geismar BSR8 Bolt Machine
55-1121	Utility Lorrie
58-1881	Tamper SGRPH Section Gang Tie Inserter
58-1931	Matweld Tie Replacer
58-1991	Kershaw Plate Setter
86-1***	Abrasive Rail Saws
87-1***	Rail Drills
	Cribber

Nordherd "Claws" Snike Puller

\* This bulletined position contemplates a helper on a diesel locomotive crane who is carrying out the duties as a helper and, in addition, is working toward qualifying on the machines. Successful applicants to the position must show acceptable progress to the Company's satisfaction on the machine within a period of up to 60 working days. This period may be extended by agreement between the TCRC-MWED Director and the proper officer of the Company. Should the incumbent be disqualified, the next senior applicant will be assigned.

# Welding Employees

50-1852

Welders Grinders

It is recognized that the following machines will be used by regular sections forces as part of their normal duties:

Power Track Wrench	Hand tampers	Snow Blower
Power Track Saw	Spike Driver	Back Pack Blowers
Power Rail Saw	Air Compressor	Brush Saws
Power Track Drill	Tie Inserter	Chain Saws
Spike Straightener	Power Jack	Fire Pumps
Spike Puller	Rail Grinder	Hydraulic Rail Puller-Expander

### **SECTION 2 - GUARANTEES**

Employees while assigned to any job and available for service shall be allowed the minimum number of hours which constitutes a day's work at pro rata rates for which such number of hours work may be required for each day so assigned exclusive of the assigned rest days and general holidays.

### **SECTION 3 - SENIORITY**

- (A) There shall be separate seniority lists for the classifications contained herein as follows:
- 1. Special Group Operators
- 2. Group #1 Machine Operators
- 3. Group #2 Machine Operators
- 4. Group #3 Machine Operators
- 5. Lidgerwood Operators
- 6. Spreader Operators
- 7. Front End Loader Operators, Bulldozer Operators and \*Helpers
- 8. Shovel and Crane Operators and \*Helpers
- 9. Diesel Locomotive Crane Operator and \*Oiler/Helper
- 10. Rail Welders and \*Helpers

# \*if assigned

- (B) The names of employees appearing on the seniority lists in any of the positions mentioned above and who hold seniority in the Maintenance of Way Department, will continue to be shown on the Maintenance of Way seniority list and they will continue to accumulate seniority in the Maintenance of Way Department. All positions enumerated in Section 1, except those covered by Clause C of this section will be considered seasonal. Employees appointed to such seasonal work will retain rights to regular positions to which assigned and may revert thereto when not employed in the above classifications.
- (C) The positions of Pay Loader Group 1 Operator, Pay Loader Group 2 (Bulldozer) Operator and Diesel Locomotive Crane Operator will be considered as permanent positions. Headquarters will be designated on the bulletin. When work in

these classifications is not available temporarily employees holding positions will be employed as extra employees in the Maintenance of Way Department at their bulletined headquarters, (in the Department from which promoted) and will be paid for such work at their regular rates of pay. If permanently displaced from these positions, employees affected shall have the right to displace a junior permanent employee of their class in the Maintenance of Way Department from which promoted. Employees will be considered as permanently displaced when it is known the period of displacement will be for one month or more.

(D) Operators of front end loaders weighing over 8,000 lbs. will be classed and compensated as Bulldozer Operators and will be subject to schedule rules applying to that class of employee.

### **SECTION 4 - APPOINTMENTS**

Vacancies in positions enumerated in Section 1 of this Supplementary Agreement including annual seasonal start up shall be bulletined as follows:

a) Bulletins for vacancies pursuant to the annual season start-up will be mailed to the place of residence of each laid off employee holding seniority in the classifications of this supplemental, as well as track labourers. All other bulletins shall be posted promptly in accordance with section 14 of Wage Agreement 7.1. Anyone not receiving an appointment on the initial start-up bulletin will be subject to recall (articles14.13 and 15.4 of wage agreement 7.1 and article 6.5 of Wage Agreement 7.2 will apply).

Group 3 positions will be bulletined for the work crew only and not as individual positions.

- b) Left Blank Intentionally
- c) The position of Diesel Locomotive Crane Oiler Helper when required shall be bulletined to Bridge and Building Department employees only.
- d) The position of Pay Loader Group 2 (Bulldozer) Helper when required shall be bulletined jointly to Track Department and B. & B. Department.

- e) Positions in Welding Service above that of Welder's Helper may not be bulletined. Employees shall follow the order of promotion as listed in order to qualify for the next classification.
- f) Except as provided in Clause (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this Section, all positions enumerated in Section 1 of this Supplementary Agreement shall be bulletined to Track Department employees only.
- g) Should a position of Operator become vacant and there are no qualified applicants from Helpers within the group designated. Helpers will be allowed to bid from the other groups. Such helpers will have preference over applicants not working under the terms of this Supplementary Agreement.
- h) Helpers assigned to a particular machine, if qualified, shall assume the duties of Operator of such machine for temporary vacancies of up to 30 days.
- i) Senior qualified applicant will be given preference when making appointments, the designated Railway officer to be the judge of qualifications. In case a senior applicant is not accepted, the Local Chairman will be notified and given the opportunity of making representation on behalf of the applicant if they so desires.
- j) When an employee is tried out in any position covered herein and shows no aptitude for the work they will not be retained in Work Service and will return to their position in the Maintenance of Way Department within thirty (30) days without loss of seniority.
- k) If possible, applicants will be given a qualification test during the first season. The designated Railway officer and a representative of the Brotherhood shall be in attendance when a qualification test is taken, whether in the first season or at a later date.

- Machines in Groups I, II, III may be operated by Track labourers or other employees for temporary period when no regular Operator is immediately available. Employees temporarily operating such machines will not establish Operator seniority and will be compensated in accordance with this Agreement.
- m) When Machine Operators are unable to exercise their seniority to fill another position in such higher classification, shall exercise their seniority and may displace a junior employee holding a bulletined temporary position,

### **SECTION 5 - TRAINING FOR PROMOTION**

Employees shall be encouraged to learn the duties of other positions and every opportunity shall be afforded them to learn the work of such positions on their own time, and during their regular working hours when it will not unduly interfere with the performance of their regularly assigned duties. The supervisory officer may arrange with the interested employee to exchange positions for short temporary periods without affecting the rates of pay of the employees concerned.

### **SECTION 6 - ASSIGNMENT OF WORK**

A Machine Operator working in a particular group may be required to operate any machine in their group or in any lower group on which qualified. If temporarily assigned by the Company to a lower group when work is available in a higher group, they shall not have their rate reduced.

### **SECTION 7 - GENERAL**

### (WELDING SERVICE ONLY)

(A) Where service as a grinder or welder is intermittent due to the seasonal nature of the work, 125 days' cumulative service as such will be considered as one year's service in applying graded class rates provided at least a 12-month period has elapsed.

(B) When a Welding Foreman is required the position will be bulletined in the Welding group and the senior qualified Welder will be appointed.

# SECTION 8 - HEADQUARTERS AND EXPENSES

(A) Employees covered by Clause (c) of Section 3 will be supplied with sleeping accommodation when away from headquarters. Where employees are lodged in boarding cars and are preparing their own meals, they will be allowed as per Article 21.9 a), except that when meals may be taken with an organized gang they will be reimbursed at the going rate for such meals. When employees are not lodged in boarding cars they shall be compensated for boarding expenses they necessarily incur. This will also apply to the bulldozer helper when one is required. (Refer to 4C).

Company practice of supplying expenses for bulletined temporary Loader positions will continue and form part of the collective agreement.

(B) When employees (except those covered by Clause (c) of Section 3) covered herein are working with an organized gang, boarding cars of the gang will be considered the headquarters of such employees and they will not be allowed away from home expenses. If required to be away from boarding cars other than with the organized gang they will be governed by the provisions of Clause (a) of this section except that expenses will not be paid to an employee for work performed at a location where they maintains their home location.

**SECTION 9 - RATES OF PAY** 

See Appendix "A"

### **SECTION 10 - TERMINATION**

This Supplementary Agreement supersedes the Work Service Supplementary Agreement dated June 3, 1974 and shall have the same termination provisions as Wage Agreement 7.1.

This Supplementary Agreement becomes effective on the date it is signed.

Signed at North Bay, Ontario this 23rd day of April 1981.

For the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way

Maintenance of Way For Ontario Northland

Employees: Railway:

Adrien Larivee R.O. Beatty

Area Chairman General Manager

Approved:

F.L. Stoppler System Federation General Chairman

# **APPENDIX "A"**

# Rates of Pay

Machine Operators working alone or with a helper on the main line outside of cautionary limits and required to arrange their own protection under CROR rules will be paid at Group #1 rates.

Effective Jan. 1/25

MACHINE OPERATORS	JAN 1/25	JAN 1/26	JAN 1/27
	2.50%	2.00%	2.00%
GROUP1	35.520	36.230	36.955
GROUPII	34.157	34.840	35.537
GROUPIII	32.705	33.359	34.026
SPECIAL GROUP	36.396	37.124	37.866

WELDER EMPLOYEES	JAN 1/25	JAN 1/26	JAN 1/27
	2.50%	2.00%	2.00%
WELDER FOREMAN	38.543	39.314	40.100
WELDER HELPERS	32.475	33.125	33.788

# **Work Assigned to Shop Complex**

# Memorandum of Understanding Between Brotherhood of Railway Carmen and Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees On Ontario Northland Railway

It is agreed that fabricating, finishing, repairing, and other work which may, at the discretion of the Company, be assigned to the parties in its shop complex at North Bay, will be distributed in accordance with the guidelines contained in this document. It is clearly understood that nothing herein will be interpreted as granting work jurisdiction to either or any of the Brotherhoods party hereto.

1. Generally, such work associated with rolling stock or furnishings for rolling stock, including steel boarding cars will be performed by the Car Department, and,

Generally, such work associated with buildings or furnishings and fixtures for buildings will be performed by the B. & B. Department.

- 2. Furniture that requires upholstering work will be repaired and refinished to completion by the Car Department.
- 3. The painting of highway vehicles and large motorized track machines will be done by the Car Department; however, B. & B. painters will continue to do touch up work on maintenance of way track machines and the painting of pay loaders.
- 4. Car Department employees will continue to refurbish the boat and the trains which the Company has on display over the system.
- 5. Inspection and qualification of steel boarding cars for service will be performed by the Car Department.
- 6. The cutting of car stakes will be performed by the Car Department.
- 7. B. & B. painters will paint tools and equipment to be used in the shops or outside but not tools and equipment that belong to

the Car Department such as tool boxes, welding screens, welding carriages and work related signs.

8. The following is a list of items normally painted by B. & B. employees:

Buildings, shim shacks, oil shacks, outhouses, garbage boxes, work benches, cupboards, shelving, desks, chairs, filing cabinets, lockers. Switch targets, switches, frogs Tool boxes, power tool boxes, truck racks (except Car Dept.) Fire extinguishers, fire box stations Water barrels, waste drums, bridge barrels Signs, portable signs, fencing Switch boxes, electrical panels, battery stands. Welding screens, portable wagons (except Car Dept.) Portable partitions Hand and power tools, track tools Motor cars, small track motors, track equipment Electric motors, pipes, valves Chief Commanda life boats, life rafts ONR Barge, boat oars, life jackets

9. In the event of a problem developing in the application of this understanding, the Union and Company representatives will meet and settle the issue.

Signed at North Bay, Ontario this 11th day of December 1987.

For Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees:

D. Locke R.L. Liberty

For Brotherhood of Railway of Carmen:

A. Bedard

For Ontario Northland Railway:

P.A. Dyment General Manager

# **Mobile Lubricator Operator/Maintainer**

Memorandum of Agreement between Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees and Ontario Northland Transportation Commission concerning the establishment of the position of Mobile Lubricator Operator/Maintainer.

It is hereby agreed between the parties that a position of Mobile Lubricator operator/Maintainer will be created in accordance with the following provisions:

- A new classification of Mobile Lubricator Operator/Maintainer will be created under the Supplementary Agreement Governing Employees in Work Equipment and Welding Services.
- 2. The rate of pay for the Mobile Lubricator Operator/Maintainer will be that shown in Appendix A Rates of Pay.
- 3. The position will be advertised in accordance with the terms of the Collective Agreement, Section 14. The bulletin will contain a description of the desired qualifications.
- 4. Employees in the B&B and Track departments will be eligible to apply for the position by submitting an application outlining their qualifications and experience for the position.
- 5. Applicants having the specified qualifications for the position of Mobile Lubricator Operator/Maintainer will be interviewed. The interview will contain a testing and scoring provision. The best overall candidate will be appointed to the position.
- 6. The successful candidate will be required to remain on the position for a minimum period of two (2) years from the effective date of the appointment and may not bid on other positions until the expiration of the two (2) year period. The employee may voluntarily sign an Agreement with the Company and the Brotherhood to extend this provision for an additional year.

