

# AGREEMENT

Between:

**SOUTH COAST BRITISH COLUMBIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (TransLink)**



and

**CANADIAN OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES UNION, Local 378**



Effective Date: **April 1, 2023**  
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made between:

SOUTH COAST BRITISH COLUMBIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (TRANSLINK)  
(hereinafter called the "Employer")

and

CANADIAN OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES' UNION, LOCAL 378  
(hereinafter called the "Union")

1. Witnesseth, that except as provided in Section 50(2) and (3) of *the Labour Relations Code of British Columbia*, the following provisions shall take effect and be binding upon the Employer and the Union for the period commencing April 1, **2023**, and ending March 31, **2026**, and thereafter until terminated as follows:

2. Either Party may at any time within 4 months **immediately preceding the expiry of the Agreement** may, by written notice **require the other party to commence collective bargaining**. The Agreement shall be re-opened on the date specified in such notice.

3. There must be no strikes or lockouts so long as this agreement continues to operate.

4. Letters of Agreement:

Letters attached to this Agreement are included in and form part of the Agreement as long as each letter is effective.

5. The parties agree to change all gendered language (e.g. he/she/his/her) to they/their/them, and it is understood that such changes shall have no impact on the interpretation, effect, or applicability of the language.

6. Definition of Bargaining Unit:

Where the words "bargaining unit" or "union" are used in this Agreement, such reference shall be deemed to mean MoveUP (Canadian Office and Professional Employees' Union, Local 378) members employed by the Employer and covered by the certificate referred to in Article 1.01 of this Agreement.

7. Joint Standing Committees:

Joint Standing Committees shall be instituted and continued on a variety of matters.

8. All references to "days" mean "working days"; reference to "years" mean "calendar years" unless otherwise specified in this Agreement.

## Article 1. Recognition Clauses

1.01 This Agreement shall apply to and be binding upon all employees of the Employer described in a variation to a Certification issued to the Union on the 4<sup>th</sup> of January, 2012 and which includes those employees "employed in any phase of office, clerical, technical, administrative or related work except those excluded by their inclusion as a member of another certified union or by the *Labour Relations Code of British Columbia*, and shall continue to apply to those employees covered by the said amended Certification as the same may be amended by the Labour Relations Board from time to time." Employees subject to this Agreement shall continue to be subject to the Agreement where such employees are required to perform their work functions on behalf of the Employer while outside the province. Where working arrangements require variations to the terms and conditions of the Collective Agreement, the variations will be negotiated between the Parties specific to the circumstances.

1.02 Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, neither the Union nor the Employer in carrying out their obligations under this Agreement shall discriminate in matters of hiring, training, promotion, transfer, lay off, discharge or otherwise because of any grounds prohibited by the *BC Human Rights Code*, as amended from time to time.

1.03 The Employer will not discriminate against any employee because of membership in the Union.

The Employer will permit employees who are officers or representatives of the Union to carry out their duties on the Employer's time and with no loss in pay in respect to investigating complaints, resolving grievances and distributing Union bulletins. Such employees when carrying out these duties on the Employer's time will first obtain the approval of their Supervisor and their requests for time will not be unreasonably withheld. The Union will notify the Employer of its officers and representatives in writing on a regular basis.

1.04 Officers or representatives shall be granted leave of absence to carry out their duties insofar as the regular operation of the departments in which they are employed will permit and any application by them for such leave shall be given precedence over any other application for leave on the same day.

The Employer will not charge the Union, for salaries of employees excused from work on Union business by arrangement with the Employer's Human Resources Division, where such time is 1 day or less, or where it involves joint Union/Management committees or government sponsored conferences; for example, Labour/Management conferences.

It is the Union's intent to provide the Employer with as much advance notice as possible of requests to grant leave of absence to Executive Board Officers and Councillors of the Union to attend to union business in accordance with this Section of the Agreement. In any event, the Union will endeavor to give a minimum of 1 weeks' notice of such requests. Further the Union agrees its Board members will notify their Supervisor, orally, as far in advance as possible, of scheduled Executive Board meetings.

