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COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

- between -

LIDLAW TRANSIT LTD.
(Windsor Branch)
 (hereinafter called the "Company")

- and -

**National Automobile, Aerospace, Transportation
 and General Workers Union of Canada
 (CAW - Canada) and its Local 195**
 (hereinafter called the "Union")

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ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

- 1.01** The Company and the Union each agree that the purpose and intent of this Agreement is to promote co-operation and harmony, to recognize the mutual interest of the Parties, to provide proper means through which information may be transmitted from one to the other, to formulate rules and policies to govern the relationship between the Union and the Company, to promote efficiency and service, to establish rates of pay, hours of work, safe working conditions and other terms and conditions of employment as set out herein, and to set forth a procedure to be followed by the Parties hereto and by the employees covered by this Agreement for the expeditious and proper settlement of any dispute which may arise on the administration of the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 2 - UNION RECOGNITION

- 2.01** The Company recognizes National Automobile, Aerospace and General Workers Union, as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent of "all school bus drivers of Laidlaw Transit Ltd. Operating in and out of its terminal at Windsor, Ontario, excluding the General Manager, Operations Manager, Dispatcher, Assistant Dispatcher, and Shop Foreman".
- 2.02** The word "employee" or "employees" wherever used in this Agreement shall mean the employee for whom the Union is the bargaining agent as set out in Section 2.01.
- 2.03** The feminine pronoun shall include the masculine when the context so requires.

ARTICLE 3 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- 3.01** Subject to the terms of this Collective Agreement, it is the right of the Company;
- (a) to operate and manage its business, all respects in accordance with its obligations,
 - (b) to direct the working force of the Company, to maintain order, discipline and efficiency and to establish and enforce reasonable rules and regulations to be observed by the employees. The Company agrees to keep the Union advised of changes in such rules and regulations prior to implementation.
 - (c) The Union acknowledges further that it is the function of the Company to hire, promote, demote, transfer and lay-off employees and to suspend discipline and discharge employees for just and sufficient cause. Subject to the right of the employees to grieve in the manner and extent as herein provided.

- (d) nothing in the above management rights will be administrated in any way which is inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

3.02 It is a condition of employment for a driver that he hold a valid Ontario Class B drivers license.

ARTICLE 4 - UNION SECURITY

4.01 The Company shall deduct on the payroll for the last pay period in each month from wages due and payable to each employee coming within the scope of the Collective Agreement, an amount equivalent to the uniform monthly Union dues of the Union, subject to the conditions and exceptions set forth hereunder.

4.02 The amount to be deducted shall be equivalent to the uniform regular dues payment of the Union. The amount to be deducted shall not be changed during the term of this Agreement, excepting to conform with a change in the amount of regular dues of the Union in accordance with its Constitutional provisions. The provisions of this clause shall be applicable on receipt by the Company of notice in writing from the Union of the amount of regular monthly dues.

4.03 Membership in the Union shall be available to any employee eligible under the Constitution of the Union on payment of the initiation or reinstatement fees uniformly required of all other such applications by the Union. Membership shall not be denied for reasons of race, national origin, colour, religion or sex.

On commencing employment, the employee's immediate supervisor shall make every effort to introduce the new employee to his/her Union steward or representative at the earliest time possible, not during normal working hours. The Steward or Representative will provide him/her with a copy of the Collective Agreement.

4.04 All employees covered by this Agreement will have deducted each month from their pay, the amount of monthly Union dues, as determined by the Union in accordance with its Constitution. Union dues shall not be deducted from an employee who has earned less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) gross in a four (4) week period prior to dues being deducted. The Local Chairperson shall be supplied with the proper information of individuals not required to pay dues in any given month.

4.05 If the wages of an employee payable on the payroll for the last pay paid in any month are insufficient to permit the deduction of the full amount of the dues, no such deduction shall be made from the wages of such employee by the Company in such months.

The Company shall not, because the employee did not have sufficient wages payable to him on the designated payroll, carry forward and deduct from any subsequent wages the dues not deducted in an earlier month.

4.06 Only payroll deductions now or hereafter required by law, deduction of monies due or owing the Company and deductions for Group Insurance, shall be made from wages prior to the deduction of dues.

4.07 The amount of dues so deducted from wages accompanied by a statement of deductions from individuals shall be remitted by the Company to the Union, as may be mutually agreed by the Company and the Union, not later than the fifteenth (15th) of the month following the date in which the deductions are made.

4.08 The Company shall not be responsible financially or otherwise, either to the Union or to any employee, for failure to make deductions or for making improper or inaccurate 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 Company shall adjust it directly with the employee. In the event of any mistake by the Company, in the amount of its remittance to the Union, the Company shall adjust the amount in a subsequent remittance. The Company's liability for any and all amounts deducted pursuant to the provisions of this Clause shall terminate at the time it remits the amounts payable to the Union.