- 7. The mobile Lubricator Operator/Maintainer position will not be subject to the normal displacement rules of the Collective Agreement.
- 8. An employee awarded the position of Mobile Lubricator Operator/Maintainer will have their seniority protected in all other classifications in which they holds seniority for the duration of time working in the classification of Mobile Lubricator Operator/Maintainer and will not be required to protect on temporary or seasonal positions to maintain seniority.

This memorandum is signed and becomes effective this 18 day of December 1998.

For BMWE:	For ONTC:
R. F. Liberty	E. Marasco
System Federation	Senior Director
General Chairman	Track and Structures

## **Establishment of Permanent Machine Operator**

April 23, 2003

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Steven Crawford Federation General Chairman Brotherhood of M/W Employees (BMWE) Western System Federation 1802 Lodgepole Drive Kamloops, BC V1S 1S7

Dear Mr. Crawford:

Re: Establishment of Permanent Machine Operator (PMO)
Positions

Pursuant to the Agreement reached and signed on April 9, 2003, between the BMWE and Ontario Northland Transportation Commission on revisions to Agreement No. 7.1, the following represents the understanding and mutual agreement between the two parties signatory hereto on the establishment of three PMO assignments.

The headquarters of the three assignments will be as follows: North Bay, Englehart, and Cochrane.

The North Bay and Englehart positions will be bulletined as soon as possible following the signing of this Letter of Understanding. The Cochrane position will be phased in accordance with the departure, grandfathering or other acceptable arrangement and agreement between the BMWE and Ontario Northland of the incumbent payloader operator.

The objective of the introduction of the PMO assignment is to achieve maximum flexibility, cost effectiveness and stability by reclassifying a position at these locations, which for all intents and purposes is now primarily a payloader assignment which at times is not fully engaged. These PMO position classifications replace the payloader position assignments at the noted locations and as such do not reflect the introduction of three additional positions.

The PMO will work at the designated headquarters and as directed by the Company where practical and possible. The PMO position will have a primary machine assignment to be determined by mutual agreement between the Company and the Union, with the understanding and acceptance that the PMO will also be required to operate other machines as and when required and as qualified, with the following exceptions:

- Will not be required to operate the 20-ton crane unless the PMO is qualified on same.
- Will not be required to operate machines working in an extra gang consist. That is, this position will not be used to fill a machine operator's position on an extra gang.
- Will not be required to operate system snow fighters when working on the main line.

Except as noted above, the PMO, if available, will be assigned to cover different machine tasks as required at the headquarters and/or the main line. If the PMO is not available, the assignments will be covered as per the current practice. When away from the headquarters, the PMO will be entitled to expenses in accordance with the provisions of the Collective Agreement.

For the initial appointment, the PMO must have minimum operating efficiency in three key pieces of track machinery in the Group 1 and/or Group 2 list and the ability, willingness and aptitude to learn to operate others as required. A proficiency test will be conducted by the machinery trainer and concurrence on qualifications/disqualifications will be reached between the machinery trainer, the track programs supervisor and the appropriate Union representative. Because one of the obvious objectives is stability within the position, once appointed, successful PMO candidates will be locked in for a period of two years.

When extra gangs are working in the vicinity of the headquarters of the PMOs, whenever practical and possible, every effort will be made to afford the PMO the opportunity of training on different machines.

The rate of pay of the PMO position shall be that shown in Appendix A Rates of Pay. If qualified and if called upon to operate a special group rate machine, the special group rate will apply.

Sincerely,

E. Marasco Senior Director Track and Structures

Steven Crawford Federation General Chairman Richard Paulin Local Chairman

## 9/5 and 10/4 Work Cycles

Memorandum of Agreement between Ontario Northland Transportation Commission and Teamsters Canada Rail Conference

WHEREAS on October 03, 2024, the Employer negotiated with the Union as per Section 4.2 of the Collective Agreement 7.1, to begin using a 9/5 and a 10/4 work cycle schedule for some employees in this bargaining unit;

AND WHEREAS the Union and Employer ("the Parties) wish to agree on the terms laid out in the present Memorandum of Agreement ("Memorandum");

NOW THEREFORE the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. The preamble shall form an integral part of the present Memorandum.
- 2. The 9/5 work cycle schedule shall consist of nine (9) consecutive shifts, followed by five (5) consecutive rest days. Each shift shall be nine (9) hours with the last day of the cycle being eight (8) hours.
- 3. The 10/4 work cycle schedule shall consist of ten (10) consecutive shifts, followed by four (4) consecutive rest days. Each shift shall be eight hours (8).
- 4. The Employer will post all positions that are planned to use the 9/5 or the 10/4 work cycle schedule prior to the schedule being implemented. It is understood that employees cannot be forced to a 9/5 or the 10/4 schedule.
- 5. A six point two five (6.25) percent premium shall be paid on all regularly scheduled hours worked by employees working on the 9/5 and 10/4 work cycle schedule.
- 6. Any overtime above and beyond the scheduled hours for the day shall attract the normal overtime compensation under the Collective Agreement along with the RRSP contribution.

- 7. Any current practices applicable to the current 8/6 work or the 7/7 cycle schedule shall apply to the 9/5 and the 10/4 work cycle schedule, with any necessary modifications. (This shall include stat holidays and bereavement leave)
- 8. Positions protecting contract work may be posted at a 9/5 or 10/4 work schedule. Any consideration for use of this schedule in any other circumstance will not be done without concurrence of the union. Such circumstances will be explained by the Union if denied.
- 9. The Union may approach the company with suggestion of a 9/5 or 10/4 work cycle in certain areas that make operational sense for both parties.
- 10. Vacation must be scheduled in 80 hours segments.
- 11. No employee on these schedules shall lose regular earnings as a result of the cycle change.
- 12. On the last scheduled day of work, should a bunk house not be available, an employee may request to their supervisor for a room accommodation should they desire to stay the night. These requests will not be unreasonably denied.
- 13. Consistent with Article 4.2 of the Collective Agreement, the parties agree that if it becomes necessary to make any applications to any government body in regard to this schedule, such applications shall be made jointly.
- 14. The Parties agree that the Memorandum constitutes the complete and final agreement of all matters relating to the usage of a 9/5 or 10/4 work cycle schedules. The Parties further agree that the Union will not file any grievance in relation to the provision of this agreement.
- 15. This Memorandum shall come into effect upon signing and will initially be used during the 2025 work season. Should either party identify any significant issue with the implementation of this schedule, it shall be identified prior to the end of 2025. The Parties shall meet to discuss and resolve any significant issue(s).

- 16. Upon the completion of 2025, this Memorandum shall automatically renew, unless changed mutually between the Parties or unless ended by either party with good reason.
- 17. The present Memorandum is made without prejudice or precedent to any other existing or future matters between the Parties.

Signed this 3rd day of October 2024

Wade Phillips

Paul-Andre Lajeunesse

# **AGREEMENT NO. 7.2**

**RATES OF PAY AND RULES** 

**Governing Track Labourers** 

Between

**ONTARIO NORTHLAND RAILWAY** 

and

THE BROTHERHOOD OF

**MAINTENANCE OF** 

**WAY EMPLOYEES** 

Agreement No. 7.2

# **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREIN,**

### **AGREEMENT NO. 7.1 WILL APPLY**

## SECTION 1

### **Definition of Track Labourers**

- **1.1** By "Track Labourers" is meant employees working in temporary Extra Gangs, for whom rates of pay are provided in this Agreement.
- **1.2** By "Attendant" is meant employees working in temporary Extra Gangs responsible for maintenance of boarding cars and associated equipment.
- **1.3** The use of the masculine gender in this Collective Agreement includes the feminine and vice versa.

# **SECTION 2**

### **Hours of Service and Meal Periods**

2.1 In emergencies employees shall not be required to work more than 16 hours continuously without a rest of 8 hours; no employee shall be required to work more than 5 hours without food

# SECTION 3

# **Accumulation of Rest Days**

**3.1** Rest days may be accumulated over a period of up to 13 consecutive weeks, by decision of the Railway. The period of accumulation may be extended beyond 13 weeks by mutual consent between the TCRC-MWED President and the appropriate officer of the Railway.

- **3.2** At the expiration of the accumulation period the employee concerned will be granted leave on the basis of one regular working day off duty with pay for each rest day worked during the accumulation period.
- 3.3 During the accumulation period, the employee concerned will be paid currently for regular working days only. Payment for time worked on rest days being accumulated will not be paid currently but will be paid for at the straight time rate for the period of leave outlined in 3.2 above. However, punitive overtime earned on any day will be paid currently.

# **SECTION 4**

# Seniority

**4.1** The seniority of a track labourer shall commence from the date of entry into the service as a track labourer covered by this Agreement.

A new employee shall not be regarded as permanently employed until after 3 months' service which service must be accumulated within the preceding 24 months. Within such 3-month period they may, without investigation, be removed for cause which in the opinion of the Company renders him/her undesirable for its service.

- **4.2** Before completion of probationary period employees must undergo medical examination as required by the company.
- **4.3** Seniority lists of all Track Labourers and Attendants covered by this Agreement, showing name, date of entry into the service and seniority standing, shall be prepared and posted in a place accessible to the employees concerned not later than March 1st of each year, a copy of which will be furnished to representatives of the employees.

**4.4** Attendant position will be offered to Track Labourers in seniority order subject to 31.2(c) of Agreement 7.1. Attendants may be required to work a split shift with a flexible starting time as follows: commencing one-half (1/2) hour before the Gang starts work, work four (4) hours on-duty, four (4) hours off duty and four (4) hours back on duty. Any extra duty hours will be governed by the principles of Section 8 of Agreement 7.1

## **SECTION 5**

### **Students**

- **5.1** The following provisions govern the use of post secondary students:
- (a) Students may be hired, where warranted, to supplement the staff and to provide relief for regular employees.
- (b) The rate of pay for students will as per Article 7.1 of Agreement 7.2. Future general wage increases will also be applied to this rate of pay.
- (c) Students will only be hired under this Article during the period May 1 to September 15. They will be engaged for a specific period of time, will not accumulate seniority and will not obtain bidding rights. They will also not qualify for fringe benefits other than those required by law.
- (d) In the event that employees holding seniority under this Agreement are faced with lay-off or are on laid-off status, they will be given preference in employment over students covered by this rule.

**NOTE:** Students may be hired solely to supplement the ranks of track labourers.

## **SECTION 6**

### Staff Reduction

- **6.1** In the event of reduction of staff in any gang, the senior qualified employees will be retained. Employees laid off in such gangs or as a result of displacement will have the right to exercise their seniority in other extra gangs.
- **6.2** Displacement rights must be exercised and work commenced on that position of choice within 10 days of displacement except that employees who are on leave of absence at the time of displacement will be required to exercise such rights prior to resuming duty. An employee failing to exercise such rights will forfeit their seniority and their name will be struck off the seniority list.
- **6.3** Employees will be given no less than 10 working days' advance notice with a subsequent 10 day window when regularly assigned positions are to be abolished, except in the event of a strike or a work stoppage by employees in the Railway industry in which case shorter notice may be given. Such notice will include, when known, the expected duration of temporary abolishment. A copy will be provided to the Local Chairman and TCRC MWED Director.
- 6.4 An employee who is laid off and who desires to return to the service when work is available for him/her, must keep the proper officers of the Railway advised of their address in order that they may be readily located when their services are required. A laid-off employee failing to comply with this rule, will forfeit their seniority rights under this Agreement and their name shall be struck off the seniority list by agreement between the TCRC-MWED President and the appropriate officer of the Railway.
- **6.5** Laid-off Track Labourers shall be recalled to service in order of seniority. Track Labourer positions will be bulletined prior to any of the gangs mobilizing in the spring. On this bulletin, track labourers will be required to identify their work gang preference by stating their first, second, third ... etc. choice of preferred work gang. When staff is increased or when vacancies occur,

subsequent track labourer vacancies shall be filled in order of seniority according to the initial bid choices.

Track Labourers will have the opportunity to change their preferences once per year. A written notice of preference change must be given a minimum of seven days prior to a vacancy or staff increase that would affect them.

- 6.6 A laid-off employee who fails to report for duty, or to give satisfactory reasons for not doing so within 15 calendar days from date of notification, shall forfeit their seniority rights under this Agreement, and their name shall be struck off the seniority list by agreement between the TCRC-MWED President and the appropriate officer of the Railway.
- **6.7** Rules 6.4, 6.5 and 6.6 do not apply in cases of employment for under thirty days' duration where the employee has steady work of thirty days or more elsewhere.

