

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

BC TREE FRUITS COOPERATIVE

AND



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Dear Member:

This is your Union Collective Agreement. It represents the progress and efforts of many years of negotiations. Please read it and make sure you are receiving the benefits to which you are entitled.

Only by insisting on your rights, and refusing to let anyone abrogate them, can the Agreement be kept strong and meaningful. Any abuse of the Collective Agreement tends to undermine and weaken it.

Let's respect the Agreement; let's keep it strong and meaningful.

Make full use of your Shop Stewards.

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THIS AGREEMENT 2nd DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.

BETWEEN:

BC TREE FRUITS COOPERATIVE
(hereinafter referred to as the "Employer")

AND:

**UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS
UNION, LOCAL 247**
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

WHEREAS:

It is the intent and purpose of the parties hereto that this Agreement will promote and improve industrial and economic relationships between the employees and the Employer as set forth herein the basic agreement covering rates of pay, hours of work and conditions of employment to be observed between the parties hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH:

ARTICLE 1 – DEFINITIONS

1.01 Employee – Bargaining Unit

The term “Employee” means a person employed by the Employer to do skilled and unskilled manual, clerical or technical work, but does not include office staff or a manager or superintendent or any other person excluded under the provisions of *The British Columbia Labour Relations Code*; and, for further clarity, does not include the following – Sanitation Foreman and Assistant Foreman; and Maintenance and Refrigeration Foremen.

1.02 Probationary Employee

The term “probationary employee” as defined in this Collective Agreement shall mean, an employee who has worked less than four hundred and eighty (480) hours from the date of hire with the Employer. During the probationary period employees will not be entitled to seniority and may be terminated by the Employer by reason of being unsuitable for further employment. The reasons for dismissal will be available to the Union on request.

1.03 Hours Worked

For the purposes of this Agreement, hours worked shall be the actual hours an employee has performed work including hours worked on overtime.

1.04 Seniority

The term seniority as used in this Agreement shall mean the numbers of hours worked including the hours accumulated on an approved leave. Employees shall be entitled to accrue seniority only in the plant in which they work. In the case of maintenance or trades, each of the classifications noted shall have an individual regional seniority listing. Present employees will be credited with full hours based on their present seniority.

1.05 Gross Earnings

“Gross Earnings” for the purpose of this Agreement shall be defined as all money received directly from the Employer (wages, overtime, shift premiums, vacation pay, sick leave pay, statutory holidays, bereavement pay and jury duty pay).

1.06 Benefit Qualifying & Accumulation

All days absent on paid vacations, statutory holidays, Workers’ Compensation Board, paid sick leave, leave of absence on Union business, jury duty, bereavement leave and Industry related Educational leave as determined by the Employer shall be considered as hours worked toward qualifying for and accumulation of all benefits.

1.07 Full-Time Employee

Regular employees who are hired to work on a full-time scheduled basis.

1.08 Part-Time Employee

Regular employees, who are hired to work one day or more per week on a regularly scheduled basis, but who work less than full-time hours per week.

1.09 Shortage of Work

Absence of work to be done for a period of less than two (2) days does not constitute a layoff. Shortage of work is the day-to-day reductions of work, due to mechanical breakdown or short-term variation in production requirements.

1.10 Layoff

Displacement due to permanent lack of work, or a reduction of the majority of their work hours. Employee bumping or displacement may only occur during a Layoff.

1.11 Posted Incumbent

Employee that is qualified for and currently holds a designated position. They qualified for the position through training or capability.

1.12 Relief Position

A relief position is held by an employee that replaces the Posted Incumbent in a designated position when the incumbent is not available to perform the role. Employee holding a Relief Position must also be qualified for the role through training or capability. The senior qualified employee holding a Relief Position will be assigned to backfill for the Posted Incumbent.

ARTICLE 2 – UNION RECOGNITION

2.01 The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole collective bargaining authority for its employees covered by this Agreement and hereby consents and agrees to negotiate with the Union, or any authorized committees thereof, in any or all matters affecting the relationship between the said Employer and employees, looking towards a peaceful and amicable settlement of any difference that may arise between the Employer and the Union.

2.02 No Discrimination

The Employer agrees that there shall be no discrimination against Union members for continued employment, promotion or transfer, or in the hiring of new employees.

There shall be no discharge because of membership in the Union or legitimate Union activities that do not

interfere with production or the rights of other employees.

2.03 Non-Bargaining Unit Employees

This Collective Agreement shall not apply to any office staff, manager, sales staff, supervisor or any other person excluded under the provisions of the *British Columbia Labour Code*.

2.04 Work of the Bargaining Unit

Supervisors and persons above the rank of supervisor shall not perform work which is normally performed by employees in the bargaining unit except in cases of emergency, temporary urgent production needs and for the purpose of instruction of employees.

2.05 Bulletin Boards

The Employer agrees to supply a bulletin board to be fixed in a prominent, accessible location in each plant, and agrees that the Union shall have the right to use fifty percent (50%) of the space on such bulletin board for the posting of notices of official Union business.

ARTICLE 3 – UNION SECURITY

3.01 Union Membership

- a) All employees shall as a condition of employment maintain active membership with the Union. It is agreed that the Employer will have employees complete Union membership applications immediately upon being employed and forward them to the Union office fully completed and signed. Each new employee, at the time of employment, will be provided with material outlining to the employee their responsibility in regard to Union membership as supplied by the Union. The Employer will as soon as possible provide to the Union, in writing, the name, address and mobile phone number of each employee to whom they have presented the above-noted material, along with the employee's date of hire.
- b) The Employer further agrees to provide to the Union, once per month, a list containing names of all employees who have terminated their employment during the previous month.

3.02 The Employer shall deduct, as a condition of each employee's continued employment, a sum equivalent to Union dues.

3.03 All new members will pay an initiation fee as established by the Union. The Employer will deduct and

remit same to the financial secretary of the Union within thirty (30) days.

3.04 Special assessments if levied in accordance with the Constitution & By-laws of the Union will be deducted from members of the Union upon proper notification from the Union.

3.05 Deductions of Dues

The Employer shall, during the term of this Agreement, as a condition of employment, deduct from members of the bargaining unit the regular weekly Union Dues and such Dues shall be remitted to the Union within thirty (30) days. Deduction statements shall be documented by location, containing the full name of the employee and their starting date and social insurance number subject to the employee consenting to the use of their social insurance number. The Employer agrees to record the annual Union Dues deductions for each employee on their T4 Form. The Employer shall provide dues information to the Union in an electronic format acceptable to both parties.

The Employer agrees to forward to the Union Office on a monthly basis, a complete alphabetical listing of all employees including their home address, home and mobile phone numbers, starting date, department and social insurance number subject to the employee consenting to the use of their social insurance number.

3.06 It is also agreed that for the purpose of administering payrolls through the Industry computer system the Employer will deduct from each employee the monthly Union dues constitutionally established by the Union, on the basis of twenty-six (26) two (2) week work periods each year.

3.07 The deduction on the records of the Employer shall constitute the sums so deducted as money held by the Employer in trust for the Union.

3.08 The Employer shall show on each pay slip when the employee has completed four hundred and eighty (480) worked hours on each pay slip thereafter. It shall be totaled at the end of each calendar year and new totals accumulated for the next calendar year.

3.09 Shop Stewards

The Union shall select a shop steward(s) for each plant, in whatever manner it deems proper and shall advise the Employer of their selection. With the express permission of the supervisor or plant manager, shop stewards shall be allowed the time required to attend to Union business during working hours with no deduction in pay. Such permission shall not be unreasonably withheld.

3.10 Union Representatives

The authorized business agent or representative of the Union shall be permitted to visit members regarding

Union business during working hours, after obtaining permission from the Employer and no interview shall be more than five (5) minutes unless during lunch time. It is understood that visits during lunch period shall not be restricted so long as the privilege is not abused.

These provisions for Union security shall be a condition of entering into or continuing in the employ of the Employer.

ARTICLE 4 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- 4.01** The Employer shall have the exclusive right to manage the operation and services subject to the provisions of this Agreement, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing, its right to determine:
- a) Employment;
 - b) Complement;
 - c) Work methods and procedures;
 - d) Kinds and locations of equipment;
 - e) Facilities and buildings;
 - f) Hours of work, scheduling, assignment, classification, and evaluation of employees;
 - g) Contracting out of services;

- h) Organization;
- i) Promotion, demotion, layoff and discharge of employees;
- j) Maintenance of order, discipline and efficiency;
- k) Employee training and training program selection.

The Employer has the right to make and alter rules and procedures to be observed by the employees.

ARTICLE 5 – HOURS OF WORK AND SCHEDULING

5.01 Normal Hours of Work

The normal hours of work shall be to a maximum of ten (10) hours per day and forty (40) hours per week.

Employees will not be scheduled to work with fewer than eight (8) hours between shifts, except by consent of the Employee.

5.02 Normal Work Week

Every reasonable effort, consistent with good business and efficient operations, will be made to schedule a work week consisting of forty (40) hours for as many senior employees as possible. Shifts will be scheduled consecutively whenever possible.

5.03 Shifts – Day, Afternoon & Graveyard

- a) The maximum hours of work for a full shift shall be any ten (10) consecutive hours in a twenty-four (24) hour period.

Shifts will be scheduled to start and finish within the following time frames:

Dayshift	5:00 am to 5:00 pm
Afternoon Shift	3:00 pm to 1:00 am
Graveyard Shift	9:00 pm to 7:00 am

- b) The majority of hours worked will determine the appropriate shift for those employees starting work during the overlap periods as indicated above.

5.04 Hours of Work – Full-Time

The Employer will maximize full-time shifts. In addition, full-time employees may access part-time shifts as a result of losing shifts due to lack of production.