4.09 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 Company pursuant to the first paragraph of the Clause of this Agreement, all Parties shall co-operate fully in defense of such action. Each party shall bear its own cost of such defense except that if at the request of the Union, counsel fees are incurred, these shall be borne by the Union. Save as aforesaid, the Union shall indemnify and save harmless the Company from any losses, damages, costs, liability or expenses suffered or sustained by them as a result of any deduction or deductions from payrolls.

4.10 **New Employees**

Employees engaged to fill positions within the scope of this Agreement will be informed by the Company that National Automobile, Aerospace, Transportation and General Workers Union, (CAW-Canada) Local 195 is the exclusive bargaining agent representing all employees in negotiations with the Company regarding wages and working conditions in the disposal of any grievance that may arise with respect thereto. The Company further agrees to supply the said Union with name, occupations and address of each employee engaged during the term of this Agreement within fifteen (15) days from the date of employment.

- 4.11** Each new employee when hired by the Company will be required to sign an authorization card (supplied by the Union) for the purpose of becoming a Union member and authorizing the Company to deduct monthly Union dues, as a condition of their continued employment with the Company.

ARTICLE 5 - NO STRIKES OR LOCKOUTS

- 5.01** During the term of this Agreement, the Union agrees that it will not call, authorize, encourage or support any strike and the Company agrees that there will be no lockout. Strike and Lockout as defined by the Canada Labor Code provisions, as may be amended from time to time.

It shall not be a violation of this Agreement when the employees refuse to cross a picket line established at, or refuse to drive for or on behalf of any Company where a strike is in progress.

ARTICLE 6 - NO DISCRIMINATION

- 6.01** The Company and the Union agree that there shall be no discrimination, interference, restriction or coercion exercised or practice with respect to any employee by reason of age, marital status, sex, race, creed, colour, national origin, political or religious affiliations, disability, sexual orientation nor by reason of Union membership or activity.

It is agreed that the Canadian Bill of Rights shall apply to the terms, administration and operation of this Collective Agreement.

- 6.02** **Harassment in the Workplace**
The Union and the Company recognize the problem of sexual and racial harassment in the workplace and are committed to ending it. Harassment is not a joke. It is cruel and destructive behaviour against others that can have devastating effects.

It is an expression of perceived power and superiority by the harasser(s) over another person, usually for reasons over which the victim has little or no control: sex, race, age, creed, colour, marital status, sexual preference, disability, political or religious affiliation, or place of national origin.

Harassment on any of these grounds can be made the basis of a complaint to most provincial and federal human rights commissions.

Harassment can be defined as any unwelcome action by any person, in particular by management or a co-worker, whether verbal or physical, on a single or repeated basis, which humiliates, insults or degrades.

"Unwelcome" or "unwanted" in this context mean any actions which the harasser knows or ought to know are not desired by the victim of the harassment.

Sexual harassment is any unwanted attention of sexual nature such as remarks about appearance or personal life, offensive written or visual actions like graffiti or degrading pictures, physical contact of any kind, or sexual demands.

Racial harassment is any action, whether verbal or physical that expresses or promotes racial hatred in the workplace such as racial slurs, written or visually offensive actions, jokes or other unwanted comments or acts.

The experience of harassment can be overwhelming for the victim. People often react with shock, humiliation and intense anger. Therefore, the victim of harassment may not always feel comfortable going through the normal channels for resolving such a problem.

Because of the sensitive, personal natures of harassment complaints, especially racial and sexual harassment, the victim may prefer initially to seek other assistance. This could be any local Union elected person or official, including members of the women's committee, human rights committee and affirmative action committee. This person could assist the harassment victim in bringing the incident(s) to the attention of the top local Union leadership.

The local Union president and the unit chairperson must contact the CAW national representative, and if necessary, they will meet with a senior Company representative(s) to carry out an investigation. The issue must be handled with confidentiality, and is to be resolved within ten (10) working days of notifying the unit chairperson and local Union president.

Any resolution of a harassment complaint must reflect the serious natures of such acts and send a clear signal that they will not be tolerated.

ARTICLE 7 - SHOP COMMITTEE AND STEWARD

7.01 The Company recognizes the right of the Union to appoint or otherwise select a Negotiating Committee and a Grievance Committee and the Company undertakes to recognize and deal with these committees. The Company will recognize three (3) Stewards.

7.02 The Company and the Union agree that a Labour Management Committee will be established as soon as possible and scheduled for monthly meetings for the purpose of discussing the matters of mutual concern. Meetings between the employer and the Shop Committee shall be held at times mutually agreeable to both parties; not normally during working hours. A statement outlining the matters for discussion will be submitted by each party not less than two (2) days

prior to the time of the scheduled meeting except in the case of an emergency. The minutes of such meetings shall be forwarded to the Union within fourteen (14) days. The Union agrees to reply in writing within seven (7) days, noting its Agreement or pointing out any inaccuracies in the minutes and they shall be recorded. A copy shall be provided to the Union.