# **SECTION 7**

# **Rates of Pay**

**7.1** The rates of pay for employees covered by this Agreement are as follows:

ATTENDANTS	
Attendant – 0-6 Months	24.982
Attendant – 7-24 Months	25.622
Attendant – Over 24 Months	25.794

**7.2** The minimum hourly rate for probationary employees shall be: \$17.285

This Clause 7.2 does not apply in respect of employees who on entering the service can show evidence of six months' service in similar work on any Railway.

**7.3** Employees temporarily assigned to higher-rated positions shall receive the higher rates while occupying such positions.

Employees temporarily assigned to lower-rated positions shall not have their rates reduced.

**7.4** The provisions of Clause 2.4(b) of Agreement 7.1 will apply to employees covered by this Agreement.

# **SECTION 8**

# **Duration of Agreement**

**8.1** This Agreement as amended and updated, shall remain in full force and effect until December 31, 2027 and thereafter, subject to four month's notice in writing from either party to this Agreement of its desire to revise, amend or terminate it. Such notice may be served at any time subsequent to August 31, 2027.

For ONTC: For the Union:

Signed by the Union at the City of North Bay, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2024

Wade Phillips

Maclean Foster

Peter Whitehouse

Sylvain Gagne

Signed by the Employer at the City of North Bay, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2024

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# **APPENDIX "B"**

Employee Benefit Plan Supplemental Agreement (Green)

Employment Security and Income Maintenance Agreement (Blue)

# EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT

# **BETWEEN**

# ONTARIO NORTHLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

# **AND**

# **ASSOCIATED RAILWAY UNIONS**

(representing the Unions Signatory hereto)
(Agreement #7)

The parties hereto agree that the Company shall provide a Benefit Plan governing life insurance, weekly indemnity benefits, long-term disability, maternity leave benefits, extended health care benefits, dental care benefits, and vision care benefits as follows:

- **1.** An eligible employee shall be entitled to:
  - (a) Life Insurance coverage in the amount of \$50,000.00 with double indemnity provision for accidental death, details of which are contained in Appendix "A."
  - (b) Weekly Indemnity Benefits up to 26 weeks from wage loss on account of sickness or non-occupational accident of 70% of base pay up to a maximum, details of which are contained in Appendix "B."
  - (c) Medicare Allowances, details of which are contained in Appendix "C".
  - (d) Maternity Leave Benefits or Adoption Leave Benefits up to 17 weeks based on 70% of weekly base pay with no maximum, details of which are contained in Appendix "D".
  - (e) Extended Health Care Benefits, details of which are contained in Appendix "E".
  - (f) Dental Care Benefits, details of which are contained in Appendix "F".
  - (g) Long Term Disability Protection Plan, details of which are contained in Appendix "G".
  - (h) Vision Care Benefits, details of which are contained in Appendix "H".
- **2.** Eligibility qualifications and pay direct provisions shall be as outlined in Appendix "I".
- 3. An Administrative Committee will be established to act as a Committee of Appeal in cases where an employee may feel that they has been unjustly dealt with in respect of weekly indemnity payments. This will not be construed to deny an employee any

rights of appeal which they may have under his respective Collective Agreement.

- 4. (a) The Administrative Committee shall be comprised of three members from the Company and three members to be nominated by the General Chairmen's Association and will hold office until successors are named.
  - (b) Should a vacancy, temporary or otherwise, occur on the Committee it shall be filled by a substitute appointed by the appointer of the original member.
  - (c) The Committee shall appoint from its own number, two co-chairman, one from the Company and one from the employees.
  - (d) Four members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.
  - (e) Each member of the Committee present at a meeting shall have the right to cast one vote. Decisions of the Committee shall be carried by four or more votes and unless otherwise expressly provided, shall be final and binding.
  - (f) Normal expenses (including lost wages) incurred by the Employee Members as a result of their attendance at meetings of the Administrative Committee will be reimbursed by the Company.
- **5.** In the event the Committee is unable to reach a decision on any matter, either of the parties may, by notice given to the other within 60 calendar days, require the question to be referred to referee. If the parties are unable to agree on the selection of a referee they shall jointly apply to the Ministry of Labour of Canada for the appointment of a referee. The referee shall have no power to add to, subtract from, or modify any of the terms of this Agreement or of the Collective Agreements between any of the parties hereto. The expenses of the referee shall be shared equally by the Railway and the Unions.
- **6.** The residual cost of providing the weekly indemnity benefits provided for in Section 1(b) shall be paid by the Company after

setting against such costs the employees' share of Unemployment Insurance premium reductions.

7. The provision of the coverage outlined herein shall be the responsibility of the Company. The Company will secure policies to provide Weekly Indemnity and Life Insurance coverage as set out in Section 1(a) and (b) hereof, will pay the premiums and will be entitled to any dividends accruing from such policies.

At the option of the Company, the Weekly Indemnity Benefit Plan may be put on an Administrative Services Only (A.S.O.) arrangement and the contract will be between the Company and the service organization.

- **8.** The provisions of this Agreement shall become effective on April 29, 2011.
- **9.** This Supplemental Agreement supersedes the Supplemental Agreement signed at North Bay, Ontario on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1992 and will remain in effect until December 31, 2027 and thereafter subject to four months' notice by either party of their desire to revise or terminate it, which may be served at any time subsequent to August 31, 2027.

Signed by the Union at the City of North Bay, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2024

Wade Phillips

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Signed by the Employer at the City of North Bay, this 3rd day of October 2024

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### **APPENDIX "A"**

## LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

**1.** Effective November 1, 2008 each eligible employee will be covered in a group policy with life insurance in the amount of \$50,000.00 with a double indemnity provision on a 24-hour basis for accidental death.

By virtue of and subject to the terms of the group policy, the sum thus insured is payable to the beneficiary in the event of the death of the employee, while insured under the said group policy.

The insurance may be paid in one sum or in a fixed number of payments, at intervals of not less than one month, as provided in the group policy.

# 2. Conversion Privilege

Within 31 days after insurance stops, except on account of a reduction in accordance with the terms of the group policy, or except on account of, or subsequent to the termination of the group policy, the employee may apply to the insurance company for any regular whole life, endowment, or pension with insurance plan ordinarily issued by the insurance company. The converted policy may not include disability or double indemnity benefits. The insurance will be issued without medical examination at the premium rate which applies to age and classification of risk at the time of conversion. The employee may apply for an amount equal to, or, at their option, less than the amount of insurance which has been cancelled under the group policy.

# 3. Beneficiary

The employee may, at any time, appoint or change the beneficiary by written notice deposited with the employer, subject to applicable laws.

# 4. Disability Benefits

In the event that the employee becomes unable to work before age 65 because of total disability owing to accident or sickness,

such employee will be entitled to life insurance coverage equal to the amount of paid up retirement insurance in effect at the time. There will be no premiums payable, but the employee must advise the insurance company that they are disabled and submit such evidence of disability as it requests.

# 5. Assignment

No assignment of any of the insurance under the said group policy shall be valid.

### 6. Termination of Insurance

The employee's insurance terminates when the group policy terminates, unless insurance is continued under the disability provision of the group policy, when the employee ceases to be eligible for insurance according to the terms of the group policy or when the employee attains the termination age specified in the group policy. Terms and conditions are more fully described in the governing insurance company policy.

## **APPENDIX "B"**

# **WEEKLY INDEMNITY BENEFITS**

**1.**(a) Effective January 01, 2025 for claims which originate on or after that date, an eligible employee will be entitled to weekly indemnity benefits of 70% of their weekly base pay to a maximum of \$725.00 per week. Increasing to \$750.00 January 1, 2026, and to \$775.00 January 1, 2027.

A claimant in receipt of EI sickness benefits will have such benefits supplemented up to the level of their weekly indemnity benefits. (This provision is subject to approval by Human Resources Development Canada). At no time shall the combined weekly payments from the plan and the weekly unemployment insurance benefits exceed 95% of the employee's weekly earnings.

(b) Weekly Indemnity benefits will commence for eligible employees from the first day in case of accidental injury, from the first day of sickness if hospitalized during the period of the claim and from the third day in other cases of sickness. Payments will

be made for up to 15 weeks. If an employee continues to be disabled under this 15-week period and if they are eligible for Employment Insurance sickness benefits, they will be required to claim such EI sickness benefits. Following the exhaustion of such EI sickness benefits, an employee will continue to be eligible for weekly indemnity benefits for a period of up to 11 weeks without any further waiting period. In the event an employee is not eligible to receive EI sickness benefits, they would be immediately eligible to receive weekly indemnity benefits for the remaining 11 weeks of the 26 weeks period.

- (c) Claims for coverage must be submitted within 30 days of the first day of disability.
- 2. Employees on Company compensated jury duty and Union representatives on temporary leave of absence account Union business (for whom a premium has been paid) who become disabled during their period of leave will be eligible for weekly indemnity benefits in the same manner as if they had been working. Employees on bereavement leave will become eligible at the expiration of such leave.
- **3.** If, after the termination of any disability for which an employee was entitled to a benefit under this provision, such employee again becomes disabled due to the same or related cause or causes, such later disability will be considered as a continuation of the previous disability unless such employee had recovered from the previous disability and had been at work with the Company on full time for a period of at least two weeks after termination of the previous disability.
- **4.** Employees have no vested right to payments under this plan except to payments during a recognized absence due to illness or injury.
- **5.** Payments in respect of guaranteed annual remuneration or in respect of deferred remuneration or severance pay benefits are not reduced or increased by payments received under this plan.

# Benefits will not be payable:

- (a) for any period of disability during which the employee is not under the care of licensed physician, surgeon, or chiropractor;
- (b) for any period during which the employee is receiving benefits under Provincial Workers' Compensation legislation, unless compensation is payable in respect of a previously incurred partial disability which permits continuation of their employment;
- (c) for any accident or sickness for which an employee is receiving benefits under Provincial Workers' Compensation legislation,
- (d) for any period during which an employee is entitled to sickness or disability benefits from the Employment Insurance Program in accordance with Section 1(c) of this Appendix "B"; (see Note 1);
- (e) Left blank intentionally
- (f) if the employee is drawing vacation pay or pay for general holidays or is on strike; (see Note 2);
- (g) for intentionally self-inflicted injury, or injury resulting from war, insurrection or participation in a riot;
- (h) for a pregnancy related disability only when the employee is in receipt of pregnancy or parental benefits under section 22 or 23 of the EI Act;
- (i) for any period during which an employee is engaged in any occupation for wages or profit;
- (j) when an employee is laid off, or on leave of absence (see Note 3).

Terms and conditions are more fully described in the governing insurance company policy.

# **Explanation of Notes**

- **1.** Except for the topping off supplement described in the last paragraph of Section 1(a) of this Appendix "B."
- **2.** An employee who, while on annual vacation becomes ill or is injured, shall have the right to elect to terminate (temporarily) their vacation and to be placed on weekly indemnity.
- **3.** When an employee qualifies for benefits during a period of employment and is subsequently laid off, benefits continue in accordance with Article 1(b) of the Appendix "B".

## **APPENDIX "C"**

# MEDICARE ALLOWANCES

- **1.** Allowances will be paid by the Company for medical-surgical benefits to be applied against payments provided for under any government medical care program as follows:
- (a) Eligible employees, regardless of marital status, resident in the Province of Quebec, an allowance of \$10.00 per month.
- (b) Eligible employees resident in the Province of Ontario

Monthly allowances as follows:

Employees with no dependants \$22.50 Employees with dependants \$45.00

- **2.** Such allowance will first be used to pay any amount the Company is, or might be in the future, required to pay for such medical-surgical benefits under any medical care program.
- **3.** If no monthly amount is payable or if the monthly amount payable, or to be payable, by an employee, or by an employee and the Company, account medical-surgical benefits is less than the allowance, the difference will be paid by the employee on the payroll and if the monthly amount is greater, the difference will be deducted from the employee's wages.

- **4.** Subject to the provisions of the above sections an employee qualifies for an allowance for any month <u>only</u> if they performs compensated service in the payroll period which contains the tenth day of the month or in the payroll period immediately preceding. The application of this section will not operate to deny an eligible employee the allowance for any month in which they performs compensated service nor to grant him/her the allowance for any month in which they does not perform compensated service.
- **5.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 4 above an eligible employee who does not perform compensated service in such pay periods but who is in receipt of a weekly indemnity payment under the provisions of Section 1(b) of this Agreement or an Employment Insurance benefit as contemplated in Section 1(c) of Appendix "B" or who is off work account W.S.I.B. disability will be treated as follows:
- (i) If they are resident in a province where a medicare premium or medicare tax is payable, they will be eligible for the amount of such premium or tax up to the maximum amount stipulated in Section 1 of this Appendix, or such lesser amount as is required to pay the premium or tax in such province.
- (ii) If they are resident in a province where no medicare premium or medicare tax is required, no payment will be made.

This Section 5 will apply only for a maximum period of 26 weeks for each period of disability.