5.05 Hours of Work – Schedule

The Employer shall, draw up hours of work schedules to meet with requirements of their operation. Hours of Work schedules shall be posted on the bulletin board and any other communication platform no later than 3:00 pm for the following day and a copy submitted to

the Union upon request. Shifts will be filled by a shift bid process based on seniority. Hours of work schedule changes made after 3:00 pm require the Company to make every reasonable effort to contact the affected employee(s).

Employees who are scheduled and report to work shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours pay at straight time. However, if the employee does not wish to work the equivalent of four (4) hours and leaves on their own accord, they shall only be paid for the time actually worked.

5.06 Schedule Blocks Offered

Scheduled blocks shall be offered weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly on the basis of seniority. Senior employees will have the first opportunity to bid on a scheduled block. The Employer will endeavor to maximize Monday to Friday schedules for senior employees.

5.07 Scheduling of Multi-Function Roles

Employees posted to a multi-function role or relief position (e.g. Machine Operators) shall be scheduled before single function operators and reliefs. Employees as of October 1, 2023, who are posted to a single-function role, (e.g. Bliss Machine) shall be entitled to apply their seniority in preference to an employee posted to a multi-function role.

ARTICLE 6 – SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL

6.01 The afternoon or night shift premium rate will only apply to any afternoon or night shift hours worked and it is understood that the hours worked on these shifts with the exception of meal hour shall be continuous and the premium shall be one dollar (\$1.00) per hour for the afternoon shift, and two dollars (\$2.00) per hour for the night (graveyard) shift.

ARTICLE 7 – OVERTIME

7.01 Overtime

- a) Overtime shall be offered by seniority, in the following order:
 - i) scheduled employees on the job performing the assigned work.
 - ii) remaining employees at work who are posted within the classification.
 - iii) employees at work working within the classification on a temporary basis.
 - iv) other employees at work who are qualified and can immediately and adequately perform the duties of the job.

b) Banked Overtime Hours

It is agreed that all employees shall have the option of either being paid or to bank all overtime hours worked.

All hours banked in a calendar year will be paid at the rate of pay at the time the employee banked the overtime if the employee has not exhausted their banked hours at the end of each calendar year.

Employees wishing to take paid time off in lieu of overtime pay must provide at least two (2) weeks` notice to their supervisor. Paid time off must be scheduled by mutual agreement between the employee and supervisor.

Employees will be allowed to bank overtime in dollars until the end of the following calendar year.

c) Overtime – Voluntary

All overtime shall be voluntary. Should there be no volunteers, call in will be in reverse order of seniority.

d) Daily Overtime

All overtime hours worked on any given day in excess of eight (8) hours, or the scheduled shift in a day, whichever is greater shall be paid for at the

rate of one and one-half times (1½x) the regular hourly rate for the first two (2) hours, after which double time will apply.

e) Weekly Overtime

All hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a week shall be paid at one and one-half times (1½x) the regular hourly rate for the first eight (8) hours, after which double time will apply.

There shall be no pyramiding of overtime and both daily and weekly overtime shall not be paid for the same hours worked and all overtime shall be paid at the rate for the classification and for job title duties being performed.

ARTICLE 8 – STATUTORY HOLIDAYS

8.01 Working employees will be paid statutory holiday pay on an hourly basis as per the *Employment Standards Act*.

8.02 Recognized Statutory Holidays

New Years Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, B.C. Day, Labour Day, National Truth & Reconciliation Day, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day.

8.03 Statutory Holidays – Saturday or Sunday

If the statutory holiday falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, the following Monday or preceding Friday shall be observed as a holiday or any other day mutually agreed by Employer and the Union.

8.04 Work on Statutory Holidays

Employees who work Statutory Holidays, shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half times (1½x) their regular hourly rate of pay. All hours in excess of the employee's regularly scheduled hours [e.g., eight (8) or ten (10) hours] shall be paid at double (x2) the regular hourly rate.

Refrigeration Operators may not use seniority to bump a Junior Operator to work on Statutory Holidays.

8.05 Statutory Holidays

Employees shall be offered work on statutory holidays by seniority in the following order:

- i) Posted employees.
- ii) Employees who can immediately and adequately perform the duties of the job.
- iii) Employees not at work.

ARTICLE 9 – CALL IN

9.01 Call-In – Scheduled Day Off

Employees who are not at work and are called in to work shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours pay at straight time. However, if the employee does not wish to work the equivalent of four (4) hours, and leaves on their own accord, they shall only be paid for the time actually worked.

9.02 Call In – Statutory Holidays

Employees who are called in to work on a Statutory Holiday shall be paid a minimum of four (4) hours at applicable overtime rates. However, if the employee does not wish to work the equivalent of four (4) hours and leaves on their own accord, they shall only be paid for the time actually worked at the overtime rate.

ARTICLE 10 – CALL BACK

10.01 Call Back – After a Completed Shift

Where an employee completes a regularly scheduled shift, leaves the premises, and is called back to work by the Employer, overtime would be applicable and calculated on hours of actual work, or a total of four (4) hours at straight time, whichever is greater. However, if the employee does not wish to work the equivalent of four (4) hours, and leaves on their own accord, they

shall be paid only for the time actually worked at the overtime rate.

ARTICLE 11 – REST PERIODS

11.01 Rest Periods

A break of fifteen (15) consecutive minutes, morning and afternoon, with pay for all hourly workers, shall be granted after not more than two and one-half (2½) hours of work on any one (1) shift. Employees working overtime will be allowed to break after not more than two and one-half (2½) hours of work. It is agreed that no break shall exceed fifteen (15) minutes and that the break shall be timed from equipment shutdown until equipment start-up and employees shall be expected to return to work. It is understood and agreed that receiving and loading crews shall use discretion to avoid unreasonable delays in receiving or loading individual loads of produce or supplies.

11.02 Meal Time Payment

Employees required to remain at the location of their work for all or part of their normal meal period shall be permitted to eat their meal on Employer time without loss of pay. When mechanics and others are required to remain at the location of their work throughout a normal meal period and have not received advance warning to provide their own lunch, they will be allowed up to ten dollars (\$10.00) for a meal.

11.03 Meal Time

Employees shall not be required to work over five (5) hours continuously without a meal period.

ARTICLE 12 – SENIORITY

12.01 Seniority List

The Employer shall prepare semi-annual seniority lists. The first list is due June 1st, then December 1st. A copy shall be posted on the bulletin board and shall indicate employees' seniority standing and classification. The Employer is responsible for maintaining this list and it shall be kept posted at all times.

When an employee's seniority standing has been posted for one quarter it will not be subject to correction except by mutual consent, and only if a legitimate error had occurred. Copies are to be forwarded to the Union and in addition to the above shall include the employee's current mailing address and telephone number.

12.02 New Hire List

The employee who completes four hundred and eighty (480) worked hours first shall be added to the seniority. If two (2) or more employees have the same seniority

then relative position on the new hire list shall be alphabetically by surname.

12.03 Transfer to Management

No employee shall be transferred to management or office staff without their consent. If an employee is transferred to management or office staff, they shall be excluded from coverage of this Collective Agreement. Such employee shall retain their seniority for a period of six (6) months, after which all seniority in the bargaining unit shall be lost.

12.04 72-Hour Notice – Loss of Seniority/Termination

The Employer shall, within seventy-two (72) hours or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter, advise the chief or designated shop steward and the Union by letter when the employee has lost their seniority or is terminated for any reason.

ARTICLE 13 – LAYOFFS AND RECALL

13.01 Layoffs shall be by reverse order of plant seniority or in the case of maintenance or trades, by classification on the regional seniority list.

If the senior employee is not qualified or capable of performing the work to be done, the senior employee may be laid off out of line of seniority.

- a) Employees not at work in their posted positions during the layoff and recall period shall receive their posted rate of pay or the rate for the job being performed whichever is greater.
- b) Employees who choose to exercise their seniority rights to a temporary job shall be paid the rate of the job being performed.

13.02 Recall Requirements

Where the employee has no telephone, the onus shall be on the employee to contact the Employer at frequent intervals during layoffs in order to ensure the maximum opportunity for employment.

If at the commencement of the season an employee has not been notified, through no fault of their own, and reports their availability, they shall be called to work on the following shift.

Where the Employer has carried out the conditions of the Agreement and an employee is not reached but later reports their availability, they will be called to work not later than the following third shift.

13.03 Termination After Nine (9) Months of Layoff

Employees on a layoff will be terminated and their recall rights will be extinguished after nine (9) months. Employees who have been terminated resulting from

closure or permanent job reduction will have their recall rights extinguished after nine (9) months.

ARTICLE 14 – CREW REDUCTION

14.01 Mechanical Breakdown

When employees are made idle by a mechanical breakdown or by any other cause, and such employees are requested to remain at their posts or at the plant, they shall be paid their regular hourly rate. Pieceworkers affected by similar circumstances shall be compensated at the hourly rate for time so lost.

However, if a disruption, mechanical or otherwise, is going to be longer than one half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hour, the Employer shall have the prerogative of requesting that employees leave their post or the plant, but to return at a specific time so as to complete the regularly scheduled shift. Employees shall have the option of whether or not they wish to return to work in these circumstances, and in the event they choose to exercise this option, they shall only be paid for time so worked.

When the Employer requires employees to work through their coffee break and then sends the employees home for the balance of the shift, the employees shall be paid for the break period they missed. The Employer may at its discretion reschedule lunch and coffee breaks during a mechanical breakdown.

14.02 Crew Reduction

Should a breakdown or unexpected change of work plans necessitate a reduction of crew for the balance of a shift it shall not be necessary to layoff on the basis of seniority. Crew reductions in accordance with this Article is considered to be shortage of work and do not constitute a layoff.

ARTICLE 15 – CLOSURE OF AN EMPLOYER OPERATION

In the event of a plant closure or semi plant closure, the Employer shall give sixty (60) days` notice in writing to the Union and the parties shall meet forthwith to discuss the actual facts and circumstances of all the employees involved.