7.03 The Parties agree that Management and the Union Stewards in the employ of the Company have a special obligation to uphold the terms of this Collective Agreement.

7.04 The Union recognizes that the Company is obligated to follow the instructions of its clients and that it has an obligation to protect its business and serve its clients.

7.05 in the case of a grievance it is understood and agreed that no more than three (3) members of the Grievance Committee shall be entitled to meet with the Company at any one (1) time.

One (1) of the Committee members shall be the steward concerned with the grievance and the Chairperson or designate. In cases of Policy Grievances and/or unusual circumstances, the provisions of this clause may be extended.

7.06 The Union shall notify the employer in writing of the names of its officers, Chairperson and Stewards and the Shop Committees dealing with the Company. The employer shall notify the Union in writing of the names of its officials who have functions under this Agreement and stating their functions.

7.07 The President of the Union, Chairpersons and Stewards have regular duties to perform on behalf of the employer. They will not absent themselves from their regular duties in order to deal with grievances or other Union business without management consent.

7.08 The Company agrees that, for the purpose of carrying on administration of this Agreement, a representative of the National or Local Union shall have the right to visit the property of the Company, provided that these visits shall not interfere with the conduct of the business of the Company and provided further that the representative shall obtain the consent and approval of the Manager or his nominee before visiting any property of the Company, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

7.09 **Impartial Hearings, Grievance Meetings**
The Company agrees that the employee and the Union Steward will be given advance notice of the matter to be dealt with and all details given in full.

ARTICLE 8 - GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION

8.01 Every effort will be made to settle disputes during the early stage of the Grievance Procedure. It is understood that a reasonable amount of time may be spent by the members of the Union Grievance Committee in order to investigate and participate in grievance matters and the Union agrees that the members of its Committees will co-operate with the Company in not conducting investigations in a manner which will unduly interfere with the Company's operations. The Company agrees that it shall not prevent the Committee from properly fulfilling its obligations to investigate and settle grievances.

8.02 Subject to the terms of this agreement, any difference concerning the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation, may be grieved. Any employee unjustly discharged or disciplined, or who feels they have been unjustly dealt with, the following procedure shall be followed.

Step 1

The grievance shall be in writing, copy of which shall be given to the Manager and to the employees' Steward. The grievance must be presented to the Manager within five (5) working days after the occurrence of the matter complained of; and the manager shall answer the grievance in writing, within five (5) working days after he has received it. The grievance must be in a legible form and signed by the employee.

Step 2

if the matter has not been settled, the Union Steward of the employee involved may, within five (5) working days after receiving the written answer from the Manager, present the grievance in writing to the General Manager or his nominee, who shall render his decision in writing within five (5) working days after receiving it.

Step 3

If the matter is not settled the Local Chairperson and/or his representative may, within five (5) working days after receiving a written decision of the General Manager or his nominee present the grievance to the Area General Manager or his nominee. Following the presentation of the grievance at this Step there shall be arranged a meeting between Management and the Grievance Committee (consisting of two (2) members only) which meeting will take place in five (5) working days after the grievance has been presented. The National Representative, Local President or their nominee may attend. A written response shall be given by Management within five (5) days.

8.03

ARBITRATION

In the event that the matter has not been settled either party contact the other party in an endeavor to agree on a single arbitrator. Failing Agreement within

three (3) working days, arbitration will be instituted under the following conditions.

- 8.04** The party referring the matter to Arbitration will state the specific matter to be dealt with and provide the names of three (3) Arbitrators to hear and decide the matter. In the event the other party does not agree with any of the choice of Arbitrators, then they will offer three (3) alternate choices. Failure to agree on an Arbitrator, the parties will apply to the Canada Labor Relations Board for an appointment.
- 8.05** The Arbitrator shall then forthwith consider and determine the matters in issue which have been submitted to them for disposal and the decision of the Arbitrator shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.
- 8.06** The parties shall jointly and equally bear the expense, of a single Arbitrator.
- 8.07**
- (a) No matter shall be submitted to a board of Arbitration which has not been properly carried through previous steps of the Grievance Procedure in accordance with the Agreement.
 - (b) Failure to grieve previous discipline, or to pursue such a grievance to arbitration, shall not be considered an admission that such discipline was justified.
- 8.08** In the event of either the Company or the Union wishing to present a policy grievance alleging the violation of this Agreement, such grievance must be presented in writing within seven (7) working days after the occurrence of the matter complained of. If the Union files such a grievance, it shall be done by the Local Chairperson submitting a statement of the claim to the General Manager or his nominee who shall answer same in writing within four (4) working days, and the other steps of the grievance procedure as outlined above shall then apply. If the Company files such a grievance, it shall be done by the General Manager or his nominee submitting a written statement of the grievance to the Local Chairperson of the Union, he shall answer the grievance in writing within four (4) working days and if the matter is not settled, there shall be a meeting between the Union Grievance Committee and Management within seven (7) working days after the Local Chairperson has submitted his answer. A reference of any matter to arbitration shall then follow the other terms set forth in this Agreement.
- 8.09** All time limits as specified herein for the grievance or arbitration procedures may be extended but only by mutual agreement confirmed in writing. In particular, it is recognized that when a person involved in a grievance or all members of the Grievance Committee are not available due to absence away from home, then the parties will co-operate to provide a reasonable extension of a time limit as specified for the presentation, processing or discussion of the grievance.