**If the Union provides a minimum of 1 weeks' notice, the Employer will endeavor to provide a response within 2 business days. The Union acknowledges that, even if such a request is initially approved, this leave is in accordance with the regular operation of the department which is subject to change.**

- 1.05 (a) Employees who are acting as full-time officers or representatives of the Union (but excluding Union clerical staff) will be placed on leave of absence, with the time involved considered as service with the Employer. On conclusion of such leave of absence employees will return to the position they previously held with the Employer.
- (b) Leave of absence in accordance with the foregoing, will also be granted for a period of 2 years, for members appointed or elected to positions with the Canadian Office & Professional Employees' National Union.
- (c) For those filling elected positions in the Canadian Office & Professional Employees' National Union, the leave of absence will be reviewed every 2 years. Leave of absence for appointed representatives beyond this period is covered in this Agreement.
- (d) The Employer will cooperate with full-time officers or full-time representatives of the Union in performing their Union responsibilities.
- (e) The Employer will provide a union bulletin board in a suitable location in each workplace.
- 1.06 (a) Duties normally performed by employees within the bargaining unit will not be assigned to or be performed by non-bargaining unit employees except to overcome immediate, short-term operational or personnel difficulties when bargaining unit employees capable of performing the work are not available.
- (b) The Employer will not contract out work normally performed by bargaining unit employees if such contracting out will result in any termination or downgrading of an existing employee.



- (c) When there is a reasonable opportunity to bring in third party contract work, or bring in work which is currently being subcontracted, the parties will meet in an effort to make competitive arrangements. Such arrangements may include a waiver of certain provisions of the Collective Agreement. Such waivers shall not reduce salaries or benefits, unless otherwise agreed.

A Joint Union/Management committee will be convened to review staffing requirements and working conditions that will improve the Employers' competitive position as it relates to opportunities for contracting in services.

The Joint committee will consist of 3 representatives from the Union and 3 representatives from the Employer.

The committee must unanimously agree to any waivers of the provisions of the Collective Agreement as to the specific contracting in. These waivers will only apply for the period of the contracting in, unless extended by the parties.

Such terms and conditions with a copy of any waivers, shall be detailed in a letter of provision and shall have no precedent value as regards to the Collective Agreement or attachments thereof.

#### 1.07 Employee Definitions

- (a) New employees are those employees who are new to the Union.
- (b) Full-Time Regular (FTR)

An employee hired to fill an ongoing position vacated by a regular employee or hired to fill a position which is of a continuing nature.

New employees will be considered probationary as provided in Article 7.01. The employee will participate in Benefit Plans in accordance with Article 21, and in the Pension Plan. By agreement with the Union, the Employer may hire a temporary employee to fill a position vacated by a regular employee.

- (c) Part-Time Regular (PTR)
  - (i) DEFINITION

An employee hired to fill a part-time ongoing position vacated by a Part-Time Regular employee or to fill a part-time position which is of a continuing nature. By agreement with the Union, the Employer may hire a Casual to fill a position vacated by a Part-Time Regular employee. Unless otherwise agreed with the Union, Part-Time Regular employees will work

according to an assigned regular schedule but will not work more than 30 hours per week. In addition, a Part-Time Regular employee may relieve a Full-Time employee on leave of absence, training, sick leave, RWWL days or annual vacation without change to Full-Time Regular status.

(ii) Part-Time Regular Work Schedules

1. An assigned regular schedule will be established by the Employer at the time of hire and will be for a minimum period of 2 weeks.
2. Within an assigned schedule the days worked, and the daily/weekly hours may differ.
3. A Supervisor may change an established schedule but must provide 2 weeks' notice of any change.
4. Notice of change is not required where a schedule is varied by mutual agreement between the employee and the Supervisor.

(iii) Benefits

Part-Time Regular employees will participate in the Benefit Plan in accordance with Article 21 and in the Pension Plan.

Sick leave (Article 15) and annual vacation entitlements shall be prorated on the basis of time worked according to service.

Part-Time Regular employees shall not be entitled to Reduced Work Week Leave provisions as provided in Article 10 of the Agreement but will be entitled to 6.52% of straight time base rate bi-weekly earnings as defined in Subsection 7.04(g) paid on a bi-weekly basis in lieu of Reduced Work Week Leave.

Part-Time Regular employees shall progress through salary steps on the basis of accumulated service.

(iv) Annual Vacation

Part-Time Regular Employees will be entitled to Annual vacation and statutory holiday pay which shall be paid each pay period on the basis of the appropriate percentage of gross earnings for that pay period.

(d) Full-Time Temporary (FTT)

(i) Definition

- (1) An employee hired full-time on a monthly rate of pay to perform work of a temporary nature in connection with a specific project, projects, work overload or seasonal peaks for a period of less than 1 year, **except for covering parental leave which can be up to 18 months**, or other situations mutually agreed by the Parties.
- (2) If a temporary project, specific job or allied jobs exceeds a period of 1 year, the Parties may mutually agree to a period in excess of 1 year until the temporary project is completed. Otherwise, the position will be bulletined as a Full-Time Regular position. An employee may also be hired under this classification for purposes of vacation relief for periods up to 4 months.
- (3) The employee will be paid a rate based on the appropriate step on the salary scale which will recognize the employee's accumulated service since the last date of hire with the Employer in the same or related job.