Prior to any closure the Employer will provide a vacancy list for all operating plant(s) in order to provide displaced Employees with an opportunity for placement in other plants based on their seniority, qualifications, and ability.

Employees selected for placement who choose not to be placed will be deemed to have accepted a permanent layoff.

ARTICLE 16 – JOB VACANCIES

16.01 Job Classifications

Prior to job classifications being established, deleted or existing job classifications changed, as deemed

necessary or advisable by the Employer, the Union shall be advised. A rate shall be set by the Employer. If, after a trial period of two hundred (240) hours the Union deems the adjustment made by the Employer to be unsatisfactory, the dispute shall be settled pursuant to the grievance procedure herein provided, unless the parties have agreed to the classification changes and the rate of pay in advance of the two hundred and forty (240) hours trial period.

16.02 Temporary Jobs

Temporary vacancies of less than one (1) full shift can be filled with no regard for seniority.

16.03 Trial Period on Posted Job Selections

Employees who receive posted job selections as outlined in this Article will be on a trial period for a period not exceeding four hundred and eighty (480) working hours from date of confirmation of selection. If at any time within the four hundred and eighty (480) working hours trial period the Employer determines that an employee cannot perform the work in the new position in a satisfactory manner, it is agreed that such an employee shall revert to their former classification and rate of pay. If the successful applicant to a formal job posting is named and within four hundred and eighty (480) working hours is removed by the Employer, then the next senior Employee who applied for the same posting and meets the ability and

qualifications criteria, shall then be named as the new successful applicant to the said posting.

16.04 Job Vacancies for Trades and Leadhands

In filling job vacancies for maintenance leadhand, refrigeration leadhand, jobs requiring trade certificates, maintenance mechanics, refrigeration operators, and RSA certified personnel, the Employer shall consider seniority, qualifications, and ability necessary to perform the job.

16.05 Job Vacancies

When the Employer wishes to fill a job vacancy or a new job has been created, notice will be posted on the bulletin boards for five (5) working days in the plant where the vacancy occurs. Notwithstanding this Article, entry level Production Line Worker positions shall not be posted.

The job posting notice will contain the following information:

- 1) Classification, main duties and qualifications necessary for the job.
- 2) Rate of pay.
- 3) The date of posting and the closing date.

16.06 Job Selections

In filling all other job vacancies the job shall be awarded to the applicant with the most seniority provided the applicant has the required qualifications, is able to perform the duties of the job with adequate orientation, and has the necessary physical ability and a satisfactory work record.

- a) It shall be the Employer's intent wherever possible to fill the job vacancies from within the plant.
- b) Should the Employer be unsuccessful in locating a suitable applicant from among employees on their seniority list, the employer may secure a suitable applicant from any other source.

16.07 Applications in Writing

All job applicants must apply in writing for any job posted, providing name and qualifications.

Employees on layoff, vacation, sick leave, shall be accepted by seniority as applicants on all posted job vacancies. Employees on above leaves wishing to fill job vacancies will have the responsibility of notifying the Employer of their wish to be considered.

16.08 Job Application Procedures

Employees on layoff, vacation, sick leave, leave of absence shall be accepted by seniority as applicants on

all posted job vacancies. These employees shall be contacted by the Employer if they are not recalled during the above job posting period.

The Employer shall provide job posting application forms for interested employees and a copy of each job posting application, and job award, shall be provided for the designated shop steward and the Union office.

16.09 Reclassification to Production Line Worker

Employees wishing to give up their posted position shall give the Employer and the Union four (4) weeks advance notice of such intent in writing. In cases where there is mutual agreement between the employee and supervisor the notice may be less. If an employee wishes to step down for medical reason (proof provided) the notice period may be less than four (4) weeks. The vacancy thus created shall be posted and upon successful awarding of said posting (training, if required) the Employer shall slot the affected employee into the Production Line Worker classification-entry level.

However, if employees choose to avail themselves of this provision they shall not be eligible to post on the same position for a period of twelve (12) months, from the date of transfer.

16.10 Restricted Displacement

No employee shall be displaced from their job because of the temporary assignment of another employee.

16.11 Selection of Job Applicants

The Employer's decision on the selection of an applicant for a posted position shall be provided to the Union office and designated shop steward upon request and remain posted on the bulletin board for five (5) working days.

ARTICLE 17 – TRAINING AND RELIEF POSTINGS

17.01 Selection of Trainees

- a) With the exception of refrigeration leadhand, maintenance leadhand, jobs requiring trade certificates, refrigeration operators and maintenance mechanics, the applicant with the most seniority will receive the opportunity for training, provided that such applicant has the necessary physical ability and a satisfactory work record.
- b) If a trainee demonstrates that they are unable to perform the job for which they are receiving training, they will be returned to their posted job.

- c) An employee may not receive training in a particular job while actively involved in training for another job until they either completes the training or withdraws from the program.
- d) When the Employer has a training opportunity for sanitation (custodial) leadhand, maintenance leadhand, refrigeration leadhand, maintenance mechanic, refrigeration operator, or jobs requiring trade certificates, the selection shall be made in accordance with Article 16.04.
- e) The Employer may only accept one written application every six (6) months from an employee for a training posting.

17.02 Trainee Rates of Pay

A trainee shall receive their classified rate of pay during the first eighty (80) working hours of the four hundred and eighty (480) working hours training period. Thereafter, until completion of the training period they shall receive the rate of pay applicable for the classifications in which they are being trained while actually training on the job which must commence and be completed in accordance with the four hundred and eighty (480) working hours time frame outlined above.

17.03 Training Time Limits

For job classifications in Job Groups 1 to 7 of Schedule "A" the training for these employees shall commence

from the date of the award and be completed within four hundred and eighty (480) hours.

Once the employee is awarded the training position they shall not be placed on another job until such time as they are considered trained.

However, should the Employer be unable to comply with the above provisions they shall provide reasons for the delay by notifying the Shop Steward and Union. That notice shall include the revised commencement date and the training shall be completed within the two hundred and forty (240) hours training program. Employees taking training programs must perform the job they have trained for when required.

17.04 Training – No Loss of Work or Pay

There shall be no reduction in hours of work or loss of pay for employees who normally perform the work because trainees are involved.

17.05 Designated Trainer Premium

The Employer shall determine the number of “Designated Trainers” who shall train employees. Designated Trainers shall receive a premium of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour above the greater of the pay rate of their current position or the pay rate of the position they are training an employee in.

ARTICLE 18 – LOSS OF SENIORITY AND TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

- 18.01** Termination of employment and removal from the seniority list shall occur if an employee:
- 1) Voluntarily leaves the employ of the Employer;
 - 2) Is discharged for just cause;
 - 3) Has been out of the employment of the Employer for a period of two (2) consecutive years or longer without leave of absence; or
 - 4) If an employee after a layoff fails for three (3) calendar days to report for work after being recalled first by telephone and then registered letter.

ARTICLE 19 – LEAVES OF ABSENCE

19.01 Leave of Absence

A request by an employee for leave of absence without pay and for good reason may receive full consideration by the Employer and may be granted.

The period of leave is not to exceed three (3) months unless extended by mutual consent.

It is understood there is no minimum period of leave.

19.02 Family Days

Employees shall be allowed up to five (5) unpaid family days per year pursuant to the Employment Standards Act. In order to minimize scheduling problems, employees requesting time off pursuant to this Article shall advise the Employer of their intention to use an unpaid workday.

19.03 Leave When Appointed to Union Office

The Employer will grant leave of absence without pay to employees who are appointed to Union office for a period up to and including one (1) year.

Further leave of absence may be granted by mutual consent. The employees who obtain this leave of absence shall return to the Employer within thirty (30) calendar days after the completion of the term of employment with the Union.

In order for the Employer to replace the employee with a substitute the Union shall give the Employer five (5) working days' notice in writing.

19.04 Leave to Attend to Union Office

The Employer will grant leave of absence without pay to a maximum of two (2) employees in each plant at any one time, who is elected or appointed as Representative to attend Labour Conventions, Union

Meetings, seminars, and negotiations in order that they may carry out these duties on behalf of the Union.

In order for the Employer to replace the employee with a substitute the Union shall give the Employer three (3) working days notice in writing.

19.05 Education Leave

Employees shall be allowed up to ten (10) months leave of absence for approved education purposes. Should the course go beyond ten (10) months, the leave may be extended by mutual agreement.

19.06 Jury Duty or Witness Duty

The difference between jury duty pay, or witness duty when subpoenaed to appear, and the employee's regular rate of pay, will be paid. Hours on jury duty or witness duty shall count as hours worked towards qualifying service for annual vacations, paid sick leave and Employee benefits.

19.07 Bereavement Leave

- a) The employee is entitled to forty (40) hours of paid bereavement leave if a member of the immediate family. (Father, Mother, Husband, Wife, Children, Brothers, Sisters, Grandparents, Grandchildren, In-Laws and "step" relations).

Requests for splitting days will be considered by the Employer on a case by case basis and will not be unreasonably withheld.

- b) Requests for additional unpaid travel time or additional unpaid funeral leave will be considered.
- c) An employee's day off will not be used to circumvent funeral or bereavement leave provisions. This leave may be extended for up to five (5) days by using vacation time and/or other unpaid leave.

19.08 Maternity Leave

An employee supported by a certificate of a medical practitioner that they are pregnant shall be entitled to a leave of absence from work, without pay, for a period of eighteen (18) consecutive weeks or a shorter period if the employee requests, commencing eleven (11) weeks immediately prior to the estimated date of birth or at a later date if the employee requests. Regardless of the date of commencement of the leave taken in this clause, the leave shall extend six (6) weeks beyond the actual date of birth unless the employee requests a shorter period.

19.09 Maternity Leave – Return to Work Notice

A request for a shorter period must be given in writing to the Employer at least one (1) week before the date the employee indicates they intend to return to work,

but can only resume work if supported by a certificate from a medical practitioner.