- 8.10** Other than the initiation of a grievance when either party violates the time limits, then the grievance will proceed to the next step. The Union will advise the Company in writing when a grievance is dropped.
- 8.11** Time set for grievances, arbitration and investigations shall not include Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays for both Company and Union.
- 8.12** Disciplinary action, where necessary, will not be unduly delayed.
- 8.13** in any hearing involving the discipline of an employee, the employee may be accompanied by up to three (3) members of the Grievance Committee, at the employee's discretion. It is the Company's responsibility to inform the employee of his right to have a Union representative of his/her choice attend the meeting with the employee.
- 8.14** A grievance concerning the discharge of an employee will be processed commencing with Step 3 of the grievance procedure and within ten (10) calendar days of the date the employee *is* notified of the discipline.

ARTICLE 9 - SENIORITY AND WORK ALLOCATION

- 9.01** Seniority is defined as the length of continuous service in the bargaining unit and shall be used in determining priority and/or preference for layoffs, permanent reduction of the work force and recall.

Any member of Local 195 who is accepted for a position in another **CAW** Canada, Union organized division of the Company will carry their seniority. The moving member will not be allowed to displace anyone presently working in the division, but when a job opening is available the moving employee will stay at the bottom of the seniority list until the following sign-up, providing the employment with the Company has been continuous.

When two (2) or more employees commence work on the same day, they shall be shown on the seniority list in alphabetical order.

- 9.02** The Company shall maintain seniority lists showing the date upon which each employee's service commenced and the classification of each employee. Up-to-date copies of the seniority lists shall be sent to the Union, and posted on the bulletin board of January 30 and September 30 of each year. Additions and deletions will be announced at each Labour Management Meeting.

9.03 NEW HIRES

- (a) In order to exercise seniority in the bidding of school runs, a driver must do so with the understanding that they do the runs both a.m. and p.m. five (5) days per week for the entire school term;
- (b) If said driver may not bid on a run according to the condition described

above, she shall be placed on the spare board in a position to which her seniority allows, or in the event insufficient drivers are available, she may, at the discretion of the Company, be given a regular a.m. - p.m. run that may be available after the regular bidding is concluded.

9.04

An employee shall not lose seniority rights if he is absent from work because of sickness, accident, layoff or leave of absence approved by the employer. An employee shall only lose his seniority rights in the event of

- (1) He is discharged for just cause and is not reinstated.
- (2) He resigns in writing.
- (3) He is absent from work in excess of two (2) consecutive working days without sufficient cause or without notifying the employer, unless such notice was not reasonably possible.
- (4) If the employee fails to comply with the terms of a leave of absence granted to him.
- (5) If he is laid off for a period in excess of twelve (12) consecutive months.

School Bus Runs

New or vacant runs, kindergarten runs and shuttle work will be posted for five (5) working days. Removal will be at end of working day on the 5th day.

All job postings must specify, rate of pay, school assignment, start and finish times (a.m. and p.m.) and duration of assignment.

Sign-Up

Sign-up for school bus runs will be held prior to June 15, 1999 and each year thereafter (current system remains in place). Each employee will be canvassed as to their intent to remain on current run. A start-up meeting will be held by August 15th of each year. Open runs will be assigned by seniority at this meeting. A failure to return to work on the first school day shall be deemed to be a "quit".

The Company will post prior to June 15th of each year a sign-up sheet for summer work (charters and other types of work). Available work will be assigned by seniority and ability to perform the work on a rotation basis. Should no Bargaining members bid on work. The company shall assign said work at its discretion.

Charters

The Company will post sign-up sheets identifying School, Public, out of town and weekend charters. The Company shall post sign-up sheets at the 'start-up' meeting and February 1st of each year, an employee will have five (5) working

days to sign-up, they shall identify their selection. Selections will be assigned in order of seniority, by last school served or each category, by rotation.

For weekend and out of town runs twenty-four (24) hours notice will be given. Less than twenty-four (24) hours notice will not be classified as a refusal and their name shall be kept on the list for the next available charter.