#### Note:

The provisions contained in this Section shall not result in a duplication of benefits as a consequence of similar provisions in any other Agreement.

### **APPENDIX "D"**

## PAID MATERNITY LEAVE PLAN

- 1. Effective on the first day of the month following the signing of this Agreement, a paid Maternity Leave Plan will be established for claims which originate on or after that date. The plan will provide maternity leave benefits in the event of childbirth or the adoption of a child less than one year old of an amount that, when added to Employment Insurance Maternity Benefits, will result in the employee receiving 70% of her weekly base pay with no maximum amount for those weeks during which she receives Employment Insurance Maternity Benefits, i.e., for a maximum of 15 weeks
- **2.** The provisions of the paid Maternity Leave Plan are subject to the approval of Human Resources Development Canada.
- **3.** Employees have no vested right to payments except to payments as outlined in Clause 1 above.
- **4.** Payments in respect of guaranteed annual remuneration or in respect of deferred remuneration or severance pay benefits are not reduced or increased by payments received under this plan.

### **APPENDIX "E"**

# **EXTENDED HEALTH CARE BENEFITS**

The Extended Health Care Plan provides for major medical coverage, drugs and vision care expenses in accordance with the following:

# a) Hospital Benefit

Effective June 12, 2015, employees will not be covered for semi private hospital coverage

# (b) **Drug Benefit**

 Effective January 01, 2025, 100% of charges for generic drug coverage and 90% of charges for brand drug coverage, including oral contraceptives, sera, and injectibles prescribed by a licensed doctor (MD) or licensed dentist and dispensed by a registered pharmacist, that regardless of their legal status are not normally obtainable except by prescription from a licensed doctor (MD) or licensed dentist. The drug plan is not subject to an annual deductible.

Effective October 1, 1996 a generic drug plan will be established. Brand name drugs will be accepted when:

- (i) No generic substitute is available, or
- (ii) An allergic reaction to the generic drug is demonstrated.
- Effective January 01, 2023, the drug plan is subject to an annual prescription drug benefit cap of \$10,000.00 per individual insured member (August to July plan year).
  - Should an employee or dependent be subject to a change in the Ontario Trillium prescription drug plan, they wil; I have the option to convert to a lifetime cap of \$80,000. Such cap will start at \$0 at time of conversation to the lifetime cap
  - The Company agrees to provide cash advancements upon request when an employee is applying for or is under the Ontario Trillium prescription drug plan
  - The Company agrees to provide assistance to any employee or their dependent through the application process entering a government drug program
- (c) i) Paramedical coverage to a combined annual maximum of \$625.00 effective January 01, 2025, increased to \$650.00 January 01, 2026, and increased to \$675.00 January 01, 2027.

Registered Massage therapist; podiatrist; chiropodists, acupuncturist, chiropractor, Christian Science, naturopath, speech therapist, and osteopath.

ii)Mental Health coverage to an annual maximum of \$600.00

Clinical psychologist and psychotherapist.

# (d) Major Medical Benefit

- The Major Medical Benefit portion of the plan is subject to a deductible of \$25.00 per family, per calendar year.
- Lifetime Maximum cap is removed.
- The Major Medical expenses are subject to 80% reimbursement for the following covered expenses:
- Services of a licensed physiotherapist to an annual maximum of \$1,000.00 per eligible individual.
- Hearing aids to a maximum of \$500.00 every five years
- Services of a registered nurse
  - charges for home nursing care, by a registered nurse (R.N.) or when unavailable a registered nursing assistant (R.N.A.) who:
    - is not a member of your family; and does not normally live in your home;
    - when ordered by a licensed doctor (M.D.) as medically necessary for a disability that requires the specialized training of an R.N. or R.N.A.
  - charges for nursing care in a hospital if such charges are not covered under the insured person's Provincial Health Plan, by a Registered Nurse (R.N.) or when unavailable a Registered Nursing Assistant (R.N.A.) who:
    - is not a member of your family; and does not normally live in your home.
- Diagnostic and x-ray services, blood and blood plasma, oxygen and rental of equipment for its administration
- Purchase of durable medical equipment, crutches, artificial limbs, etc., including elastic support stockings and orthopaedic shoes

- Rental or purchase of a wheelchair, hospital bed or iron lung
- Licensed ambulance, including air ambulance to and from the nearest hospital
- Dental treatment for accidental injury to natural teeth

# **Expenses Not Covered:**

No payment is made for the following expenses:

- Cost of the difference between a semi-private and a private hospital room
- Convalescent or nursing home care
- Drugs which can be purchased without prescription (with certain exceptions). For example: patent medicines, vitamins, health foods, cough and cold preparations, aspirin, and similar products are ineligible.

## **General Exclusions**

The plan does not cover services and supplies in the following situations:

- injury sustained by employees while working for pay or profit other than with their employer
- injury of a dependent while working for pay or profit, any portion of medical expense covered under Workers' Compensation or similar program
- services to which the patient is entitled without charge, or for which there would be no charge if there were no coverage
- services, or portions thereof, provided under government sponsored programs

In the event that a service covered by a government sponsored program is suspended, the Extended Health Care Plan will not assume coverage of such service.

### Co-ordination of Benefits

Some employees and their dependants are eligible for benefits from other group type plans. In these cases, the benefits payable under all plans will be co-ordinated to ensure that the maximum benefits are made available but that the total amount paid does not exceed the actual expenses incurred.

Terms and conditions are more fully described in the governing insurance company policy.

### **APPENDIX "F"**

# **DENTAL CARE BENEFITS**

Effective January 01, 2025, The Dental Care Plan provides for coverage of 90% of the expenses for routine dental care and 75% of expenses for major dental care subject to a calendar year deductible of \$35.00 per person, but not more than \$35.00 per family to a maximum annual benefit of \$1,700.00 per person. Effective January 01, 2026, \$1,750.00 per person. Effective January 01, 2027, \$1,800.00 per person. Eligible employees and their dependants will be covered for expenses as follows:

#### **Routine Care**

Charges up to the maximum benefit for:

- oral examinations, cleaning of teeth, fluoride treatments and bitewing x-rays: twice in any calendar year, but not more than once in any six-month period for dependants under age 18, and not more than once in each nine months for adults, beginning September 1, 1994.
- Scaling Units Maximum scaling units will be 8 units per year.
   A unit of scaling to maximum of 15 minutes.
- full mouth series of x-rays: once every 24 months for dependants under age 18 and not more than once in each 36 months for adults.

- extractions and alveolectomy (bone work) at time of tooth extraction
- dental surgery
- general anaesthesia and diagnostic x-ray and laboratory procedures required for dental surgery
- amalgam, silicate, acrylic, composite and white fillings
- necessary treatment for relief of dental pain
- cost of medication and injections given in the dentist's office
- space maintainers for missing primary teeth and habit breaking appliances
- consultations required by the attending dentist
- surgical removal of tumours, cysts, neoplasms
- incision and drainage of abscess
- endodontics (root canal therapy)
- periodontal treatment (gum and tissue treatment)

# **Dentures, Crowns and Bridge Work**

Charges up to the benefit maximum for:

- provision of crowns, inlays and onlays
- dental implants
- provision of an initial prosthodontic appliance (e.g. fixed bridge restoration, removable partial or complete dentures)
- replacement of an existing prosthodontic appliance if:
  - (a) it is over five years old and cannot be repaired;

- (b) it is a temporary one installed after the employee first became covered by the plan (in this instance the replacement is considered a permanent one);
- (c) it is required due to the installation of an initial opposing denture after the date the employee became covered by the plan;
- (d) it is required as a result of accidental injury after the employee became covered by the plan;
- (e) the extraction of additional teeth, after coverage has begun, requires a new appliance. If the existing appliance can be made serviceable, only the expense for the portion required to replace the teeth extracted is covered.
- Relines, rebases and repairs to existing dentures
- Procedures involving the use of gold, only if such treatment could not have been carried out with the use of a reasonable substitute consistent with generally accepted dental practice. Where the use of gold is optional, the covered expense will be that of the customary substitute.

### Other Dental Practitioners

Dental care, services or supplies must be rendered and dispensed by a licensed dentist, except that:

- scaling and cleaning of teeth may be done by a licensed dental hygienist; and
- installation, adjustment, repair, relining or rebasing of full dentures, may be done by a denturist, denture therapist, technician, or mechanic, who is registered and practicing within the scope of his license.

Charges for such health care, services and supplies will be deemed to be covered as follows:

Effective February 1, 2003, the Suggested Fee Guide will be increased to provide reimbursement of covered dental costs according to the current Ontario Dental Association fee guide

### **Alternative Services**

If alternative services may be performed for the treatment of a dental condition, the maximum amount payable will be the amount shown in the applicable suggested Fee Guide for the least expensive service or supply required to produce a professionally adequate result.

### **Predetermination of Benefits**

If charges for a planned course of treatment by a licensed practitioner would exceed \$300.00, proposed details and x-rays should be submitted to Maritime Life for approval. Failure to do so may result in payment of a lesser benefit amount because of the difficulty in determining the need for such treatment after it has been provided. Dental x-rays will be promptly returned to the dentist.

Course of treatment means one or more services rendered by one or more dentists for the correction of a dental condition diagnosed as a result of an oral exam starting on the date the first service to correct such condition is rendered.

### Limitations

No amount will be paid for charges for:

- dental care which is cosmetic;
- completion of claim forms;
- broken appointments;
- dental care covered under a medical plan provided by an employer or government which, in the absence of insurance, there would be no charge;
- stainless steel crowns on permanent teeth;
- oral hygiene instruction or nutritional counselling;
- protective athletic appliances;
- prostheses, including crowns and bridgework, and the fitting thereof which were ordered while the person was not insured,

- or which were ordered while the person was insured but which were finally installed or delivered after this benefit is discontinued or more than 31 days after termination of insurance for any other reasons;
- a full mouth reconstruction, for a vertical dimension correction, or for diagnosis or correction of a temporomandibular joint dysfunction;
- replacement of a lost or stolen prosthesis; or
- orthodontic treatment or correction of malocclusion

# **APPENDIX "G"**

## LONG TERM DISABILITY PROTECTION PLAN

- 1. Employee Eligibility:
- a) Must be a current active employee with permanent status and a minimum of two years of continuous employment relationship.
- b) For employees hired after December 15, 1999, the following service requirements shall apply:
  - (i) Must be a current active employee with permanent status and a minimum of two years of continuous employment relationship.
  - (ii) For each year of cumulative compensated service an employee will be eligible to qualify for one year of LTD coverage.
  - (iii) Following 10 years of continuous employment relationship, an employee will be eligible for LTD coverage or unless otherwise specified within the LTD Plan.

# 2. Requirements:

- a) Must exhaust all short-term disability payments and vacation entitlement.
- b) Must apply for all wage loss replacement plans which includes but not limited to the Company pension plan, Q/CPP, and

Workplace Safety and Insurance benefits if applicable.

c) Must be determined to be unable to perform any work at Ontario Northland by the Company physician.

## **Benefit Provision:**

- a) The plan will provide that an eligible employee is insured for benefits equivalent to 70% of their normal weekly earnings.
- b) Payments from the LTD Plan will be offset by any amount of income the employee receives due to their disability. This would include but would not be limited to payments received from the Company pension plan, Q/CPP, and Workplace Safety and Insurance benefits.
- c) Any retroactive adjustments from a wage loss replacement plan will result in the top up under the LTD plan being adjusted to reflect the overpayment. (For example, a six month retroactive payment in CPP disability benefits would result in an overpayment of the LTD top up which would then be either collected or the LTD top up would be reduced until the overpayment is recovered.)
- d) Employees eligible for LTD will have their Extended Health Care, Vision, Dental, and Life Insurance employment benefits for which they were entitled immediately prior to the commencement of the LTD continued for as long as they qualify for LTD payments.
- e) Employees in receipt of LTD benefits may be required to undergo periodic medical examinations to verify that the employee's entitlement to receive, or to continue to receive, any long term disability benefits payable under this plan.

### Rehabilitation:

An employee in receipt of LTD benefits may be required to participate in a rehabilitative program developed in conjunction with the employee's ability and supported by the Company Physician. Such programs require the approval of the Company and may include:

- 1) work in a full-time or part-time occupation for compensation or profit while the employee is unable because of the disability to be actively at work at their own job, or
- 2) participation in non-remunerative vocational training or work for rehabilitation.

  Payment:

Employees who participate in a rehabilitation program will continue to receive payments from the plan offset by any remuneration they may be receiving as a result of the rehabilitation plan. Employees who refuse to participate in a rehabilitation program will cease to be eligible for LTD.

## **Expenses:**

Expenses incurred as a result of the rehabilitation plan, other than normal employment expenses, approved in writing in advance by the Company, will be paid by the Company.