19.10 Maternity Leave – Extended Leave

Where an employee, who has been granted leave of absence under this Article and for reasons related to the pregnancy supported by a certificate by a medical doctor, is unable to return to work or resume same after the expiration of the initial leave, the Employer shall grant further leave of absence from work, without pay, for a period as may be specified by the medical certificate but not exceeding a total of six (6) consecutive weeks.

19.11 Maternity Leave – Job Duty Requirements

An Employer shall require an employee to commence a leave of absence under this Article if the said employee cannot reasonably perform the duties of the job due to the pregnancy and such leave of absence shall continue until the employee can furnish support from a medical doctor stating that they can perform the work.

19.12 Maternity Leave – Pension & Other Benefits

The employee who has been granted leave of absence under this Article shall be considered to be in continuous employment for the purposes of entitlement to pension, medical or any other benefit and the Employer shall continue to make payments to

the plan in the same manner as if the employee were not absent providing the said employee elects to continue to pay their share of the cost of the plan.

19.13 Maternity Leave – Employment Standards Act

It is also understood that any other provisions as per the Employment Standards regulations of B.C. in respect of maternity leave shall be applicable where appropriate.

19.14 Payment of Wages – Union Members

The Employer agrees to continue carrying employees on payroll and pay usual wages including E.I., C.P.P., and other benefits such as sick leave, statutory holidays and vacation, counted as though they were working when it is necessary for employees to be absent to attend negotiations or Union business.

Such wages and benefits so lost to be reimbursed to the Employer by the Union.

ARTICLE 20 – ILLNESS OR INJURY PLACEMENT

20.01 If an employee, as a result of bona fide illness or injury is unable to do the same or similar work to that which they were doing prior to their disability, the Employer and Union will meet and endeavor to find work they are capable of doing based on their medical restrictions.

20.02 Work Restrictions

Employees will require medical certificates to restrict themselves. Special cases will be reviewed by the Labour Management Committee. The Labour Management Committee will make recommendations to Management on restrictions continuing if no medical certificate is presented.

ARTICLE 21 – ANNUAL HOLIDAYS (VACATIONS)

- 21.01** From their first day of work an employee will earn vacation leave at a rate of two (2) weeks per year. The employee will also earn vacation pay at four percent (4%) of the employee's total earnings. After completing four hundred and eighty (480) working hours, Employees shall be allowed to take vacation leave to a maximum of their earned leave and pay as set out below.
- 21.02** Employees who have completed five (5) years of cumulative service with the Employer shall earn three (3) weeks' vacation per year and earn vacation pay of six percent (6%) of the employee's total earnings or three (3) weeks at the regular rate of pay whichever is greater.
- 21.03** Employees who have completed ten (10) years of cumulative service with the Employer shall earn four (4) weeks' vacation leave per year and earn vacation

pay of eight percent (8%) of the employee's total earnings or four (4) weeks at the regular rate of pay whichever is greater.

21.04 Employees who have completed fifteen (15) years of cumulative service with the Employer shall earn five (5) weeks' vacation leave per year and earn vacation pay of ten percent (10%) of the employees' total earnings or five (5) weeks at the regular rate of pay whichever is greater.

21.05 Employees who have completed twenty-three (23) years of cumulative service with the Employer shall earn six (6) weeks' vacation leave per year and earn vacation pay of twelve percent (12%) of the employees' total earnings or six (6) weeks at the regular rate of pay whichever is greater.

21.06 Vacation – Qualifying Hours

All paid vacations, statutory holidays, sick leave, leave of absence on Jury Duty, leave of absence on Union business, bereavement leave, shifts off on Workers Compensation, and Industry related Educational leave as determined by the Employer taken during a working period of a Industry payroll year shall be counted as shifts worked for the purpose of qualifying for annual holidays.

21.07 Vacation Year

Vacations and vacation pay shall be computed on the basis of the Industry Payroll Year which shall be twenty-six (26) pay periods.

21.08 Vacation Selection Procedure

In order to assure everyone's right by seniority for vacations and the normal operations of the Employer, the following procedure shall apply:

- 1) Employees will submit vacation requests for the current year by January 31st of each year.
- 2) Requests will be processed, and vacations shall be scheduled by March 1st. Employees who have not selected vacation time by this date will have their vacations scheduled by management. Employees not granted all or part of their requested vacation time will be contacted by the Employer to arrange alternate available vacation time pursuant to Article 21.08 4) below. Once vacation is approved and scheduled by March 1st, the Employer shall not amend the schedule without the approval of the employee.
- 3) The vacation schedule shall be posted and requests for vacation will be signed by Management and a copy returned to the applicant.

- 4) Employees shall indicate their first and alternate choices of vacation time on their application. Should a time become available after the completion of the initial schedule, the employer shall review the schedule and attempt to provide employees with their alternate choice by seniority.
- 5) Notwithstanding the reference to Industry Payroll Year in other clauses of this Article Annual holiday, the vacation selection procedure shall continue to operate on the basis of the calendar year.

21.09 Vacation Format

- 1) Employees shall be able to use vacation time while on sick leave or layoff of one or more days at a time during the year.
- 2) Should a scheduled vacation slot become vacant due to the above past practice provisions a less senior employee shall be entitled to the slot if they wish to do so.
- 3) The formula for vacations shall be a minimum of two (2) employees per week during the calendar year and no vacations shall be withheld when qualified replacement employees are available, and employees are laid-off from the existing seniority list.

- 4) The above is subject to the manning requirements and availability of employees for the normal operations of the Employer.
- 5) It is understood that at certain times the Employer may not be able to allow employees to take vacation. However, as long as in the opinion of Management there is a suitable replacement employee available, the Employer shall allow the employee to take their vacation as scheduled.

21.10 Vacation Payment

Pursuant to any understandings, current or otherwise, the parties agree to be bound by the following:

- 1) Employees who have qualified and earned full entitlement for two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), or six (6) weeks' vacation must take this vacation period.
- 2) Employees who have qualified for, but have not earned full entitlement, must take the time off to the extent that their vacation earnings so provide. [For example, an employee who has qualified for two (2) weeks' vacation on a previous occasion, but for some reason only earned eight (8) days' vacation pay entitlement will only be required to take eight (8) days as vacation time off].
- 3) However, pursuant to (2) above, if employees wish to have all their vacation entitlement (both paid

and unpaid) credited as hours worked for qualification purposes, they then must schedule and take that vacation period as time off from work. They must advise the Employer of this position.

ARTICLE 22 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

22.01 Definition of Grievance

Grievance means any complaint or claim brought by the Employer or by the Union or by any employee concerning discipline or discharge, or matters relating to the interpretation, application or alleged violation of this Agreement.

22.02 Grievance to be in Writing

All grievances shall be in writing, signed by the party making the grievance. No grievance concerning the termination of an employee shall be considered if the alleged circumstances occurred more than ten (10) working days prior to its presentation to the Employer. When filing a written grievance in respect of an alleged violation of the Collective Agreement, the grievor will endeavour to indicate the Article(s) so violated.

22.03 First Step – Grievance in Writing

All grievances shall be in writing and presented to the supervisor by any individual employee with a shop

steward. Management may request a meeting with the grievor and Shop Steward. In any event, whether the meeting takes place or not, the Employer shall inform the grievor and Shop Steward of the decision in writing within five (5) working days after presentation of the grievance to the Employer.

22.04 Second Step

If settlement is not achieved by the First Step, or if such step is not applicable a meeting will then be held between a Representative of the Union and Employer. The party to whom the grievance was presented shall make its decision known within ten (10) working days of the termination of the meeting. A Union policy grievance or grievance relating to discipline or dismissal of an employee shall start at this step.

ARTICLE 23 – ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION - TROUBLESHOOTER

23.01 Troubleshooter

(a) If the Parties agree, rather than referring a matter(s) to formal grievance arbitration, they may utilize the alternative dispute resolution on a without prejudice and non-citable basis. This process will assign a troubleshooter to hear grievances/disputes on an informal basis who is empowered to engage in a mediated process for resolving such grievances/disputes.

- (b) Process: The Parties will agree on the number of grievances/disputes to be put to the troubleshooter on a given, scheduled, day. The parties will each give a concise ten to fifteen (10-15) minute overview of the case to the troubleshooter, with their argument on the requested outcome. Mediation will be undertaken and directed by the troubleshooter. If no mediated agreement can be achieved between the parties on a given grievance/dispute, the troubleshooter will deliver a concise, written, decision within thirty (30) days of hearing to the Parties on the matter. Decisions are without prejudice and are non-citable.
- (c) Referral to Arbitration: Either party is entitled to take the original grievance/dispute to arbitration if they so choose and in accordance with the grievance-arbitration provisions of the agreement. The troubleshooter's decision cannot be raised in the subsequent arbitration unless the Parties agree to put the decision before the arbitrator.
- (d) The Parties agree to utilize any of the following to serve as troubleshooter: Mark Atkinson; Amanda Rogers, Randy Noonan, Corinn Bell.

ARTICLE 24 – ARBITRATION

24.01 1) Notice to proceed to arbitration should only be given once all of the grievance steps are completed within thirty (30) days thereafter.

2) Single Arbitrator

The parties may mutually agree to use the service of a Single Arbitrator. If they cannot decide on the name of an arbitrator, the Minister of Labour shall appoint an arbitrator.

24.02 Final and Binding Decision

The decision of the Arbitrator appointed in the above manner shall be final and binding on both parties.

24.03 No Power to Alter

The Arbitrator shall not have the power to alter or change any of the provisions of this Agreement or to substitute any new provisions for any existing provisions, or to give any decision inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

24.04 Arbitration Cost Sharing

The parties to this Agreement shall bear jointly, on a 50/50 basis, the fee of the Arbitrator and any expenses incurred by them.