9.05 in the event of layoff or recall to work following a layoff, probationary employee(s) shall be laid off first and recalled last. Employees shall then be laid off in reverse order of seniority and recalled in inverse order of seniority, such that the most senior employee shall be laid off last and recalled first. School bus drivers' layoffs and recalls will be done by seniority, by classification.

9.06 The Union agrees in the event of a layoff or recall to work of an employee that the Company will not be required as a result to reinstate an employee on a run if that employee at any time had been removed from said run for just cause. The situation shall be reviewed at the beginning of the next school year upon application of the driver.

9.07 The Company has sole discretion in determining whether or not permission be granted or revoked for any employee to keep the vehicle assigned to his place of residence. It is understood that such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

TEMPORARY LAY OFFS

When it is necessary to lay off employees temporarily as a result of labour disputes, school closures, adverse weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances, bumping shall not apply. Employees shall be recalled to their runs held prior to the temporary lay off and shall lose their right of recall if they do not return to their first scheduled day of work, unless otherwise so approved by management.

9.08 It is understood and agreed that the duties required of an employee engaged in school bus runs are of a nature that an employee so involved is deemed to be laid off during the period of the school Christmas break, the school Spring break, and the school Summer vacation. It is further understood that seniority shall continue to accumulate during the period of such layoffs. (Current practice to continue for ratification). At that time the re-opening of the school shall be deemed in the normal course to constitute a recall notice which shall be deemed to have been given. A failure to return to work in accordance with this clause shall be deemed a "quit".

9.09 Unemployment Insurance Record of Employment to be issued to all workers in accordance with Government Regulations. (i.e. Easter break, Christmas and Summer). Records of employment and paychecks to include actual hours worked.

PROBATION

Seniority is the principle of granting preference to employees for promotion, demotions, transfers, lay-offs, and rehiring after layoffs, providing only that an employee has the qualifications necessary to fill the normal requirements of the job. An employee shall be considered to be on probation until she has worked for the Company for a period of sixty (60) days worked.

Upon completion of the probation period, an employee's service shall be backdated to the date of their last hiring by the Company and their "seniority" shall be deemed to run from that date. It is understood that the discharge of a probationary employee shall not form the subject matter of a grievance.

There shall be two (2) separate seniority lists; one for the spare drivers and one for the regularly assigned employees. Employee's names shall be added to such lists in accordance with Article 10.01 upon successful completion of their probationary period and thereafter their seniority for the purpose of this Agreement shall date from their last hiring by the Company. It is agreed that an employee cannot bump from one category to the other.

ARTICLE 10 - PROMOTIONS

10.01 Promotions and transfers within this bargaining unit shall be governed by the following factors:

- 1. Knowledge, suitability, efficiency and ability to do the work required. The judgement of the above qualifications and the promotion of any employee shall be at the sole discretion of the Company.
- 2. Length of continuous service when factor 1 is equal in the judgement of the Employer, shall govern.

ARTICLE 11 - HOURS OF WORK

11.01 School Bus Transportation Drivers
There will be a ten (10) minute allowance at the beginning of the a.m. and after p.m. runs. This allowance is to compensate the Driver for the following:

- (a) Start up time
- (b) Ministry of Transportation circle check
- (c) Fueling
- (d) Cleaning the vehicle
- (e) Deadhead time and mileage

11.02 School bus drivers shall be paid on the basis of each run being assigned the time from the first pick up until the **last** drop off, plus the allowance provided in Clause 10.01.

ARTICLE 12 - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

12.01 Employees requesting leave of absence shall make written application to their Manager giving at least seven (7) working days notice. The Company may, at its discretion, grant such leave of absence for a period of up to three (3) months provided the services of the employees are not immediately required and there is an employee available who has the qualifications to perform the work. Such leave of absence shall be granted in writing, with a copy to the Local Chairperson.

Leaves of absence will not be granted during the month of September. The Company's response to the request shall be given in writing within seven (7) days of the Company receiving the employee's written request.

12.02 Leave of absence may be extended in writing by the Company upon application in writing from the employee, provided such application is received at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the expiration of the leave of absence.

12.03 An employee who fails to report for duty on or before the expiration of a leave of absence shall forfeit his seniority and his name will remove from the seniority list. In the case of an employee being granted an extended approved unpaid leave of absence, the employee may not be permitted to sign for a regular school run and/or the run vacated by the employee may be posted.

12.04 Absolute proof of illness preventing return upon expiration of leave of absence shall excuse an employee's failure to return at that time.

12.05 Leave of absence shall not be granted to enable an employee to work outside the Company's service unless by Agreement between the Company and the National Representative of the Union.

12.06 An employee elected as a full-time representative of the Union shall be granted leave of absence without pay while so engaged.