### Limitations:

Payment will not be made for a total disability which existed prior to the employee becoming eligible for coverage under the service requirements of this plan.

#### **Exclusions:**

LTD benefits will not be payable:

- a) In respect of an accident which occurs while the employee is performing any work for wages or profit other than on behalf of the Company.
- b) For intentionally self-inflicted injury, or injury resulting from war, insurrection or participation in a riot.

#### Termination:

Coverage under the LTD plan will terminate upon the earlier of:

a) recovery

- b) reemployment at a rate of pay equal to or greater than the LTD payments
- c) age 65.

While it is the Company's intention to administer the program itself, the Company reserves the right to insure the LTD plan or transfer the administration of this program to a third party administrator.

### **APPENDIX "H"**

## **VISION CARE BENEFITS**

The Vision Care Plan provides for reimbursement of up to 100% to a maximum of \$300.00.

payable in any 24-month period, or in any 12-month period for dependants age 18 or under. The \$25.00 annual deductible does not apply to the Vision Care Plan.

Charges for lenses (including shatterproof lenses) and frames, sunglasses, or for contact lenses and their replacement provided there is an actual need for change in their magnifying strength, or laser eye treatment when prescribed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist up to the Benefit Maximum. No amount will be paid for anti-reflective coatings.

Effective January 01, 2025, every 2 years, a maximum of \$100.00 for each eligible person will be made available for the costs of services of an ophthalmologist of licensed optometrist.

### **APPENDIX "I"**

# ELIGIBILITY QUALIFICATION AND PAY DIRECT PROVISIONS

## LIFE INSURANCE

# **New Employees:**

A new employee becomes eligible on the first day of the month following the completion of 60 calendar days continuous employment relationship.

# **Monthly Qualification for Coverage:**

An eligible employee qualifies for coverage in respect of a particular month only if they renders compensated service in that month.

## Extended Health Care, Dental, and Vision Care Plan

Employees will become eligible for extended health care benefits, dental care benefits, and vision care benefits on the first day of the month following the completion of six months of continuous service.

### Waiver of Premium:

- (i) An employee's basic coverage for life insurance, extended health, vision care, dental, and weekly indemnity will be continued at no cost while they are drawing weekly indemnity benefits or Unemployment Insurance benefits under the provisions specified in Appendix "B" of this Supplemental Agreement for a maximum period of up to 12 months for each period of disability.
- (ii) An employee's basic coverage for life insurance, extended health and dental will be continued while they are off work account WSIB disability for a period of absence consistent with the governing Canada Labour Code provisions.

(iii) In cases where leave of absence has been granted for employees occupying full time Union positions, employees may maintain coverage during such leave by paying directly to their employer the monthly premium.

# **Dependent Eligibility**

To be eligible for insurance dependants must be insured under a provincial health insurance plan. Dependants become eligible for insurance when the employee becomes eligible or, if acquired later, upon becoming a dependent.

The employee must be insured in order for their dependants to be insured.

A person may not be insured for health care, dental care, and vision care benefits as a dependent of more than one employee; or both as an employee and as a dependent.

Dependent means a spouse or unmarried child under 21 (25, if regularly attending school and solely dependent upon the employee for support).

Spouse means a husband or wife by virtue of a religious or civil marriage ceremony; (if separated, spouse must be supported by the employee) except that, a person of the same or opposite sex living with the employee will be deemed to be the employee's spouse, if such person is publicly represented as the employee's spouse.

### Child means:

- a natural or legally adopted child; or,
- a stepchild or other child, who is dependent upon the employee for support and lives with the employee in a regular parent child relationship.

#### Effective Date of Insurance

Insurance for employees and their dependants will become effective on the date of eligibility.

If an employee is absent from work because of disability due to illness or injury on the date of insurance, or any increase in insurance would otherwise become effective, such insurance will not become effective until the date the employee returns to active full time work for one full day.

Insurance, or any increase in insurance, for a dependent (other than a new born child who becomes insured within 31 days of becoming eligible), who is confined in a hospital because of illness or injury on the date such insurance would otherwise become effective, will not become effective until the date such dependent is no longer so confined.

# Direct Payment Provisions, Termination of Insurance and Continuation of Insurance

- 1. The group Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Weekly Indemnity benefits cease on the date the employee ceases to be an eligible employee, unless the Life or Weekly Indemnity benefits are extended due to eligible disability.
- **2.**(a) Extended Health Care Plan, Vision Care, and Dental coverage for employees and their dependants will be terminated as follows:
  - (i) resignation or dismissal, the date on which the employment relationship terminates;
  - (ii) retiring and retired employees The end of the month in which the retired employee reaches age 65 or, in the case of an employee retiring after age 65 pursuant to the pension regulations, the end of the month in which retirement takes place (within 6 months of turning 65).
  - (iii) leave of absence, lay-off, (except as provided below), and death, the last day of the month in which such leave of absence, lay-off or death occurs;
  - (iv) strike, the last day worked.
- (b) (i) In cases of leave of absence for disability (and the employee is in receipt of Weekly Indemnity Benefits,

Unemployment Insurance Sickness/Maternity Benefits or Workers' Compensation Benefits), coverage will be maintained at no cost to the employee for a period of six months from the end of the month in which the disability occurs. If disability continues past this period, employees may maintain coverage for a further six months by submitting the required payment directly to their employer.

- (ii) In cases of lay-off and leave of absence in circumstances other than those in (i) above, employees may maintain coverage for a period of 12 months following the date of lay-off or the granting of leave of absence, provided direct payment is made to their employer.
- (c) With respect to dependants, the date on which a dependent ceases to be an eligible dependent.
- **3.** Insurance for you and your dependants will also terminate when premium payments cease or when this plan is discontinued.

# Continuation of Health Care and Dental Care Benefits for Incapacitated Children

Health Care and Dental Care Benefits will continue beyond the date an unmarried child attains the limiting age for insurance, provided proof is submitted to Maritime Life within 31 days after such date that such child:

- is incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental retardation or physical handicap;
- became so incapacitated prior to attainment of the limiting age; and
- . is chiefly dependent upon you for support and maintenance.

Thereafter, such proof must be submitted to Maritime Life, as required, but not more often than yearly.

# Continuation of Health Care and Dental Care Benefits After Your Death

Your dependants who are insured under this plan at the time of your death will continue to be insured while premium payments for such insurance are continued, but not beyond the earliest of:

- . the date such dependants cease to be eligible;
- the date your spouse remarries (children will continue to be insured);
- . the end of the month after the date of your death; or
- . the date insurance for your dependants terminates for any reason.

Upon your death, benefits are payable to your spouse, if living, or to your child (or legal guardian).

# SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYMENT PLAN

# and

# **INCOME MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

for

# **ASSOCIATED RAILWAY UNIONS**

(Representing the Unions Signatory hereto)

Agreement #7.1

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## THIS AGREEMENT IS:

### between

# ONTARIO NORTHLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

called "the Company"

of the One Part

and

## **ASSOCIATED RAILWAY UNIONS**

of the Other Part

#### **Preamble**

The parties agree that Supplemental Unemployment Benefits be paid only for periods of temporary layoff (the specific duration being set out in the provisions of this agreement). Employees in receipt of SUB continue their employment relationship with the Company, retain seniority rights and are required to accept temporary or permanent assignments as provided in this Article or become disentitled to SUB. Although an Article 8 notice reflects a permanent change, any layoffs pursuant to this change may be temporary in nature.

### **ARTICLE 1**

## **Definitions**

- **A.** (i) "Supplemental Employment Plan" means that an employee who has completed eight years of Cumulative Compensated Service with the Company will have a Supplemental Employment Plan as provided in Article 7.
- (ii) "Preferred Supplemental Employment Plan" means that an employee who has 7 years of service with the Company will have preferred a Supplemental Employment Plan as provided in Article 7A.
- **B.** "Continuous Employment Relationship or Service" means an employee whose employment relationship with the Company is unbroken by resignation or termination
- **C.** "Eligible Employee" means an employee of the Company represented by the Unions is eligible for the benefits pursuant to the eligibility requirements of Articles 4 or 6.
- **D.** "Basic Weekly Rate" means the Basic Weekly Rate of pay applicable to the positions held at the time of change. (Hourly rated employees, 40 x the basic hourly rate; seasonal and spare employees, 80 percent of average weekly earnings over the eight weeks preceding layoff.)
- **E.** "Seniority District/Territory" means that Seniority District /Territory as defined in Collective Agreement #7.1.
- **F.** "The Plan" means the benefits and terms and conditions relating thereto as agreed for the employees of the Company, as defined herein, which benefit, terms and conditions appear in this Agreement.
- **G.** "Cumulative Compensated Service" means:
  - (i) One month of Cumulative Compensated Service will consist of 21 days or major portion thereof.
  - (ii) Twelve months of Cumulative Compensated Service calculated from the last date of entry into the Company's

service as a new employee. For partial year credit, six or more months of Cumulative Compensated Service shall be considered as the major portion thereof and shall be counted as a year of credit towards computation of severance of layoff benefits. Service of less than six months of Cumulative Compensated Service shall not be included in the computation.

- (iii) For an employee who renders compensated working service in any calendar year, time off duty, account bona fide illness, injury, authorized maternity leave, to attend committee meetings, called to court as a witness or for uncompensated jury duty, not exceeding a total of 100 days in any computation of Cumulative Compensated Service.
- **H.** "Admitted Group" means those groups which have been admitted to coverage under The Plan as provided in Article 3.
- I. "Master Agreement" means the Master Agreement signed between the Company and the Associated Railway Unions on 5th day of April, 2005.

### Article 1.1

### **General Provisions**

- **1.1**(a) Employees have no vested rights to payments under the plan except to payments during a period of unemployment specified in the plan.
- (b) Any guaranteed annual remuneration of deferred remuneration or severance pay benefits are not reduced of increased by payments received under this plan.

### **ARTICLE 2**

# Grievance Procedure and Final Disposition of Disputes

- **2.1** Except as otherwise provided in The Plan, should any dispute arise respecting the meaning, interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of The Plan, such dispute shall start at Step 3 of the grievance procedure as defined in the respective Collective Agreement.
- **2.8** Failing settlement of such dispute at the final step of the grievance procedure, should either party elect to progress the dispute, it shall do so by referring it to arbitration under the provisions of the respective Collective Agreement.
- 2.9 The request to arbitrate must be submitted in writing within 60 days of the date a decision was rendered at the final step of the Grievance Procedure. The request shall be accompanied by a joint statement of issue and joint statement of facts. If the parties cannot agree upon such joint statement either or each, upon notice in writing to the other, may submit a separate statement to the arbitrator.
- **2.10** When a question has been referred to an Arbitrator as provided for in Article 2.9 hereof, they shall have no power to add to, subtract from, or modify any of the terms of The Plan. The decision of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding.

### **ARTICLE 3**

### Administration of the Plan

**3.1** Subject to the provisions of The Plan, the Union Representatives and the Company shall have full and unrestricted power and authority and exclusive jurisdiction to deal with and adjudicate upon all matters relative to The Plan, which does not add to, subtract from, or modify any of the terms of The Plan or of the Collective Agreement. They shall not have any power to deal with and adjudicate upon any benefits not specifically provided for in The Plan nor in any subsequent plan reached between the Company and any Union.

- **3.2**(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3.1 the following types of cases not specifically covered by The Plan may be considered by the parties for adjudication and payment of benefits, but such cases shall not be subject to arbitration:
  - (i) special case(s) involving extenuating circumstances
  - (ii) special case(s) of temporary layoffs of not more than 16 weeks lending themselves to an orderly implementation of layoff procedures based on the principle of inverse seniority. Where it is agreed that such special case(s) exists, this principle is to be applied at the work location where the layoffs are occurring, and on an optional bases, after all employees with less than two years service have been laid off.
  - (iii) special case(s) of permanent staff reductions lending themselves to special offers of optional early retirement separation allowances to employees eligible, or within one year of eligibility, to retire under Company pension rules so as to prevent the otherwise unavoidable relocation and permanent separation of employees with two or more years' service. The separation allowance to apply in each such special case of optional early retirement is to be a lump sum payment calculated on the basis of the following formula:

Years of Cumulative Compensated Service	Number of Weeks Sala Credited for Each Year of Service Remaining to Normal Retirement
35 or more	4.0
34	3.9
33	3.8
32	3.7
31	3.6
30	3.5
29	3.4
28	3.3
27	3.2
26	3.1
25 or less	3.0

- **NOTE**:(a) A partial year of service remaining to normal retirement is to be expressed on a monthly basis, e.g., 4 years and 1 month (or major portion thereof) equals 4 1/12 (4.083) years.
- (b) One week's salary shall be the employee's Basic Weekly Rate at the time of the change.
- (c) The parties may only approve such special case(s) conditional upon their observation of the following governing principles:
  - (i) approval of such special case(s) shall not involve increasing the existing benefit levels in The Plan.
  - (ii) approval of such special case(s) shall not be incompatible with the terms of The Plan.
  - (iii) approval of such special case(s) referred to in Article 3.2(a)(i) and (ii) above shall not involve costs higher than 90% of the costs which would otherwise have been incurred as a result of the standard application of The Plan.
  - (iv) approval of any special case(s) under Article 3.2(a)(ii) shall be contingent upon notification by Human Resources Development Canada that employees who avail themselves of such an inverse seniority layoff procedure will not be disqualified nor disentitled from employment insurance benefits for so doing.
  - (v) approval of such special case(s) shall not involve the modification of any Company plan or agreement dealing with such matters as pensions, health and welfare, etc.
  - (vi) approval of special case(s) involving special offers of optional early retirement separation allowances shall include the payment of money to the Pension Fund if it is demonstrated that such early retirements result in additional costs to the Pension Fund.
- (d) The foregoing procedures shall not alter the effective date of staff reductions.