ARTICLE 25 – DISCIPLINE

25.01 Discipline

The Employer shall have the right to discipline any employee for just and reasonable cause, including misconduct or failure to perform the allotted duties in a reasonably efficient manner. However, in cases of inefficiency or minor misconduct, such discipline shall take the form of verbal warning and to be confirmed by memo. The second warning shall be a written warning detailing the problem to the employee with a copy to the Union and the employee shall be given reasonable opportunity to attain the necessary standards. All warning letters and all verbal warnings shall be removed from an employee's personnel file after a period of fifteen (15) months if no other infractions take place.

No employee shall be subject to a formal disciplinary investigation or be given a verbal warning, written warning, or be suspended or dismissed except in the presence of a shop steward or in their absence another member of the bargaining unit selected by the employee.

When an employee is dismissed for inefficiency or misconduct, a letter of dismissal shall be handed or mailed to the employee and a copy to the Union. This letter shall detail the reasons for dismissal. All actions under the above sections shall be subject to grievance procedures.

Subject to giving the Employer advanced notice, an Employee shall have access to their personnel file. The review of the file by an Employee will be at the plant.

ARTICLE 26 – NO STRIKE OR LOCKOUT CLAUSE

- 26.01** The Employer agrees that there shall be no lock-out of employees complete or partial during the term of this Agreement.
- 26.02** The Union agrees that there shall be no strike or slowdown either complete or partial while this Agreement is in effect.
- 26.03** The Union shall repudiate in writing and communicate to the Employer within twenty-four (24) hours after cessation of work or commencement of picketing or placarding, any strike or other slowdown, or cessation of work whatsoever occurring while this Agreement is in effect and shall declare that any picketing or placarding line set up in connection therewith is illegal and not binding on the members of the Union.
- 26.04** It shall be the duty of the Employer to advise the Union immediately following the cessation of work or the commencement of any such picketing or placarding.
- 26.05** Any employee who refuses to cross the picket line shall not be considered to be in violation of this Agreement. Further, the Employer will not discriminate in any way or take any punitive action against an employee who refuses to cross a picket line.

ARTICLE 27 – WAGES AND CLASSIFICATIONS

27.01 Wages – Schedule “A”, “AA”, “AAA” & “AAAA”

Wages and classifications shall be in accordance with Schedule “A”, “AA”, “AAA” & “AAAA”, attached hereto. For the purposes of this Collective Agreement the term “working year” shall mean a payroll year.

27.02 Pay Slips

A complete and itemized computation of the employee’s pay and sick leave hours shall be shown on their pay slip accompanying their pay. Wages are to be paid within five (5) days of the end of the pay period.

ARTICLE 28 – SAFETY & HEALTH

28.01 Provisions for Safety and Health

The Employer shall make reasonable provisions for safety and health of its employees at the plants during the hours of their employment.

28.02 Safety Committee

The Employer agrees to recognize the Safety Committee as provided for under the Workers’ Compensation Board Accident Prevention Regulations. It is understood that representatives of the Employer and representatives of the Union appointed by their

members shall be members of this committee. The Safety Committee will hold monthly meetings as best determined by the Employer, on Employer time with pay. Minutes of the Monthly Meeting shall be forwarded to the Union office upon request of the Union.

28.03 The Employer agrees to post evacuation procedures in all its plants as per WorkSafe B.C. regulations.

28.04 The Employer agrees to make CO₂ measuring devices available when required.

ARTICLE 29 – FIRST AID ATTENDANT

29.01 First Aid Attendant Posting

The Employer will request applications through job posting procedures for a qualified First Aid Attendant and a backup as it deems necessary.

In the event the Employer hires an employee with a first aid ticket or should an employee obtain the ticket on their own, the Employer agrees that the employee shall not be recognized as the posted first aid attendant. However, this shall not preclude the Employer from utilizing said employee in the interim so as to comply with WSBC regulations. In the meantime, the Employer shall post for first aid training and should a senior employee not apply for the position, the less senior ticketed employee will be awarded the position and shall be reimbursed for all costs.

29.02 First Aid Attendant Premium

The qualified First Aid Attendant working on hourly or piece work rates, shall receive their regular hourly rate or the average of their piece-work rate for the day to cover any time spent on First Aid work; and, in addition thereto, they shall receive:

- i) \$2.40 per hour Level II
\$0.60 per hour Level I (transportation endorsement)
\$0.40 per hour Level I

29.03 Backup First Aid Attendant – Premium

When backup First Aid Attendant is in to work by seniority, they shall receive fifty percent (50%) of applicable ticket rate per hour in addition to their occupational rate of pay as indicated below.

- ii) \$1.00 per hour Level II
\$0.30 per hour Level I (transportation endorsement)
\$0.20 per hour Level I

29.04 Backup First Aid Attendant – Requirement

The Employer shall maintain a trained backup First Aid Attendant for each shift to be available in the event of the absence of the regular First Aid Attendant.

29.05 First Aid – Job Duties

It is understood that any employee receiving the above premium shall carry out the normal responsibilities pertinent to the job classification to which they are assigned.

29.06 First Aid Attendant – Seniority

In the event the First-Aid Attendant is at work out of line of seniority the Employer shall assign the First-Aid Attendant to a job that the First-Aid Attendant is capable of performing but replaces the lowest senior employee called into work.

29.07 First Aid Training

- a) Employees who are awarded the first aid posting will be trained or re-qualified for the Industrial First-Aid Certificates and will be compensated subject to the following conditions:
 - 1) That the Employer will pay all reasonable costs involved, such as course tuition and materials required to those employees who pass the course. Reasonable costs include mileage. Such costs will be mutually agreed to prior to the employee starting their training.
 - 2) Employees who are renewing their present first aid ticket or upgrading same shall be paid in advance prior to taking the course. Should

the employee fail the particular course they shall repay the advance monies to the Employer in a mutually agreed to manner. If a mutual agreement cannot be reached, the Employer may recover such costs through payroll deductions.

- 3) Employer reserves the right to set the number of applicants that may apply for training.
- b) Employees, who are currently first aid attendants – regular or backup who have tickets, shall be entitled to exercise an option, upon renewal of their present first aid ticket or are upgrading same as may be required by the WSBC;
- 1) Of being paid for the time required to complete the additional training program or;
 - 2) Taking the time off on their own to complete renewal or upgrade. If they choose option (2) they shall not be paid for time required to complete renewal or upgrade, but shall continue to receive the current first aid rate as provided for in Article 29.02(i). However, should they choose option (1) they shall be paid pursuant to Article 29.03(ii) outlined above.

Employees who do not presently hold valid first aid certificates but are successful applicants to first aid postings and are obtaining their initial first aid

certificate shall not be entitled to exercise an option but shall be paid for the time required to complete the additional training program. Such employees shall attend training programs, while on lay-off, leave of absence or scheduled time off without pay, but upon successful completion of the program shall be paid for the hours normally required to complete same at their posted rate of pay. Such time shall be limited to that first aid certificate as is required by the WSBC regulations. Such time paid shall be consider as time worked for the purpose of the Collective Agreement.

It is further understood that current first aid attendants if they choose option (1) as above, shall be governed in the same manner as employees who are getting their initial first aid certificate.

In respect of hours to be paid, upon successful completion, it is understood that the employee shall receive payment only for actual time required to be in attendance at the first aid course to complete all requirements.

29.08 Bargaining Unit First Aid

The first aid duties will be performed by a bargaining unit employee only, except in the case of an emergency or in the event there is no one qualified as per WSBC requirements from bargaining unit first aid personnel on shift.

ARTICLE 30 – SICK AND WELLNESS LEAVES

30.01 Definitions

Sick leave is a leave exclusively for an employee's absence related to medical and health issues usually for illness and injuries. It may be paid or unpaid. The employer can ask for medical proof.

The primary purpose for Wellness Leave is to maintain or improve an employee's health although it may also be used for sick leave purposes once all sick leave has been used.

30.02 Qualification Period

Employees need to work four hundred and eighty (480) hours to qualify for Sick and Wellness Leaves.

Once qualified, an employee will receive five (5) Sick Days and five (5) Wellness days per calendar year. The first year will be pro-rated as necessary.

30.03 Accumulation

Unused Sick and Wellness Leave days will be carried forward to the next calendar year.

30.04 Remuneration

- 1) Paid Sick and Wellness Leave hours taken shall be paid at 100% of the employee's classified rate of pay.
- 2) Should the Employer request the doctor's slip, the Employer shall pay all costs incurred by such a request upon presentation of the receipt by the employee.
- 3) An employee shall not be entitled to receive sick pay in excess of that which they have accumulated. An employee may use sick leave pay for medical appointments.
- 4) Willful abuse of any of the provisions of the sick leave plan will result in disciplinary action being taken by the Employer and supported by the Union.

30.05 Payout of Accumulation

At retirement, the accumulated unused sick leave will be paid as follows:

- to the employee's pension account until their annual maximum contribution limit is reached, then,
- to RRSP's until the employees unused contribution maximum is reached, and then,

- paid out as lump sum income with appropriate tax and other statutory deductions.

No other payout of sick leave or wellness will be considered.

30.06 Loss of Earnings on Day of Injury

An employee injured in the plant shall suffer no loss of earnings for the hours they would have worked but were necessarily lost on the day the accident occurred.

30.07 Vacation Pay In Lieu of Sick Leave

In the event that they have no sick leave credits, employees may use accrued vacation pay to augment their loss of earnings while absent due to illness.

ARTICLE 31 – MEDICAL PLAN

31.01 The Medical Services Plan: (“MSP”) premiums are no longer payable by the Employer; however, in the event the provincial government reinstates MSP premiums, the Parties agree that the provisions of Article 31 of the 2013-2020 collective agreement shall be re-inserted into this Article.

31.02 Effective on April 1, 2024 or sooner as a plan administrator is secured.

31.03 Coverage

After completing four hundred and eighty (480) hours, a full-time employee will be entitled to receive up to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for legitimate and normal medical related expenses in each calendar year through a Health Care Spending Account. Services must be performed by registered medical professionals. The Plan will also include for coverage to all employees, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for AD&D and twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for Life Insurance.