12.07 Upon written request of the National Representative, Local President and/or Local Chairperson, employees delegated and attending general business of the Union shall be granted leave of absence without pay for that purpose. As much advance notice as possible will be given by the National Representative and/or Local Chairperson prior to the effective date of the requested leave of absence. The company will pay lost time for all union leaves under this article to employees at their rate of pay and such rate of pay will be reimbursed by CAW Local 195.

12.08 The name of an employee who is on authorized leave of absence shall be retained on the seniority list and shall continue to accumulate seniority. School bus drivers on an approved leave shall be returned to their scheduled work on the scheduled return date.

12.09 An employee wishing to return from leave of absence prior to the expiration of his approved period of leave must advise his Supervisor at least seven (7) days in advance of the date upon which he wishes to return to work. The Supervisor will, if such leave is due to illness, make every effort to change the work schedule to accommodate the returning employee, but if this is not possible, the employee shall return at the earliest possible date following the receipt of such notification by the Supervisor. If the leave were for other reasons, the employee will resume his duties at a time specified by the Company.

12.10 Paid Jury or Court Witness Duty Leave

The Company shall grant leave of absence without loss of seniority benefits to an employee who serves as juror or witness in any court. The Company shall pay such an employee the difference between normal earnings and the payment received from jury service or court witness, other than personal, excluding payment for traveling, meals or other expenses. The employee will present proof of service and the amount of pay received. Time spent by an employee required to serve as a court witness in any matter arising out of his/her employment shall be considered as time worked at the appropriate rate of pay at straight time.

12.11 Bereavement Leave

Every employee who has completed three (3) consecutive months of continuous employment is entitled to and shall be granted, in the event of the death of a member of their immediate family, paid bereavement leave on any of their three (3) normal working days that occur during the three days immediately following the day of the death.

The immediate family is defined as per the Canadian Labour Code: spouse, (including common law), father and mother and spouse of either of father-in-law and mother-in-law and spouse of either of these, children, brothers and sisters, any relative of the employee who permanently resides with the employee or with whom the employee permanently resides.

An employee unable to attend the funeral but who is required to make funeral arrangements or attend a private mourning service shall receive one (1) day with pay, provided the day of the funeral occurs on a working day.

ARTICLE 13 - VACATIONS (FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES ONLY)

13.01 All employees with less than one (1) year of service shall receive vacation with pay in accordance with the minimum requirements of the applicable regulations.

13.02 Employees who have maintained an employment relationship with the Company of one (1) year, shall receive a vacation of two (2) weeks and they

shall receive for vacation pay an amount equal to two (2) weeks basic pay at straight time or four (4%) percent of the pay received for all work performed in the working year whichever is greater.

- 13.03** Employees who have maintained an employment relationship with the Company of five (5) years will receive a vacation of three (3) weeks, and they shall receive for vacation pay an amount equal to six (6%) percent of earnings in a previous year.
- 13.04** An employee who has maintained an employment relationship with the Company of ten (10) years will receive a vacation of four (4) weeks and they shall receive for vacation pay an amount equal to eight (8%) percent of the previous year. The above vacation schedule shall be subject to the provisions of the Federal Labor Standards Code whenever and wherever that Code does apply. Therefore, vacation allowances and vacation credits shall be granted in accordance with the code whenever it applies notwithstanding the terms outlined above.
- 13.05** Vacation days shall be exclusive of the assigned rest days and legal holidays as specified in this Agreement.
- 13.06** Seniority of employees will govern choice of vacation days.
- 13.07** Vacation pay for all employees will be paid on each cheque.
- 13.08** **Vacation Pay'(Part-Time Employees)**
Part-time employees shall receive for vacation pay the applicable percentage of the previous year's earnings as set below.

ARTICLE 14 - PAID HOLIDAYS

- 14.01** An employee who qualifies in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Canada Labour Code shall be granted a holiday for each holiday established under the Canada Labour Code.
- 14.02** The parties agrees to recognize Easter Monday as a statutory holiday in lieu of the Remembrance Day statutory holiday.
- The Company also agrees to recognize the Civic Holiday occurring in the month of August.
- 14.03** If any of the Company-recognized holidays not designated under the Canada Labour Code cease to be recognized by a customer and services are required on that day, the parties agree to meet and discuss methods to address this issue.
- 14.04** An employee must be available for duty on such holiday if it occurs on one of

their workdays, excluding vacation days.

14.05 Drivers working fifteen (15) or more days in the previous thirty (30) immediately preceding the holiday, they will receive holiday pay for all work regularly scheduled for that holiday (i.e. a.m., p.m. kindergarten, shuttle and late run).

14.06 Drivers working fewer than fifteen (15) days in the previous thirty (30) immediately preceding the holiday, they will receive holiday pay equal to one twentieth (1/20th) of their earnings during the thirty (30) days immediately preceding the holiday.