3.3 The Unions and the Company shall have the power to admit to coverage under The Plan any applicant bargaining unit that has a Collective Agreement with the Company subject to such conditions as may be determined from time to time by the parties. Unless otherwise agreed between the Company and the Union making application for admission, any admitted group can only be admitted under the same terms and conditions as apply to other employees in The Plan.

A Union and employer who wish to seek admission to The Plan for an appropriate bargaining unit, must make a joint application addressed to the respective Unions and the Company.

## **ARTICLE 4**

# Weekly Layoff Benefits and Severance Payments Benefits Accumulation - Layoff Payments

**4.1**(a) An employee who has five (5) years or more of continuous employment relationship at the beginning of the calendar year shall be allowed a gross layoff benefit credit of one week for each year of cumulative compensated service.

An employee who has 11 or more years of continuous employment relationship at the beginning of the calendar year shall be allowed a gross layoff benefit credit of two weeks for each year of cumulative compensated service to be capped at 52 weeks for any/all eligible employees.

**NOTE**: In arriving at net layoff benefits available for an employee, any previous layoff payments made from the Supplemental Employment and Income Maintenance Plan, under the provisions of Article 4 of The Plan must be taken into account on a "weeks of benefits paid" basis.

- (b) Except as provided in Article 4.2 of The Plan, an Eligible employee who is laid off, and whose layoff benefit credit is reduced due to weekly layoff benefit payment being made during the period of layoff in accordance with Article 4 of The Plan, will, on recall accumulate layoff benefit credits in accordance with the above provisions.
- **4.2** An employee who, at the beginning of the calendar year, has completed 12 years of Cumulative Compensated Service and subsequently receives weekly benefits due to layoff, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of The Plan, shall, upon return to service after termination of layoff, be credited with the accumulated layoff benefit weeks they had to their credit at the time of layoff.
- **4.3**(a) An employee who is not disqualified under Clause (d) hereof, shall be eligible for a benefit payment in respect of each full week of seven consecutive calendar days of layoff (herein called "a claim week") or to a severance payment provided he/ she meets all of the following requirements:
- (i) They has five years of more of continuous employment relationship at the beginning of the calendar year in which the period of continuous layoff in which the claim week occurs began, (calendar year shall be deemed to run from January 1st to December 31st);
- (ii) For weekly layoff benefit payment, a continuous waiting period of seven days in the period of layoff has expired. Each period of layoff will require a new 7-day waiting period in order to establish eligibility for weekly layoff benefits, except that once an employee has been on layoff for more than 7 days, and is recalled to work for a period of less than 90 calendar days, such employee will immediately become eligible for weekly layoff benefits upon layoff within such 90 days.
- (iii) They has made application for benefits in the prescribed form and in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Committee;

- (iv) They has exercised full seniority rights on their basic Seniority Territory as provided for in the relevant Collective Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided in Clause (d), paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of this Article 4.3.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions in The Plan, if upon the effective date of resignation from the Company's service an employee is eligible for an early retirement pension, they will not be eligible for a severance payment.
- (c) An employee who, on being laid off, does not qualify under paragraph (i) of Article 4.3(a) shall, if still laid off in the next calendar year, qualify under said paragraph (i) if at the beginning of said next calendar year they has five years of continuous employment relationship. The seven-day waiting period provided in paragraph (ii) of Article 4.3(a) shall commence from the 1st day of January of that year.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article, an employee will not be regarded as laid off:
  - (i) During any day or period in which their employment is interrupted by leave of absence for any reason, sickness, injury disciplinary action (including time held out of service pending investigation), failure to exercise seniority (except as otherwise expressly provided for in Clause (d)(ii) of this Article 4.3), to retirement, Act of God, including, but not limited to fire, flood, tempest, or earthquake or a reduction of cessation of work due to strikes by employees of the Company;
  - (ii) During any interval between the time that they are recalled to the service of the Company after a period of layoff, and the time at which they actually resumes work during any waiting period provided for in the relevant Collective Agreement; except that an employee who does not, as a consequence of the foregoing, return to service on the day work is available shall be governed by the provision of Article 4.5 of The Plan, on the same basis as if they had returned to work on the date such work became available.
  - (iii) If they declines, for any reason, other than as expressly provided for in Clause (d)(ii) of this Article 4.3, recall to

- work on their basis Seniority Territory in accordance with the seniority provisions of the relevant Collective Agreement.
- (iv) In respect of any period in which they are receiving other payments of any kind or nature directly from the Company, except as otherwise expressly provided in Article 4.5.
- (v) During any recognized period of seasonal layoff as defined in Article 10.
- (vi) After their dismissal from the service of the Company.

## **Claim Procedure**

- **4.4** An Eligible Employee, as defined in Article 4.3 may, at the expiration of the seven-day waiting period specified in paragraph (ii) of Clause (a) of said Article 4.3, make application to a designated officer, in the form and manner prescribed by the Committee, for a weekly layoff benefit as follows:
- (a) Employees with FIVE or more years of continuous employment relationship and LESS THAN TWENTY YEAR'S SERVICE:
  - (i) A weekly layoff benefit for each completed week of seven calendar days laid off following the seven-day waiting period referred to in Article 4.3, of an amount which, when added to unemployment insurance benefits and/or outside unemployment insurance for such week, will result in the employee receiving 80 percent of their Basic Weekly Rate at time of layoff.
  - (ii) During any week following the seven-day waiting period referred to in Article 4.3, in which an Eligible Employee is not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits account eligibility for such benefits having been exhausted or employee account such not being insured unemployment insurance benefits, nor account unemployment insurance waiting period, such employee may claim a weekly layoff benefit for each complete week of seven calendar days laid off of the maximum unemployment insurance weekly benefit currently in force

(for 1992 the maximum unemployment insurance weekly benefit is \$426.00) or such lesser amount which, when added to the employee's outside earnings for such week, will result in the employee receiving 80% of their Basic Weekly Rate at time of layoff.

- (iii) Weekly layoff benefits provided for under Article 4.4 shall cease when benefit accumulation as specified in Article 4.1.
- (b) Employees with TWENTY OR MORE YEARS' of cumulative Compensated Service:
  - (i) A weekly layoff benefit for each completed week of seven calendar days laid off following the seven day waiting period referred to in Article 4.3 of an amount which, when added to unemployment insurance benefits and/or outside earnings in excess of those allowance under unemployment insurance for such week, will result in the employee receiving 80% of their Basic Weekly Rate at time of layoff.
  - (ii) During any week following the seven day waiting period referred to in Article 4.3, in which an Eligible Employee is not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits account eligibility for such benefits having been exhausted or account such employee not being insured unemployment insurance benefits. or account unemployment insurance waiting period, such employee may claim a weekly layoff benefit for each complete week of seven calendar days laid off of an amount which when added to the employee's outside earnings for such week, will result in the employee receiving 80% of his/ her Basic Weekly Rate at time of lavoff.
- (c) It shall be the responsibility of the employee to report for each week for which they are claiming a weekly layoff benefit under The Plan, any amounts received from the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission in respect of such week, as well as any wages earned during such week while employed outside the Company. In the event an employee does not report all such outside earnings for any particular week, this will be interpreted as notice from him/her that their outside

earnings for such week are the same as those for the previous week.

**4.5** No weekly layoff benefit will be made for parts of a claim week as defined in Clause (a) of Article 4.3 except that:

# (a) Recall not covered by Article 4.5(b) below

An employee who has qualified for weekly layoff benefits in accordance with Clause (a) of Article 4.3 and who returns to work for part of the last claim week and thereby receives earnings from the Company in the last claim week may make application for a partial weekly layoff benefit which, when added to the earnings received in that week and to unemployment insurance benefits and/or outside earnings in excess of those allowable under unemployment insurance for such week will result in the employee receiving 80 percent of their basic Weekly Rate at time of layoff.

## (b) Temporary recall for less than five working days

An employee who has qualified for weekly layoff benefits in accordance with Clause (a) of Article 4.3 will not have their weekly benefit payment reduced for any claim week during which they returned to the service temporarily for less than five working days.

# **Example of Payments for Part Week on Recall**

**4.6** Assume that an employee with a rate of \$25.00 per hour (\$200.00 per day, \$1,000.00 per week) is laid off Friday, February 8, 2017 (last day worked February 7th) and recalled to work Wednesday, March 17, 2017. This is 41 days, or 5 weeks and 6 days.

For the purpose of this illustration, the employee's plan claim week is Friday to Thursday and the unemployment insurance claim week is Sunday to Saturday.

In these circumstances the employee's benefit entitlement would be as follows:

## Plan Claim Week 1

Nil (waiting period)

# Plan Claim Week 2

- (i) employee with less than 20 years of service unemployment insurance maximum \$543.00 (from The Plan).
- (ii) employee with 20 or more years of service (80% x \$600.00 = \$480.00) from The Plan

## Plan Claim Weeks 3, 4 and 5

80% of Basic Weekly Rate at the time of layoff -  $(80\% \times 1,000.00)$  - \$800.00 (\$543426.00 unemployment insurance and \$257.00 from The Plan).

# Last Plan Claim Week (March 8 - March 14/92 Inc.)

For unemployment insurance purposes, employee works 2 days, (March 14 and 15 - both of which days fall in one unemployment insurance claim week) – Earnings \$400.00

Deduct unemployment insurance allowable earnings > 25% of employee's unemployment insurance entitlement of \$543.00

\$135.75

Net earnings for unemployment insurance purposes \$264.25

Unemployment insurance entitlement during last plan claim week (\$543.00 - \$264.25) \$278.75

In order to make up the 80% of the Basic Weekly Rate during the last plan claim week - i.e., \$800.00, the employee would receive:

One day's wages for Thursday, March 14, the last day of the plan claim week \$200.00

Unemployment insurance entitlement \$278.75 From The Plan \$321.25

TOTAL \$800.00

# **Severance Payment**

- **4.7**(a) For each year Cumulative Compensated Service or major portion thereof, an employee will be allowed credit weeks as follows for the calculation of severance payment:
  - (i) For each of the first 10 years one week's basic weekly pay.
  - (ii) For each of the eleventh and subsequent years two week's basic weekly pay.
- (b) An employee eligible for a severance payment who resigns and, who at a later date will become eligible for an early retirement pension. The basic pay is to be calculated at the employee's Basic Rate in effect at the time of their resignation.
- (c) An Eligible Employee may, upon submission of formal resignation from the Company's service, claim a severance payment as set forth above, but such severance payment will not in any event exceed the value of 52 weeks at the Basic Weekly Rate of the position held at the time they was laid off.
- (d) An employee will have seven calendar days from the date of lay off to decide to claim a severance payment under this Article.

# Special Provisions for Employees with 20 Years or More of Cumulative Compensated Service

- **4.8**(a) An employee with 20 years of Cumulative Compensated Service who, in any calendar year, is laid off and unable to hold work on their basic Seniority Territory shall, upon return to work, count the period of layoff, up to a maximum of 100 days in any such calendar year from 1976 on, towards the qualifying period for vacation in the ensuing years: such period of layoff in one year shall, upon return to work, also count as service for determining the vacation entitlement in the following year. Layoff days credited for vacation purposes shall not be used in any other manner to obtain additional credit.
- (b) An employee with 20 years of Cumulative Compensated Service who is laid off and unable to hold work on their basic Seniority Territory will have their group life insurance continued during the period of layoff, up to a maximum period of two years from date of layoff.
- (c) An employee with 20 years of Cumulative Compensated Service who is laid off and unable to work on their basic Seniority Territory, in a province where medicare premiums the Company will pay the medicare premiums up to the amount of the maximum medicare allowance provided under the existing Collective Agreements, up to a maximum period of two years from date of layoff.
- **4.9** Any agreement reached between parties will not be valid in respect of benefits under The Plan unless approved by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission on the unemployment insurance payments by reason of supplemental unemployment benefits. Notwithstanding anything contained in The Plan, no Eligible Employee will receive for any week, a layoff payment under The Plan in excess of that which can be allowed the employee without any reduction in their unemployment insurance payment.
- **4.10** An employee who is on layoff on the effective date of The Plan and not receiving weekly layoff benefits, but who now qualifies for benefit payments in accordance with the terms of The Plan, shall be entitled to claim weekly layoff benefit payments for the period of layoff subsequent to the date such claim is received

by the designated Company officer provided such claim is submitted within 60 calendar days of the effective date prior to the date claim is received by the designated Company officer shall be applied to the waiting period defined in Article 4.3(a)(ii). Such employee who fails to file a claim within 60 calendar days of the effective date of The Plan will forfeit their right to any benefit payments unless subsequently returned to work and again laid off.