Employees will co-insure fifty percent (50%) of each expense. Employees will submit their expenses to an administrator for reimbursement of remaining fifty percent (50%) as per above.

Coverage is for the employee, their spouse, and dependent children.

A spouse is a legal spouse or a person continuously living with you in a role like that of a marriage partner for at least twelve (12) months. Only one (1) person can be insured as the spouse at any given time.

Dependent children are your or your spouse's unmarried natural, adopted, stepchildren, or any other unmarried children for whom you or your spouse have been appointed legal guardian. Dependents are eligible for coverage if they are under age twenty-one (21) and not working more than thirty (30) hours a

week, unless a full-time student or under age twenty-five (25) [under age twenty-six (26) if a resident of Quebec] and registered as a student at a college, university, trade school, or similar education facility and attending on a full-time basis.

31.04 Carry Over of Expenses

Residual expenses that cannot be fully covered in one (1) year may be claimed by the employee in the next year only.

31.05 Employer to Cover Expense of the Administrator

The Employer will cover the expense of the Plan Administrator and disbursement they made to cover expenses.

ARTICLE 32 – PENSION RETIREMENT PLAN

32.01 Employer Contributions

Effective December 6, 2004, it is agreed that all Employers party to this Agreement shall contribute to The B.C. Fruit Industry Pension Plan (“the Plan”) at a rate of three and one-half percent (3½%) of Plan Earnings in respect of all employees in the Bargaining Unit who are or become members of the Plan in accordance with 32.04 (1) & (2) below.

32.02 Employee Contributions

Effective December 6, 2004, it is agreed that all employees of the Employers party to this Agreement, who are or become members of the Plan in accordance with 32.04 (1) & (2) below shall contribute to same at a rate of three and one half percent (3½%) of Plan Earnings. In addition to the foregoing, members of the Plan may make additional contributions to the Plan as they so desire, as long as the total contributions allocated to each member (employer contributions, employee required contributions, and additional voluntary contributions) in a calendar year do not exceed the lesser of eighteen percent (18%) of the employee's Plan Earnings and the money purchase limit prescribed under the Income Tax Act (Canada) for such calendar year.

32.03 Plan Earnings

“Plan Earnings” for the purpose of this section shall be defined as all money received directly from the Employer while a member of the Plan (including wages, overtime, shift premiums, vacation pay, sick leave, bereavement pay, credit payments, or other items of a similar nature). Premiums for such things as expenses, allowances, medical payments are not part of the “Plan Earnings” calculation.

32.04 Plan Eligibility Requirements

- 1) Each employee shall become a member of the Plan on the earlier of:
 - i. The first (1st) day of the next pay period following the completion of eight hundred (800) hours of work in a calendar year for the Employer, or
 - ii. The first (1st) day of the next pay period following the completion of one thousand, six hundred and twenty (1,620) hours of work for the Employer over a twenty-four (24) consecutive month period, since becoming a member of the Union.
- 2) Each employee who is not required to become a member of the Plan under 32.04(1) may elect to become a member of the Plan on the first (1st) day of the calendar year next following the satisfaction of the eligibility requirements under the *British Columbia Pension Benefits Standards Act* as set out in 32.05.

32.05 British Columbia Pension Benefits Standards Act Eligibility Requirements

Any employee may elect to participate in the Plan providing the employee meets the following criteria:

- 1) Has been employed by the Employer for at least the prior two (2) calendar years, and
- 2) Has completed at least three hundred and fifty (350) hours of employment in each of the prior two (2) calendar years, and
- 3) Has earned more than thirty-five percent (35%) of the Year's Maximum Pensionable Earnings in each of the prior two (2) calendar years.

32.06 Contributions Remitting and Reporting

Contributions, as defined above, for each member of the Plan according to 32.01 and 32.02 shall be forwarded by the Employers to the Trust Employer or such other financial institution so designated to receive same by the Board of Trustees and shall do so not later than twenty-one (21) days after the end of the month during which they were collected from the members. Further, a list of members from whom the contributions were collected along with the amount of contributions and Plan Earnings for each member shall be forwarded by the Employers to the Trust Employer and shall do so not later than twenty-one (21) days after the end of the calendar year.

32.07 Joint Board of Trustees

The Plan shall be controlled by a Joint Board of Trustees made up of an equal number of representatives from the Union and from the Employers. While the number

may be changed from time to time as the Board deems necessary, it is understood that the number of Trustees will be three (3) from the Union and three (3) from the Employers.

32.08 Administration of the Plan

The Board of Trustees or their valid replacements shall be solely responsible for the overall administration of the Plan and shall from time to time, in addition to those listed below, be empowered to make such rules and regulations in respect of the operation of the Plan as they deem necessary through the Plan Trust Document and/or Agreement.

- 1) The selection and appointment of Administrator, Actuary Consultant, Investment Counsel, Legal Counsel, or such other individual(s) who may be retained in respect of the operation of the Plan. The foregoing shall be solely responsible to the Board of Trustees.
- 2) Formulation, design and implementation of Plan Trust Document and/or Agreement.
- 3) Direct the Administrator to report on the status of the Plan as necessary but not less than once (1x) per year in accordance with pertinent pension legislation. Such reports will be provided to the Union and Employers and include financial statements at the end of each Plan year showing:

- i) Contributions made to the fund by the Employers and Employees.
 - ii) Total benefits from the Fund.
 - iii) Investment income (interest, dividends, and realized and unrealized capital gains or losses).
 - iv) Amount of the assets at the beginning and end of each Plan year at book and market value and a description of assets held.
 - v) Expenses paid from the Plan.
 - vi) Number of active members and names.
 - vii) Number of beneficiary claims.
 - viii) Number of terminations.
- 4) All reasonable expenses incurred in the operation of the Plan shall be paid from the Plan including the costs of Administration.

32.09 Plan Members – Termination

Plan members who terminate membership in the Plan shall have vesting rights and shall be entitled to withdraw their employee contribution balances (required and voluntary) including interest plus the vested portion of their employer contribution balance

in accordance with the vesting requirements under the *British Columbia Pension Benefits Standards Act* as set out under Article 32.10.

32.10 Vesting Requirements under British Columbia Pension Benefits Standards Act

Effective September 30, 2015, a member is one hundred percent (100%) vested immediately upon joining the Plan.

32.11 Additional Contributions

If employees desire to make additional contributions to the Plan, the Employers shall cooperate in this matter, make payroll deductions and submit same as per above.

32.12 Disputes Procedure

The Governance Policy shall provide that in the event of a dispute arising out of the administration or operation of the Plan or Fund, the matter shall be referred to an arbitrator mutually agreeable to both parties. Failing this, an arbitrator will be so appointed by application to the BC Labour Relations Board pursuant to Section 86 of the *Labour Relations Code*.

32.13 Plan Registration

It is understood and agreed that the Plan shall be such that it can and shall be registered, and continue to be registered, under applicable Federal or Provincial law in respect of pension plans. Subject to the foregoing, the Employers and the Union agree to be bound by actions taken by the Employer and the Union Trustees under the Plan.

32.14 Qualifying Shifts

For the purpose of qualification and accumulation – a call to work, all paid vacations, statutory holidays, paid sick days, shifts absent on WSBC, Union business, jury duty, bereavement leave or industry related education leave as determined by the Employer, taken during a calendar year shall be counted as shifts worked.

32.15 Severance Pay – Retirement

Upon retirement and application for benefits payable under the Plan at age sixty (60) or over, an employee with twenty (20) years of continuous service with an Employer will be paid from the Employer a maximum of two (2) weeks' severance pay.

32.16 WSBC – Contributions While On Leave

An employee who is absent on Workers' Compensation wage loss benefits shall have the option to continue to

make contributions to the Plan. Employer contributions shall continue to be made to the plan only if the employee continues to make contributions at the required rate.

ARTICLE 33 – GENERAL

33.01 Wearing Apparel

1) Gloves and Aprons

Employees required to dip boxes, bins, etc., in any solution shall be supplied with rubber or rubber-type gloves and aprons. Where employees are required to wear suitable gloves, i.e. nylon, plastic, etc., the Employer agrees to supply these gloves or protective sleeves free of charge on a replacement basis. The Employer will provide protective aprons and proper gloves for stackers if so requested and protective sleeves for Production Line Workers on the same basis.

2) Coveralls

The Employer shall supply and launder coveralls for maintenance personnel.

3) Safety Footwear

Employees who have successfully passed probation and require safety footwear will be reimbursed, upon submission of receipts, every

two (2) years at one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of CSA-approved safety footwear up to a maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

33.02 No Sexual Harassment

The Union and the Employer recognize the right of employees to work in an environment free from sexual harassment, and the Employer and Union shall take such actions as are necessary respecting an employee engaging in sexual harassment in the workplace.

33.03 Tool Allowance

A tool allowance of seventy-five cents (\$.75) per hour worked will be paid to jobs requiring trades certificates, millwrights, trades helpers, refrigeration operators, and refrigeration mechanics for the purchase of replacement tools used by such personnel in the performance of their work where the employee is required by the Employer to provide their own full set of hand tools.

33.04 Negotiations – Cost Sharing

Employer and Union to split the cost of meeting rooms and printing of the Collective Agreement.

33.05 Buggies and Stools

The Employer shall provide and maintain packer's buggies and Production Line Worker's stools in a safe, proper, and efficient manner.

33.06 Labour Management Committee

It is further agreed that the parties to this Agreement may meet at least three (3) times per year for the purpose of reaching maximum harmony and cooperation in the carrying out of this Agreement. The membership of the Committee shall be comprised of one (1) member from each facility to represent the Employees and one representative from each facility to represent the Employer, in addition to the Unions' Business Agent and the Manager of Human Resources.