Services of Full-Time Temporary employees may be terminated by giving or receiving 24 hours' notice.

(ii) Benefits

A Full-Time Temporary employee will participate in Benefits Plans in accordance with Article 21 but not in the Pension Plan.

A Full-Time Temporary employee hired under this classification for the purpose of vacation relief for periods up to 4 months will not be entitled to sick leave and will not participate in the Benefits Plan (outlined in Article 21) or the Pension Plan during this period, however,

Should a vacation relief (FTT, 4 months or less) employee's period of employment exceed 4 continuous months they will become eligible for the same benefits and entitlements as other Full-Time Temporary employees, effective from the beginning of the fifth continuous month.

Full Time Temporary Employees shall be entitled to all benefits of this agreement, except that Full-Time Temporary employees:

1. will not be eligible for coverage under the Dental Plan, in accordance with Article 21.03. Full-Time Temporary Employees may be eligible for coverage under the Public Service Pension Plan

after 2 years of continuous service or if their salary exceeds 50% of the year's maximum pensionable earnings, as per current PSPP provisions.

2. will not be eligible for Pregnancy Leave Supplemental Employment Benefit (SEB) in accordance with Article 19.07.
3. will not be entitled to Reduced Work Week Leave (RWWL) provisions as provided in Article 10 of the Agreement but will be entitled to 6.52% of straight-time base rate bi-weekly earnings as defined in Subsection 7.04(g) paid on a bi-weekly basis in lieu of Reduced Work Week Leave.

(iii) Annual Vacation

FTT (less than a year), including Vacation Relief (FTT, 4 months or less) are eligible for an Annual Vacation Percentage Payout at a rate of 6% on eligible earnings, paid upon termination.

FTT (Greater than a year, less than two years) – entitled to 3 weeks of Annual Vacation upon reaching the anniversary date and an Annual Vacation percentage payout (paid upon termination) for the term beyond 1 year and less than 2 years.

(e) Casuals

(i) Definition

An employee hired on an as-and-when required basis. The employee will be paid a rate based on the appropriate step on the salary scale which will recognize the employee's accumulated service since the last date of hire with the Employer in the same or related job.

The Employer shall not hire or use Casual Employees to avoid the continuance, creation or filling of positions for or by Full-Time Regular Employees, Part-Time Regular Employees, or Full-Time Temporary Employees, as the case may be.

(ii) Benefits and Annual Vacation

The employee will not be entitled to any benefits provided in this Agreement but will be paid 21.52% of straight time base rate bi-weekly earnings as defined in Subsection 7.04(g) paid on a bi-weekly basis in lieu

of annual vacation, RWWL, statutory holidays, sick leave and welfare benefits.

Casual employees may be eligible for coverage under the Public Service Pension Plan after 2 years of continuous service or if their salary exceeds 50% of the year's maximum pensionable earnings, as per current PSPP provisions.

## Article 2. Union Security and Deduction of Dues

- 2.01 (a) The Employer agrees that all employees covered by this Agreement shall, within 15 days of the date hereof or within 15 days of their employment by the Employer, whichever event shall later occur, as a condition of continued employment by the Employer, become and remain members of the Union and that the Employer shall deduct from each such employee's pay the amount of any Union dues and assessments and remit same to the Union monthly, together with information as to the persons from whose pay such deductions have been made. Dues authorization forms will be signed at the time of hire.
- (b) The Employer will provide the Union with the following:
- (i) Employee Information: Listing of MoveUP employees, including Employee number, name, job title, job group, job code, hire date, and seniority date. This list will be in compliance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and will be provided from Human Resources to the Union on a semi-annual basis (January and July of each year).
  - (ii) Dues Deduction Information: Listing Employee name, department name and number, monthly dues on regular earnings, monthly actual regular earnings, monthly overtime dues, monthly overtime earnings, monthly regular and monthly overtime dues combined, initiation fees, assessment dues, calendar year-to-date total of regular and overtime dues combined; as well as a list of employees in the Union who did not pay dues and the reason why dues were not deducted; and a list of dues deduction information for employees in other jurisdictions who worked in the Union and therefore paid Union dues. This list will be in compliance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be provided from Payroll to the Union on a monthly basis.
- (c) The Employer will advise all new employees of the name of the appropriate Local Union Representative following commencement of employment. The Union Representative shall be permitted to meet with each new employee during normal working hours at the employee's workplace for up to 1 hour, **6 months** of the commencement of employment, at a time mutually agreed to between the Union Representative and the Supervisor of the new employee.

### 2.02 Policies and Procedures

In cases where the Employer's policies and procedures conflict with the terms and conditions of the Collective Agreement, the Agreement will prevail.