**4.11** Supplemental Unemployment Benefits (SUB) Plans provide that payments in respect of guaranteed annual remuneration or in respect of deferred remuneration or severance pay benefits are not reduced or increased by payments received under the SUB plan.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

# **Training of Employees**

- **5.1** An employee who has the Supplemental Employment Plan under the provisions of Article 7 of The Plan who has their position abolished and is unable to hold work due to a lack of qualifications, will be trained for another position within (if necessary) in order to fill a position in keeping with the provisions of Article 7. Training (if necessary) will be provided for a position for which they has the suitability and adaptability to perform the duties of that position. Such employee will receive the 40-hour straight time pay associated with their last railway classification during their period of training (hourly rate employees, 40 x the basic hourly rate: seasonal and spare employees, 40 x the average hourly earnings over the eight weeks preceding layoff).
- **5.2** An employee who does not have the Supplemental Employment Plan under the provisions of Article 7 and has two or more years of Cumulative Compensated Service and:
- (a) has been laid off or who has been advised that they may be laid off and who is, or will be, unable to hold other work in the Company because of lack of qualifications, or,
- (b) will be adversely affected by a notice served pursuant to Article 8 of The Plan requiring an employee to relocate or suffer a substantial reduction in their rate of pay, will be considered for

training for another position within or without their seniority group, providing they has the suitability and adaptability to perform the duties of that position and provided they has indicated a willingness to work in the job for which they may be trained whenever vacancies exist.

- **5.3** At the option of the Company, training provided under the provisions of either Articles 5.1 or 5.2 may be:
- (a) at training classes conducted by qualified Company personnel
- (b) at classes conducted by an approved training agency.

The type of training for which an employee may apply must:

- (i) qualify the employee for a recognized Company position;
- (ii) offer a likelihood of employment in the Company on completion of the training period in a position for which the employee has been qualified; or
- (iii) in the case of employees with 20 or more years of Cumulative Compensated Service, include the possibility of qualifying the employee for employment within or without the railway industry.
- **5.4** An employee covered by the provisions of Article 5.2 will receive 80% of the Basic Weekly Rate of their last job classification during their period of training. In addition, they will be provided for the training period with books, equipment, and tools and allowed other necessary supplementary expenses associated with the training program.
- **5.5** Should an employee covered by the provisions of Article 5.2 be recalled from layoff before the scheduled completion of training, the employee will be allowed to complete the program without forfeiture of pay or seniority rights.
- **5.6** Notwithstanding any agreement to the contrary, the Company may require an employee who has completed a training program to take a position for which they has been trained.

- **5.7** In addition, the Company, where necessary and after discussion with any Organization signatory to The Plan, will provide classes (after work or as arranged) to prepare present Company employees for upgrading, adaptation to technological change and anticipated new types of employment in the Company. The cost of such retraining will be borne by the Company.
- **5.8** Upon request, the subject of training of an employee or groups of employees under any of the above provisions will be discussed by the Local Chairperson or equivalent and the appropriate officer of the Company either prior to or at the time of layoff or at the time of the serving of the notice pursuant to Article 8 or as retraining under Article 5.7 is considered. Any unresolved differences between the parties concerning the usefulness of training for future Company service, the necessity for retraining, or the suitability and adaptability of an employee for training, may be progressed to arbitration in keeping with Article 2.10 of The Plan.

## **Relocation Expenses**

# Eligibility

- **6.1** To be eligible for relocation expenses an employee:
- (a) must have been laid off or displaced, under conditions where such layoff or displacement is likely to be of a permanent nature, with the result that no work is available at their home location and in order to hold other work in the Company, such employee is required to relocate; or
- (b) must be engaged in work which has been transferred to a new location and the employment moves at the instance of the Company; or
- (c) must be affected by a notice which has been issued under Article 8 of The Plan and they chooses to relocate as a result of receiving an appointment on a bulletined permanent vacancy which at the time is not subject to notice of abolishment under

Article 8 of The Plan and such relocation takes place in advance of the date of the change provided this will not result in additional moves being made; or

- (d) must have the Supplemental Employment Plan under the provisions of Article 7 or preferred Supplemental Employment Plan under Article 7A and be required to relocate to hold work under the provisions of Article 7 and 7A of The Plan.
- **6.2** In addition to fulfilling at least one of the conditions set forth above, the employee:
- (a) must have five (5) years' Cumulative Compensated Service; and
- (b) must be a householder, i.e., one who owns or occupies unfurnished living accommodation. This requirement does not apply to Articles 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 and 6.10; and
- (c) must establish that it is impractical for him/her to commute daily to the new location by means other than privately owned automobile.

## **Relocation Benefits**

- **6.3** Payment of door-to-door moving expenses for the Eligible Employee's household goods and their automobile including packing and unpacking, insurance and up to one month's storage; the mode of transportation to be determined by the Company.
- **6.4** An allowance of up to \$825.00 for incidental expenses actually incurred as a result of relocation.
- **6.5** Reasonable transportation expenses from their former location to their new location by rail, by bus of employee-owned automobile, and up to \$210.00 for an employee without dependants and that an additional amount of \$65.00 will be paid for each dependant for meals and temporary living accommodation. Receipts will be required for rail and bus transportation.

- **6.6** An employee may drive their automobile to their new location at the allowance per kilometer specified in the current Master Agreement.
- **6.7** In order to seek accommodation in their new location, an employee will be allowed a continuous period of leave up to one week (seven consecutive days). Payments for such leave shall not exceed one week's pay at their Basic Weekly Rate.
- **6.8**(a)` Except as otherwise provided in Article 6.8(c), reimbursement of up to \$14,000.00 for loss sustained on the sale of a relocating employee's private home which they occupied as a year-round residence. Loss sustained is determined as the difference between the value determined at the outset plus any real estate agent fees, legal fees, including those legal fees on purchase of a home at the new location, and any mortgage closure penalties, and the amount established as the selling price in the deed of sale.
- (b) The procedure to be followed in respect of determining the loss, if any, on the sale of a home is described in Article 6.12.
- (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 6.8(a):
  - (i) should a change take place involving relocation of Company employees whereby the number of homes being listed for sale by such Company employees represent 15% or more of the residential homes in the municipality, the employees required to relocate shall be reimbursed for the full loss on such homes, which loss shall be determined by the procedures described in Article 6.12 of The Plan. The number of Company employees' homes referred to above shall, for the purpose of establishing the 15%, include the homes of all Company employees which are being offered for sale as a result of, and at time of the change; or
  - (ii) should a change occur involving relocation of Company employees covered by The Plan as well as Company employees covered by other Collective Agreements, the maximum amount of \$14,000.00 specified in paragraph (a) of this Article 6.8 shall be adjusted upward to equal the maximum amount paid account loss on sale of home to

any employee covered by such other Collective Agreement.

(d) An eligible Employee who desires to sell their house and receive any benefit to which they may be entitled under Article 6.8 must advise the Company's officer concerned accordingly within twelve months of the date the initial changes takes place. No employee shall be entitled to any claim under Article 6.8 if the house is not listed for sale within sixty days of the sale of the final determination of value and thereafter the house continues to be listed for sale. Any claim for reimbursement under Article 6.8 must be made within 12 months of the final determination of value.

**NOTE:** Notwithstanding other provisions of Article 6.8, special cases of loss on sale of homes may be submitted to the Committee for adjudication, but such special cases will not be subject to arbitration.

- **6.9** Payment of the cost of moving a wheeled mobile home which the employee occupies as a year-round residence. The selection of the mover and the cost of moving the mobile home shall require the prior approval of the Company and shall not, in any event, exceed a total cost of \$7,000.00 Receipts shall be required.
- **6.10** If an employee, who is eligible for moving expenses does not wish to move their household to their new location, they may opt for a monthly allowance of \$215.00 which will be payable for a maximum of 12 months from the date of transfer to their new location. Should an employee elect to transfer to other locations during such twelve month period following the date of transfer, they shall continue to receive the monthly allowance referred to above, but subject to the aforesaid 12-month limitation.

An employee who elects to move their household effects to a new location during the twelve month period following the date of their initial transfer will only be eligible for relocation expenses under this Article for one such move and payment of the monthly allowance referred to above shall terminate as of the date of their relocation.

**6.11**(a)Alternatively to Article 6.8, the cost of terminating an unexpired lease and legal costs connected therewith up to a value of three months' rent where the relocation employee was renting

a dwelling, will be paid. Should the law require payment of more than three months' rent in order to terminate a lease, such additional amount will be paid providing the employee first secures the Company's approval to pay in excess of the three month's rent.

(b) Where a lease was entered into following the notice of the change without prior approval of the Company, no benefit will be provided. Such prior approval will not be unreasonably withheld.

# **Appraisal Procedure**

- **6.12** When an Eligible Employee desires to sell their home, under the provisions of Article 6.8(b), the following procedures will apply:
- (a) In advising the Company officer concerned of their desire to sell their house, the employee shall procure a formal appraisal from a recognized appraiser which will include pertinent particulars. In so doing, the employee shall advise the Company of the chosen appraiser and on completion shall submit such appraisal to the Company.
- b) Within 15 working days from date of receipt of employee's advice of their desire to sell their home, the Company officer shall arrange a second appraisal of the home. The fair market value shall be the average of the two appraisals provided they are not in excess of 10%.
- (c) If, however, the average of the appraisals is greater than 10%, then an effort shall be made to resolve the matter through joint conference of the officer and the employee concerned and the appropriate Union representative if so desired by the employee; such joint conference to be held within five working days from date of advice to employee concerned as referred to in Article 6.12(c).
- (d) If such joint conference does not resolve the matter, then within five days from the date of the final joint conference arrangements shall be made for an impartial appraisal to be undertaken as soon as possible by an independent real estate appraiser. The fair market price established by such appraiser shall become the fair market value for the purpose of The Plan,

and such price shall be binding on both parties.

- (e) The employee and Company officer concerned shall endeavour to mutually agree upon the independent appraiser referred to in Article 6.12(e). If they unable to agree, then the Minister of Labour shall be requested to appoint such an independent appraiser.
- (f) This fair market price of the house shall be the price determined as of a date sufficiently prior to the date of the change in order that the fair value will be unaffected thereby.
- (g) The residence shall not be listed for sale prior to the establishment of fair market value. Should the residence be sold prior to the establishment of a fair market value then the provisions of this Article are not applicable.
- (h) The fees and expenses of any appraiser appointed in accordance with Article 6.12 shall be paid by the Company.

**NOTE:** In the event an employee desires to sell their home at a price which is less than the fair market value as determined by the provisions of this Article, the Company will be given the right in priority to everyone else to purchase the home.

# Particulars of House to be Sold Name of Owner ..... Address ..... Type of House, i.e. Cottage / Bungalow/ Split Level Year Built ..... No. of Rooms......Bathrooms ..... Type of Construction, i.e. brick, veneer, stucco, clapboard Finished Basement: Yes ...... No ...... Type of Heating, i.e., oil, gas, electricity ...... Garage: Yes...... No...... Size of lot..... Fair Market Value: \$ ..... Other Comments ..... Date..... Signature .....

## **Supplemental Employment Plan**

- **7.1** Subject to the provisions of this Article, and in the application of Article 8.1 of The Plan, an employee will have a Supplemental Employment Plan when they has completed 8 years of Cumulative Compensated Service with the Company. New employees hired subsequent to June 17, 1996 will not become entitled to the provisions of this Article 7.
- **7.2** An employee who has the Supplemental Employment Plan under the provisions of this Article will not be subjected to layoff as the result of a change issued pursuant to Article 8.1 of The Plan. Wage replacement benefits shall be paid for up to four (4) years or up to the normal retirement date under the ONTC Contributory Pension Plan, whichever comes first.
- **7.3** An employee who has the Supplemental Employment Plan under the provisions of this Article and who is affected by a notice of change issued pursuant to Article 8.1 of The Plan, will be required to exercise their maximum seniority right(s), e.g., location and system, in accordance with the terms of the Collective Agreement applicable to the employee who has a Supplemental Employment Plan.
- **7.4** An employee who has Employee Security under the provisions of this Article and is unable to hold a position on their seniority district e.g., at a location and system, will be required to exercise the following options provided they are qualified or can be qualified in a reasonable period of time to fill the position involved. In filling vacancies, an employee who has a Supplemental Employment Plan must exhaust such available options, initially on a local basis, then on their seniority district:
- (a) fill an unfilled permanent vacancy within the jurisdiction of another seniority group and the same collective agreement;
- (b) there being none, fill an unfilled permanent vacancy within the jurisdiction of another seniority group with another Collective Agreement and the same Union; and
- (c) there being none, fill an unfilled permanent vacancy within the jurisdiction of another seniority group in another collective

agreement between ONTC and either a signatory or non-signatory Union; and

(d) there being none, fill an unfilled permanent vacancy in a position which is not covered by a Collective Agreement.