33.07 Copies of Collective Agreement

The Employer shall provide all new employees with a copy of the current Collective Agreement.

33.08 Chief Engineers Premium

When Refrigeration Mechanics or Refrigeration Operators are designated as Chief Engineers by the BC Tree Fruits Cooperative and the BC Safety Authority they shall receive an additional premium of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour.

33.09 "RSA" Premium

When an Employee has successfully completed their certification for Refrigeration Safety Awareness "RSA" training by BC Tree Fruits Cooperative and the BC Safety Authority they shall receive an additional premium of two dollars (\$2.00) per hour.

Employees who hold the RSA Certification receive the two dollar (\$2.00) per hour premium regardless of whether they are performing the RSA job.

ARTICLE 34 – TECHNOLOGICAL OR PROCEDURAL CHANGES

34.01 Advance Notification

The Employer will provide the Union with appropriate notice of intention to introduce automation or new type equipment or procedures relevant to automation and/or new type equipment which might result in loss of employment or reduction of personnel or in changes of job classifications.

34.02 Retraining

Employees becoming redundant due to new equipment or procedures shall be eligible for retraining providing that they have the necessary basic education and attributes to absorb such training to equip them for the operation of such new equipment or procedure, or to qualify for new positions. Such retraining will be

provided by the Employer without loss of pay, to the affected employees for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

34.03 Rate Adjustment

An employee who is setback to a lower paid job because of technological change will receive the rate of pay of their regular job at the time of the setback for a period of three (3) working months. The displaced employee will receive an hourly rate based on each employee's average hourly earnings on regular shifts during the season immediately prior to the displacement, for a period of three (3) working months. At the end of the three (3) working month period the rate of pay for the new regular job will apply to all employees setback due to technological change.

34.04 Severance Pay

In cases where the Employer considers the employees are not trainable for available positions, those employees with one thousand, six hundred and eighty (1,680) hours worked may elect to terminate their employment with severance pay of one (1) week's pay for each year of service up to a maximum of twelve (12) weeks pay.

34.05 New Classifications

In the event changes in methods or equipment relevant to automation or new type equipment become necessary and the classifications contained in this Agreement are not applicable, the Employer and the Union will review and establish such new classifications as may be required.

34.06 Individual Plants

It is agreed that all Clauses in Article 34 on Technological Change shall be on a basis of individual plants.

34.07 Standard Rates of Pay

Where Technological Change results in jobs of essentially the same nature being created in different plants, the rate paid in all plants shall be the same.

ARTICLE 35 – DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective October 2, 2023 up to and including September 30, 2026 and from year to year thereafter, subject to the right of either party to the Agreement, within four (4) months immediately preceding September 30, 2026 or any subsequent anniversary date thereafter to require the other party to this Agreement, in writing, to commence collective bargaining to conclude a revision or renewal of this Agreement.

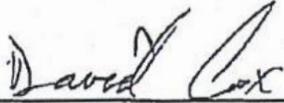
Should either party give notice as outlined above, this Agreement shall thereafter continue in full force and effect and neither party shall make any change in the terms of the said Agreement, or increase or decrease the rate of pay of any employee for whom collective bargaining is being conducted, or alter any other term or condition of employment.

The Parties agree to commence collective bargaining to renew the 2023-2026 Collective Agreement before the end of August 2026.

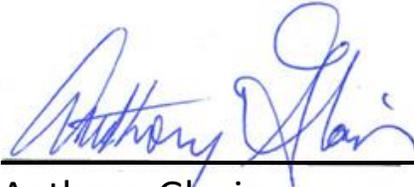
Signed this 18th day of October, 2023.

FOR THE EMPLOYER

FOR THE UNION



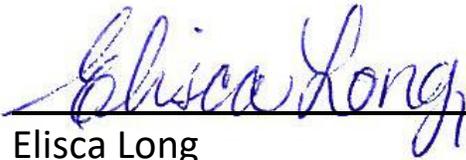
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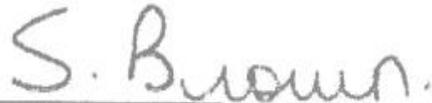
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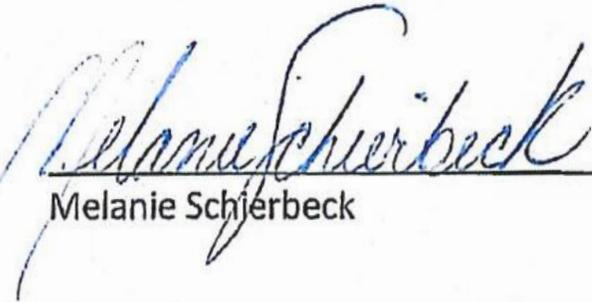
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Jason Kendrick



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SCHEDULE "A" CLASSIFICATIONS

JOB CLASS 1

Receiver, Shipper, Line Operator

	<u>A – Day</u>
CURRENT	\$25.50
OCT. 2, 2023	\$28.05
OCT. 2 2024	\$28.89
OCT. 2, 2025	\$29.75

JOB CLASS 1A

Lift Truck Operator, Machine Operator

	<u>A – Day</u>
CURRENT	\$23.46
OCT. 2, 2023	\$25.80
OCT. 2, 2024	\$26.57
OCT. 2, 2025	\$27.36

JOB CLASS 3

Stacker

	<u>A – Day</u>
CURRENT	\$21.73
OCT. 2, 2023	\$23.90
OCT. 2, 2024	\$24.61
OCT. 2, 2025	\$25.35

JOB CLASS 4

Palletizer Operator, Grade Checker, Bliss Machine

	<u>A – Day</u>
CURRENT	\$21.12
OCT. 2, 2023	\$23.23
OCT. 2, 2024	\$23.92
OCT. 2, 2025	\$24.63

JOB CLASS 5

Dumper, Bin Filler, Scanner, Bagging Machine,
Denester/Labeller Operators, Tray Inserter Operators

	<u>A – Day</u>
OCT. 2, 2022	\$20.37
OCT. 2, 2023	\$22.40
OCT. 2, 2024	\$23.07
OCT. 2, 2025	\$23.76

JOB CLASS 6

Clean-up, Paper Supply, Bin Repairs/Washing

	<u>A – Day</u>
CURRENT	\$19.72
OCT. 2, 2023	\$21.69
OCT. 2, 2024	\$22.34
OCT. 2, 2025	\$23.01

JOB CLASS 7

Production Line Worker, Hand Bagging, Packer Minimum

	<u>A – Day</u>
CURRENT	\$19.08
OCT. 2, 2023	\$20.98
OCT. 2, 2024	\$21.60
OCT. 2, 2025	\$22.50

SCHEDULE "AA" CLASSIFICATIONS

JOB CLASS 2

Journeyman Millwright, Journeyman Electrician

	<u>Day</u>
CURRENT	\$40.80
OCT. 2, 2023	\$44.88
OCT. 2, 2024	\$46.22
OCT. 2, 2025	\$47.60

JOB CLASS 3

		<u>Day</u>
Refrigeration Operator	CURRENT	\$30.00
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$33.00
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$33.99
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$35.00
Refrigeration Operator Class 4	CURRENT	\$35.00
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$38.50
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$39.65
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$40.83
Refrigeration Operator Class 3	CURRENT	\$37.00
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$40.70
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$41.92
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$43.17

JOB CLASS 4

		<u>Day</u>
Apprentice Millwright Year 1 - 80%	CURRENT	\$32.64
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$35.90
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$36.97
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$38.07
Apprentice Millwright Year 2 - 85%	CURRENT	\$34.68
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$38.14
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$39.28
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$40.45
Apprentice Millwright Year 3 - 90%	CURRENT	\$36.72
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$40.39
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$41.60
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$42.84
Apprentice Millwright Year 4 - 95%	CURRENT	\$38.76
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$42.63
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$43.90
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$45.21

JOB CLASS 5

		<u>Day</u>
Journeyperson Refrigeration Mechanic	CURRENT	\$40.80
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$44.88
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$46.23
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$47.62

JOB CLASS 6

		<u>Day</u>
Apprentice Refrigeration Mechanic - Year 1 - 80%	CURRENT	\$32.64
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$35.90
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$36.97
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$38.07
Apprentice Refrigeration Mechanic - Year 2 - 85%	CURRENT	\$34.68
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$38.14
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$39.28
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$40.45
Apprentice Refrigeration Mechanic - Year 3 - 90%	CURRENT	\$36.72
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$40.39
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$41.60
	OCT. 18, 2025	\$42.84
Apprentice Refrigeration Mechanic - Year 4 - 95%	CURRENT	\$38.76
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$42.63
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$43.90
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$45.21

JOB CLASS 7

		<u>Day</u>
Apprentice Refrigeration Operator	CURRENT	\$27.19
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$29.90
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$30.79
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$31.71

JOB CLASS 8

		<u>Day</u>
Trade Helper	CURRENT	\$27.44
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$30.18
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$31.08
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$32.01
Chief Engineer Premium		\$1.00

JOB CLASS 9

		<u>Day</u>
Power Engineer 4 th Class	CURRENT	\$31.62
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$34.78
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$35.82
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$36.89
Power Engineer 3 rd Class	CURRENT	\$35.70
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$39.27
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$40.44
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$41.65
Mechanic Leadhand Operator Premium		\$2.00
Refrigeration Leadhand Operator Premium		\$2.00

SCHEDULE “AAA” CLASSIFICATIONS

JOB CLASS 1

Sanitation Cleaner

	<u>Day</u>
CURRENT	\$23.69
OCT. 2, 2023	\$26.05
OCT. 2, 2024	\$26.83
OCT. 2, 2025	\$27.63
Shift Leadhand Premium	\$2.00

SCHEDULE “AAAA” CLASSIFICATIONS

JOB CLASS 3

		<u>Day</u>
Cellar Machine Operator	CURRENT	\$24.48
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$26.92
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$27.72
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$28.55

JOB CLASS 4

		<u>Day</u>
Cellar Supply Hand	CURRENT	\$23.46
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$25.80
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$26.57
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$27.36

JOB CLASS 5

		<u>Day</u>
Cidery Line Worker	CURRENT	\$19.08
	OCT. 2, 2023	\$20.98
	OCT. 2, 2024	\$21.61
	OCT. 2, 2025	\$22.25
Leadhand Operator Premium		\$2.00
Graveyard Shift Premium		\$2.00

FIRST AID ATTENDANT PREMIUM

Pay Schedules (Updated to Current Rates) effective
July 26, 2019

First Aid Attendant Premium

Level 1	\$0.80
Level 1 Transportation Endorsement	\$0.60
Level 2	\$2.40

Backup First Aid Attendant Premium

Level 1	\$0.20
Level 1 Transportation Endorsement	\$0.30
Level 2	\$1.00

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 1

RE: Respect and Dignity

The Employer agrees that employees, the people who are a vital part of our success, must be treated with dignity, respect and fairness appropriate in the circumstances.