ARTICLE 15 - PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

15.01 A part-time employee under this Agreement will be defined as any employee who normally works less than twenty-eight (28) hours per week. Therefore, any employee who normally works more than twenty-eight (28) hours per week shall be classified as a full-time employee. Part-time employees under this Agreement do not participate in any of the benefit packages included in this Agreement. Charter hours are not to be included in this calculation.

ARTICLE 16 - HEALTH AND WELFARE

16.01 All full-time employees with sixty (60) calendar days service with the Company will be provided with the following insurance benefits and the Company will bear eighty-five (85%) percent, of the cost of same:

Life Insurance\$30,000.00

Accident, Death and Dismemberment\$30,000.00

Weekly Indemnity first day - accident
e first day - when hospitalized
e eighth - sickness
e maximum - fifteen (15) weeks

Weekly indemnity payment benefit will be maintained at the level required to meet the Unemployment Insurance Canada registered criteria.

Prescription Plan - .35¢ co-pay.

ARTICLE 17 - HEALTH AND SAFETY

17.01 The Company agrees to maintain proper observance of the health and safety conditions affecting its employees. It is equally recognized to be in the best interest of all parties to at all times comply with the statutes and regulations which pertain to the operation of commercial vehicles.

The employees agree to abide by the driving rules as laid down by the Company. These rules shall be in conformity with the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, or other statutes covering the Company's operations.

Health and Safety Committee Meetings

We recognize and encourage the role that both employees and the Company can play in enhancing the safe operating conditions of our Branch. To help accomplish this, a Health and Safety Committee will be created and held in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Canada Labour Code, Plan II. Employees participating in same will be compensated at the non-revenue rate.

17.02 It shall also be the committee's responsibility to review all accidents occurring at the Windsor Division and as to recommending whether these accidents are preventable or non-preventable. Appeals to this process shall be made to the Regional Director Driver Development & Safety.

ARTICLE 18 - BULLETIN BOARDS

18.01 Bulletin Boards shall be maintained by the Company for the use of the Union for calling of meetings and posting notices relative to the Collective Agreement. A copy shall be supplied to the Company.

ARTICLE 19 - CORRESPONDENCE

19.01 Each employee shall keep the office informed of his current address and telephone number.

19.02 All communications between the Parties shall be addressed to:

- To the Branch Manager and, Laidlaw Transit, Windsor.
- To the Local Chairperson of CAW Canada and at the last known address in the Union.

ARTICLE 20 - GENERAL

20.01 Non Union personnel will not perform any Bargaining Unit work except in cases of extreme emergency.

- 20.02** It is a condition of employment for a driver that he hold the necessary Ontario Drivers license to perform his normal duties. Cancellation and/or inability to maintain the required drivers license will result in termination. It is the driver's responsibility to advise the Company in writing of any change in the status of his/her license.
- 20.03** Telephone Calls
If it becomes necessary for a driver to call the office when he is on charters, highway runs, etc., he shall be reimbursed for the amount paid.
- 20.04** The Company agrees to supply and pay for appropriate cleaning supplies to all drivers for bus cleaning. (Define tools and supplies).
- 20.05** Employees will be paid bi-weekly.
- 20.06** The Company will reimburse an employee for any pay error of twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars or more immediately upon discovery of error. Any error which amounts to less than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars will be rectified and paid on the next regularly scheduled pay day.

ARTICLE 21 - TRAINING

- 21.01** Employees shall be encouraged to learn the duties of positions other than their own within the Company. For this purpose, opportunity shall be afforded in their own time and/or during their regular working hours provided that such arrangements do not interfere with the performance of their regularly assigned duties.

The Company may also for this purpose make arrangements with the employees to exchange positions temporarily without effect upon the rate of pay of the employees concerned. The Local Chairperson will be advised when employees exchange positions in accordance with the Clause.

- 21.02** **Training During Normal Working Hours**
An employee required by the Company to take training during his normal working hours will be paid his regular rate of pay while in training.

Voluntary Training

Where training facilities are provided by the Company on a voluntary basis, an employee taking advantage of such training will not be compensated.

- 21.03** It shall be the policy of the Company to co-operate in every practical way with employees who desire advancement to official or excepted positions. Accordingly, such employees who make application to the Division Manager stating their desires, qualifications and experience will be given consideration for openings, provided they have the necessary capabilities.



Safety workshops

As required by the Company and set out in the relevant policy, all drivers must attend minimum number of mandatory safety workshops annually. Any paid safety workshops will be paid at the non-revenue rate.

ARTICLE 22 - DURATION

22.01 This Agreement shall become effective on the **1st day of September, 1998**, and shall remain in force and effective until the **31st day of August, 2001**.

Either party shall be entitled to give notice in writing to the other party as provided in the Labour Relations Act of its desire to bargain with a view to the renewal of the expiring collective agreement at any time within 90 days before the expiry date of the agreement.