**NOTE:** In the application of Article 7.4(d) and notwithstanding the provisions of any Collective Agreement to the contrary, an employee who has a Supplemental Employment Plan while employed on a position which is not covered by a collective agreement will remain, and continue to accumulate seniority, on the list from which transferred.

- 7.5 An employee who has a Supplemental Employment Plan and who transfers from one seniority group to another under the provisions of Article 7.4 will, notwithstanding any provision of a Collective Agreement to the contrary, retain and continue to accumulate seniority in the seniority group from which transferred and will be subject to recall to his former seniority group.
- **7.6** An employee who has a Supplemental Employment Plan and who fails to comply with the provisions of this Article will lose their Supplemental Employment Plan. Such employee will, however, be entitled to such other benefits under The Plan for which they are eligible. (i.e., Article 4)

## **ARTICLE 7A**

# **Preferred Supplemental Employment Plan**

- **7A.1** An employee who was in the service on July 29, 1994 and who has, or subsequently attains seven years' service shall be defined as having "Preferred Supplemental Employment Plan."
- **7A.2** Such employee, who is displaced or has their job abolished, shall exercise their seniority as presently provided in their Collective Agreement, up to and including their basic seniority territory if necessary, in order to retain their Supplemental Employment Plan.

- **7A.3** If still unable to hold a position, then in order to retain a Supplemental Employment Plan they shall (subject to qualifications);
  - (i) fill an unfilled vacancy within the jurisdiction of another seniority group of the same Union covered by the same Collective Agreement;
  - (ii) there being none, fill an unfilled permanent vacancy within the jurisdiction of another seniority group and another signatory Union;
  - (iii) there being none, fill an unfilled permanent vacancy within the jurisdiction of another seniority group and a nonsignatory Union or in a position which is not covered by a Collective Agreement.

**NOTE:** In the application of above Clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) maintenance of basic wage rates shall apply.

(iv) there being none, unless eligible for job protection under Article 7, be placed in a "waiting" status until such time as a vacancy occurs within their classification on the seniority territory, or as per Clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) above. During this period the employee's U.I. benefits (subject to U.I. approval) and/or outside earnings, will be supplemented to a level equal to 80% of their weekly base pay continuing until such time as a position is found, up to four (4) years, or the normal retirement date under the ONTC Contributory Pension Plan, whichever comes first.

Also during this period the employee must accept temporary work at their layoff location.

- **7A.4** In each of the above cases, before proceeding to the next option, the employee shall be required to fill such unfilled vacancy as far as the basic seniority territory if necessary.
- **7A.5** Such employee shall retain and continue to accumulate seniority on their original list and be subject to recall. There will be no transfer of seniority rights on moves except as may be already provided by the current rules.

- **7A.6** Training shall be provided, if necessary, to achieve qualifications with maintenance of earnings as described above to prevail throughout the training period.
- **7A.7** An employee who declines to exercise any of the options detained in Article 7A.3 hereof, or who while on "waiting" status refuses recall to any permanent vacancy or temporary work as therein described, or refuses recall to a permanent position on their original basic seniority territory, shall forfeit their Supplemental Employment Plan. Such employee will, however, be entitled to such other benefits under The Plan for which they are eligible.
- **7A.8** This Article 7A does not apply to reductions in forces made necessary by strikes or lockouts in the railway industry.

# Technological, Operational and Organizational Changes

- **8.1** The Company will not put into effect any technological, operational, or organizational change of a permanent nature which will have adverse effects on employees without giving as much advance notice as possible to the Local Chairperson representing such employees or other such other officer as may be named, by the Union concerned, to receive such notices. In any event, not less than three month's notice shall be given, with a full description thereof and with appropriate details as to the consequent changes in working conditions and the expected number of employees who would be adversely affected.
- **8.2** When a notice is issued under Article 8.1 and it becomes known to the Company that the change will be delayed for reasons over which the Company has no control, advice will be issued to the Local Chairperson, or such other officer as may be named by the Union concerned, and employees involved, explaining the situation and revising the implementation dates. If necessary, more than one such advice may be issued.
- **8.3** When the implementation of a technological, operational, or organizational change is delayed or is to be delayed, at the

instance of the Company, in excess of 30 calendar days, a new notice as per Article 8.1 shall be given.

- **8.4** Upon request the parties shall negotiate on items, other than those specifically dealt with in The Plan, with a view to further minimizing the adverse effects on employees. Such measures, for example, may be related to exercise of seniority rights, or such other matter as may be appropriate in the circumstances, but shall not include any item already provided for in The Plan.
- **8.5** If the above negotiations do not result in mutual agreement within 30 calendar days of the commencement of such negotiations, or such other period of time as may be agreed upon by the parties, the matters in dispute may be referred for mediation to a Board of Review composed of an equal number of senior officers of the Company and of the Union.
- **8.6** If the Board of Review is unable to resolve the differences within a fixed period of time to be determined at the commencement of its meetings, or some mutually agreed extension thereof, the matters in dispute may be referred for final and binding settlement to an arbitrator as set out in Article 2.10 of The Plan. The matters to be decided by the arbitrator shall not include any question as to the right of the Company to make the change, which right the Unions acknowledge, and shall be confined to items not otherwise dealt with in The Plan.
- **8.7** The terms operational and organizational change shall not include normal reassignment of duties arising out of the nature of the work in which the employees are engaged nor to changes brought about by fluctuation of traffic or normal seasonal staff adjustments.
- **8.8** In addition to all other benefits contained in The Plan which are applicable to all Eligible Employees, the additional benefits specified in Article 8.9 and 8.10 are available to employees who are materially and adversely affected by technological, operational, or organizational changes instituted by the Company.

### Maintenance of Basic Rates

- **8.9** An employee whose rate of pay is reduced by \$2.00 or more per week, by reason of being displaced due to a technological, operational or organizational change, will continue to be paid at the basic weekly rate or hourly rate applicable to the position permanently held at the time of the change providing that, in the exercise of seniority, they;
- (a) first accepts the highest-rated position at their location to which their seniority and qualifications entitle him/her; or
- (b) if no position is available at their location, they accepts the highest-rated position on their basic Seniority Territory to which their seniority and qualifications entitle him/her.

The maintenance of basic rates, and four-week guarantees if applicable, will continue until:

- (i) the dollar value of the incumbent above the prevailing job rate has been maintained for a period of three years, and thereafter until subsequent general wage increases applied on the basic rate of the position they are holding erase the incumbent differential; or
- (ii) the employee fails to apply for a position, the basic rate of which is higher, by an amount of \$2.00 per week or more than the basic rate of the position which they are presently holding and for which they are qualified at the location where they are employed; or
- (iii) the employee's services are terminated by discharge, resignation, death, or retirement.

In the application of (ii) above, an employee who fails to apply for a higher-rated position, for which they are qualified, will be considered as occupying such position and their incumbency will be reduced correspondingly. In the case of a temporary vacancy, their incumbency will be reduced only for the duration of that temporary vacancy.

An example of the application of Article 8.9 (b)(i) follows:

Date Basic Rate	Level
Oct.1, Yr.1 \$450.00	\$500.00
Jan.1, Yr.2 (4%) 468.00	518.00
Jan.1, Yr.3 (3%) 482.04	532.04
Jan.1, Yr.4 (3%) 496.50	546.50
Jan.1, Yr.5 (3%) 511.40	546.50
Jan.1, Yr.6 (3%) 526.64	546.50
Jan.1, Yr.7 (3%) 542.54	546.50
Jan.1, Yr.8 (3%) 558.82	Incumbency Disappears

For the purpose of this Article 8.9, the basic rate of a position paid on a four-week guarantee basis of the basic rate of a position with standby earnings shall be converted to a basic rate on a 40-hour week basis.

## **Example-Four-Week Guarantee**

The basic rate of an employee who is guaranteed 179.3 hours for each four-week period, compromised of 160 straight time hours and 19.3 hours at time and one-half which is the equivalent of 189 straight time hours, is \$10.00 per hour at the straight time rate. In as much as their guarantee represents \$1,890.00 per four-week period, their Basic Weekly Rate shall be considered as \$472.50 and their basic hourly rate shall be considered as \$11.81.

# **Example-Standby Earnings**

The basic rate of an employee who receives a 25-hour straight time standby allowance for each four-week period (which is equivalent to 46.25 hours per week) is \$10.00 per hour at the straight time rate. Such employee's Basic Weekly Rate shall be considered as 426.50 and their basic hourly rate shall be considered as \$11.563.

## **Government Assistance Program**

**9.1** All payments under The Plan are to be reduced in whole, or in part, in each case by an amount payable for the same purpose under a Government Assistance Program.

### **ARTICLE 10**

# **Seasonal Employees**

10.1 Seasonal Employees are defined as those who are employed regularly by the Company, but who normally only work for the Company during certain seasons of the year. Articles 4 and 8 of The Plan shall apply to these employees except that payment may not be claimed by any seasonal employee during or in respect of any period or part of a period of layoff falling within the recognized seasonal layoff period for such group. In respect of seasonal employees laid off during the recognized seasonal working period, the 7 and 30-day waiting periods provided for in Articles 4.4(a)(ii) and 4.4(a)(iii) will apply, except that in the case of a seasonal employee who is not recalled to work at the commencement of the recognized seasonal working period, the even or 30-day waiting period, as the case may be, will begin on the commencement date of the recognized seasonal working period. Seasonal employees and recognized seasonal working period shall be defined in Memoranda of Agreement signed between the Company and the affected Organizations signatory thereto

## **Casual and Part Time Employees**

- **11.1** Casual and part time employees are those who work casually on an as required basis from day to day, including those who work part days as distinguished from employees who work on regular or regular seasonal positions.
- **11.2** Casual and part time employees are entirely excluded from the provisions of The Plan.

## **ARTICLE 12**

Non-Applicability of Sections 52, 53 and 54, Part 1, and Sections 214 to 226 inclusive of Part III of the Canada Labour Code

- **12.1** The provisions of The Plan are intended to assist employees affected by any technological change and Sections 52, 53 and 54, Part 1, of the Canada Labour Code do not apply.
- **12.2** The provisions of The Plan are intended to minimize the impact of termination of employment on the employees represented by The Unions and are intended to assist those employees in obtaining other employment and Sections 214 to 226 of Part III of the Canada Labour Code do not apply.

### **ARTICLE 13**

### **Amendments**

**13.1** The parties hereto may at any time during the continuance of the Plan amend its provisions in any respect by mutual agreement.

## Commencement

**14.1** Payment of benefits under The Plan shall commence on February 24, 1986.

## **ARTICLE 15**

## **Duration**

- **15.1** This Plan cancels and supersedes the Supplemental Employment Plan and Income Maintenance Plan dated June 17, 1996 between Ontario Northland Railway Company and the Associated Railway Unions.
- **15.2** The Plan will remain in effect until revised in the manner and at the time provided for in respect of the revision of the Master Agreement for which is current from time to time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have caused The Plan to be executed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 at North Bay, Ontario.

For ONTC:	For the Unions:
G. Stuart Director Human Resources	L. Wilson Secretary - Treasurer Teamsters Canada Rail Conference Maintenance Of Way Employees Division

# **APPENDIX "A"**

Organization		Classification
B.M.W.E. Brotherhood of Mtce of Way Employees	7.1	All BMWE employees in Track and B & B Departments
		Work Equipment and Welding Employees
	7.2	Track Labourers
I.B.E.W. International Bro. of Electrical Workers	6	Signal Foreman Signal Technician Asst. Signal Tech. Signal Maintainer Signal Assistant Signal Apprentice Signal Helper
Unifor National Automobile,	1	Office Clerks
Aerospace, Transportation and General Workers Union of Canada Local 103	4	Clerks and Other Classes of Employees including Stores Dept. (except office)
	5	Train Service Employees, Passenger Operations Dept.
USWA United Steelworkers of America Local 1976	2	Train Operations-Agents, Operators Dispatchers