The parties agree that allegations of inappropriate conduct may be grieved under Article 22. If the parties cannot resolve the Issue through the grievance procedure, the matter may be referred to an arbitrator under Article 23. In the event the arbitrator finds that a violation of this letter has occurred, they will be limited to referring the case to the following dispute resolution process.

1. The matter will be referred to mediator Mark Atkinson, or alternatively, a mediator from the following agreed list of suitable mediators:
 - Randy Noonan
 - Amanda Rogers
 - Corinn Bell
2. If the matter is not resolved through direct mediation, the mediator will write a report outlining their view of the matter and make recommendations for a resolution.
3. Individuals identified through the process as having engaged in inappropriate conduct will be retrained or

appropriately disciplined as determined by the Employer.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 2

RE: Contracting Out

The Employer can only contract out bargaining unit work where there are insufficient qualified bargaining unit members available to meet the demands of operations. For clarity, the Employer shall not contract out work normally or historically performed by the bargaining unit if such contracting out results in a reduction of hours or layoff of any existing bargaining unit member from the impacted seniority list. Furthermore, no contracting out of bargaining unit work may be undertaken while a bargaining unit member is on a layoff or on reduced work hours, nor may a contracted employee be assigned overtime before members of the bargaining unit.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 3

RE: Domestic Violence and Abuse

The Employer shall use early prevention strategies to avoid or minimize the occurrence and effects of domestic violence in the workplace and to offer assistance and a supportive environment to its employees experiencing domestic violence. The Employer affirms that it will avail to its employees the leave provisions of the Employment Standards Act pertaining to domestic violence and abuse.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING NO. 4

RE: Cider Company Positions, Wage and Classification Changes

July 13, 2018

In order to stay competitive in the labour market, to keep up with production in the most efficient way possible, and to encourage internal posting opportunities, the Employer and Union have entered into this letter of understanding.

SCHEDULE AAAA – Creation, Names, and Wage Adjustments

As per Article 16 - Job Vacancies, sub Article 16.01 - Job Classifications, the Employer will be adding to the Cidery operations a separate seniority list named SCHEDULE "AAAA" Classifications. All rights of seniority, posting practices, and inter-list movement will be commensurate with current established practices and the collective agreement.

Schedule "AAAA" classifications are as follows:

Job Class 1	Cellar Operator Leadhand	\$19.00
Job Class 2	Cellar Supply Leadhand	\$18.25
Job Class 3	Cellar Machine Operator	\$18.00
Job Class 4	Cellar Supply Hand	\$17.25
Job Class 5	Cidery Line Worker (formerly known as Cellar Hand)	\$15.00

Cellar Machine Operator Leadhand and Cellar Supply Leadhand are two new positions that the Cidery has added to the seniority list. The job descriptions for Job Class 1, 2 and 3 have all been

attached to this letter of understanding so it is clear as to what the position entails.

SCHEDULE AAAA – Supervision

The parties agree the Cidery Leadhands (persons) will be hired as unionized employees working and supervising alongside other Union employees and it is acknowledged that their primary function will be to supervise the Schedule "AAAA" classifications. The introduction of these additional positions shall not result in a reduction of hours or be used to prevent overtime in the department as specified in Schedule "AAAA".

In accordance with our current practice, the Cellar Foreman and Cellar Foreman/Assistant will work as management staff answering to the Senior Cellar Foreman. This position will work side by side with Union employees performing the same work within the Schedule AAAA classification and their responsibilities will include the supervision of union employees.

RECLASSIFICATION TO PREVIOUS JOB CLASS

Cidery Employees wishing to give up their posted position shall give the Employer and the Union four (4) weeks advance notice of such intent in writing. In cases where there is a mutual agreement between the Cidery employee and Employer the notice may be less. If the Cidery employee wishes to step down for medical reason (proof provided), the notice period may be less than four (4) weeks. The vacancy thus created shall be posted and upon successful awarding of said posting (training, if required) the Employer shall slot the affected Cidery employee into their previously posted position.

However, if a Cidery employee chooses to avail themselves of this provision they shall not be eligible to post to the same position for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of transfer.

All changes will be effective August 7, 2018 unless otherwise stated above. This letter will expire at the end of the current contract.

MERGER OF THE NORTHERN REGIONAL AND CIDERY SENIORITY LISTS:

Effective October 2, 2023 the North Regional and Cidery seniority lists are merged by dovetailing the hourly groups from North and Cidery and end tail them after the date hires in the North. Note that the following employees on the hourly list in the Cidery, who came from the North at the time of plant closure, must go back to the Date of Hire Group on the North Date of Hire Group List:

Debbie Szing
Gurpal Nijjar

Please also note that the following employee on the hourly list in the Cidery, who came from North when the plant closed, must have their hours reinstated as they existed at the time they transferred to the Cidery, and then be dovetailed with the Hourly Group:

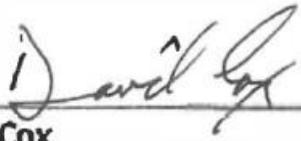
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AS TO ALL SCHEDULES AND LETTERS OF UNDERSTANDING:

Signed this 18th day of October, 2023

FOR THE EMPLOYER

FOR THE UNION



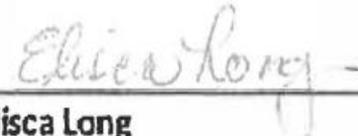
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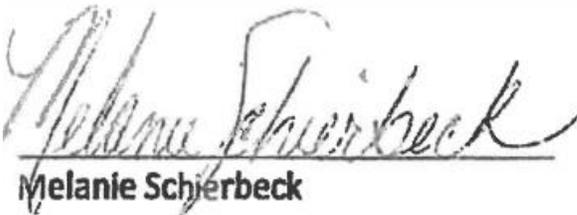
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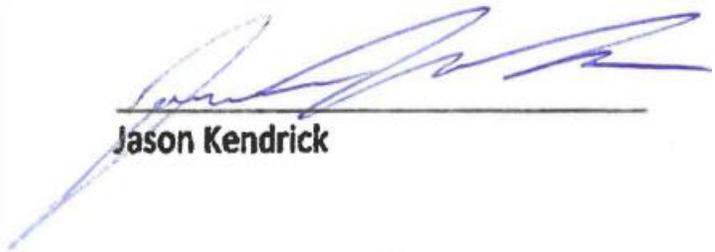
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IN THE MATTER OF A TROUBLESHOOTER

BETWEEN:

BC TREE FRUITS COOPERATIVE
(the “Employer”)

AND:

**UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS UNION,
LOCAL 247**
(the “Union”)

TROUBLESHOOTER: Mark Atkinson

FOR THE EMPLOYER: David Cox

FOR THE UNION: Anthony Glavin

DATE OF HEARING: September 24, 2021

DATE OF DECISION: September 27, 2021

INTRODUCTION

I was appointed as a troubleshooter by the BC Tree Fruits Cooperative (the “Employer”) and United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local 247 (the “Union”) to assist the parties in resolving a grievance filed by the Union alleging a violation of Article 31.03: Sick Leave – Renumeration.

A troubleshooter hearing was held on September 24, 2021, via Zoom.

The parties agree that I have full jurisdiction to craft a full and equitable resolve to a difference arising between them on payout of sick bank accumulation, as well as address the circumstances of the Grievor.

DECISION

Following presentations by the parties, I issue the following award concerning Article 31.03(5):

1. Consistent with the retirement age in the pension plan, employees of BC Tree Fruits Cooperative, regardless of years of service, shall be entitled to 100% of accumulated sick pay when leaving the employment of BC Tree Fruits Cooperative provided they are 55 years of age or older.
2. Employees of BC Tree Fruits Cooperative, with 25 years of service, shall be entitled to the following amounts of accumulated sick pay when leaving the employment of BC Tree Fruits Cooperative:

- a) If 50 to 54 years of age – 50% of their accumulated sick pay;
 - b) If 49 years of age or less – 25% of their accumulated sick pay.
3. Any payout entitlements pursuant to paragraphs 1 or 2, are payable upon the employee leaving employment with BC Tree Fruits Cooperative. Employees are not required to retire from the general workforce in order to take payouts under Article 31.03(5). For clarity, employees who take payouts in accordance with this interpretation of Article 31.03(5) may take up employment with other employers.
 4. The parties agree to amend Article 31.03(5) during the next round of bargaining to reflect the terms of this award, unless they agree otherwise at the bargaining table.
 5. BC Tree Fruits Cooperative and UFCW 247 shall each be responsible for payment of \$150 to the Grievor in this matter. Process of payment to the Grievor of the \$300 shall be worked out by the parties and paid as soon as is practicable.

6. I shall remain seized of any issue concerning the interpretation, application or alleged violation of the terms contained herein.

It is so awarded.

Dated in the city of Kamloops, B.C. this 27th day of September 2021.

Mark Atkinson
Troubleshooter

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