Following such notice to bargain the parties shall meet within 15 days of the notice or within such further period as the parties mutually agree upon.

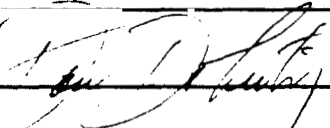
It is agreed that during the course of bargaining, it shall be open to the parties to agree in writing to extend this agreement beyond the expiry date of the **31st day of August, 2001**, for any stated period acceptable to the parties and in accordance with the Labour Relations Act.

Provided that for the purposes of all notices under this article, notice in writing shall be deemed to have been received by the party to whom is sent upon the mailing of such notice by registered mail addressed to current address of the other party.

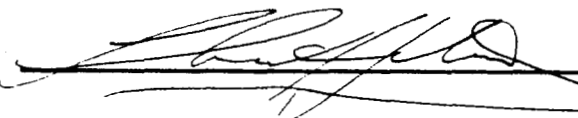
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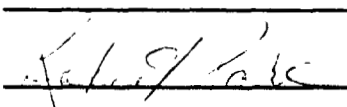
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SCHEDULE "A" - WAGE SCHEDULE

- Rates Payable upon verification by school board
- Times are paid from the first **pick** up to the last drop off, *plus* ten (10) minutes a.m. and ten (10) minutes p.m. (Circle check & fueling).
- Wheel Chair rates **DO NOT** include **pick up** and drop off of aides !

TIME IN MINUTES	RATE		RATE		RATE
	1998/1999	INC.	1999/2000	INC.	2000/2001
REGULAR ROUTES					
0-60	\$13.68	5%	\$14.36	2.5%	\$14.72
60-75	\$14.63	5%	\$15.36	2.5%	\$15.75
76-85	\$15.59	5%	\$16.37	2.5%	\$16.78
86-95	\$16.71	5%	\$17.55	2.5%	\$17.98
96-105	\$17.82	5%	\$18.71	2.5%	\$19.18
106-115	\$18.93	5%	\$19.88	2.5%	\$20.37
116-125	\$20.04	5%	\$21.04	2.5%	\$21.57
126-135	\$21.15	5%	\$22.20	2.5%	\$22.77
136-145	\$22.25	5%	\$23.36	2.5%	\$23.94
146-155	\$23.35	5%	\$24.52	2.5%	\$25.13
156-165	\$24.45	5%	\$25.67	2.5%	\$26.31
WHEEL CHAIR ROUTES					
0-75	\$17.38	5%	\$18.25	2.5%	\$18.71
76-85	\$18.50	5%	\$19.43	2.5%	\$19.91
86-95	\$19.43	5%	\$20.40	2.5%	\$20.91
96-105	\$20.54	5%	\$21.56	2.5%	\$22.11
106-115	\$21.65	5%	\$22.73	2.5%	\$23.30
116-125	\$22.77	5%	\$23.91	2.5%	\$24.51
126-135	\$23.88	5%	\$25.07	2.5%	\$25.70
136-145	\$24.99	5%	\$26.24	2.5%	\$26.90
146-155	\$26.10	5%	\$27.41	2.5%	\$28.09
156-165	\$27.21	5%	\$28.57	2.5%	\$29.28
166-175	\$28.31	5%	\$29.73	2.5%	\$30.47

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KP - ROUTES					
0-75	\$13.68	5%	\$14.36	2.5%	\$14.72
75 >	\$14.63	5%	\$15.36	2.5%	\$15.75

A signing bonus of \$300.00 shall be paid to all employees currently on the seniority list.

1. Spares - same pay as regular drivers.
2. Charter rates - September 1999 - \$9.00 , September 2000 - \$9.50
3. Meal Allowance - \$8.00 after five (5) hours on Charters
4. Overnight - eight (8) hours plus lodging
5. Cancellations - \$8.20
6. Mandatory meetings, training and safety meetings, breakdown, cover runs, and washing buses.
7. Hydro allowance - \$10.00 per month as required.
8. Circle check, vehicle refueling- ten (10) minutes to be included in a.m. and p.m. time calculation.
9. Inclement weather, snow days - 70% of rate for regularly scheduled work.

JOBSTO BE POSTED

- Lawn care
- Fueling
- Salting yard
- Bus Cleaning

Medical exams - the Company will contribute \$55.00 towards the cost of medical examinations required to retain class "B" license.

Paid Education Leave (P.E.L) Fund - \$200.00 payable annually to the CAW Paid Education Fund, R.R.#1, Port Elgin, ON NOH 2C5.

Recruiting bonus of \$100.00 to remain in effect for the duration of this Agreement. Payable after probation period.

Return of child to school - special work rate, applicable to extra time outside of route time.

Negotiations- Company to compensate Committee Members for lost run time incurred as a result of direct negotiations with the Company.