### 2.03 Labour/Management Cooperation

The Parties agree to cooperate to improve general efficiency and administrative practices.  
Labour/Management Committee

The Parties agree to form a Joint Employer/Union Committee, to be known as the Labour/Management Committee to provide a forum for information exchange and discussion between the Union and Management.

The Committee shall be composed of 6 members, 3 Employer and 3 Union members to be appointed by the respective parties. The Committee may be augmented as necessary to provide input on the issues under discussion.

The Committee shall meet quarterly and shall establish an agenda in advance of the meeting regarding the pertinent issues to be discussed. Minutes outlining only the action items arising from the meeting will be distributed to the members of the Committee.

- 2.04 Neither TransLink nor its representatives will require or permit any employee covered by this Agreement to enter into an agreement with TransLink or its representatives which conflicts with the terms of this Agreement. It is recognized by the parties, however, that there may be situations where employee accommodations of an incidental, infrequent and minor nature can arise. Such accommodations will not be considered a violation of this Article.

### 2.05 Union Training Fund

- (a) The Employer will pay into a special fund \$5,000 per year for the purpose of providing Union Education. Said monies will be paid by the Employer on June 1 of each contract year, into a trust fund established by the Union for this purpose.**

## Article 3. Grievance Procedure

### 3.01 Definition

- (a) "Grievance" means any difference between the persons bound by this Agreement concerning its interpretation, application, operation, or any alleged violation thereof, or any dispute, including any question as to whether any matter is arbitrable.
- (b) All grievances or disputes shall be settled without stoppage of work. Grievances concerning job descriptions or job evaluation shall be settled in the manner described in Article 5.06. All other grievances shall be settled in accordance with the procedures set out below:

### 3.02 Union or Employer Grievance

- (a) Should either the Union or the Employer consider that an action is cause for a grievance, the grieving Party, i.e. the President of the Union or the Employer's Human Resources Division or their nominee(s), shall initiate such grievance by letter. Within 5 working days of receipt of such letter by the other Party, the principals above noted, or their nominee(s) shall meet and attempt to resolve the grievance.
- (b) If the Parties fail to resolve the grievance, the matter may be submitted to the agreed Third Party as set out in Article 3.04 below. If the grievance is not submitted to or is not resolved by reference to the agreed Third Party as noted above, the grievance may be submitted to arbitration as set out in Stage III of Article 3.03 below.

### 3.03 Employee Complaints and Grievances

It is intended by the Parties that all complaints and grievances be settled as quickly as possible in accordance with the procedures that follow:

- (a) Employee Complaints

Employees are encouraged to discuss any complaint, dispute or misunderstanding relating to this Agreement with their immediate Supervisor as soon as possible, and for the purpose of this clause, not later than 20 working days from the date of the action on the part of the Employer or the date the employee was advised of the action which led to the complaint, dispute or misunderstanding.



**(b) All grievances must contain the following information:**

- (i) The nature of the grievance and the circumstances surrounding the grievance;**
- (ii) The provision(s) of the Agreement alleged to have been violated;**
- (iii) The redress or remedy to resolve the grievance; and**
- (iv) Any action taken by the complainant to resolve the grievance, if applicable, including the outcome of those actions.**

**(c) Employee Grievances – Stage I**

**The Union** may grieve an action on the part of the Employer in respect of this Agreement. A grievance shall be submitted in writing not later than 20 working days following either:

- (i) The unresolved discussion of a complaint; or
- (ii) The date the employee was advised of the action which led to the grievance.

The grievance shall be submitted to the Management representative immediately involved with copies to the Employer's Human Resources Division and it shall be discussed with the Union and the Management representative within 10 working days of receipt of the grievance.

The Employer's decision on the grievance shall be given in writing to the **Union** not later than 5 working days from the date the grievance was discussed at Stage I.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Job Selection grievances shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions included in Stage II below.

**(d) Stage II**

A grievance not settled at Stage I may be referred in writing by the Union to the appropriate Management Representative, or their nominee, and the Human Resources Division within 20 working days of the Employer's decision at Stage I.

A job selection grievance shall be initiated in writing at Stage II by **the Union** not more than 20 working days from the date the applicant was advised of the disputed

selection. The grievance will be submitted to Human Resources with a copy to the Management representative who made the selection.

The Parties shall meet on a mutually satisfactory date to discuss the Stage II grievance and attempt to resolve the difference therein. The Employer's decision on the grievance shall be given in writing to the Union not later than 5 working days from the date the grievance was discussed at Stage II.

A grievance not settled at Stage II may be referred by written notice to Stage III within 15 working days of receipt of the decision at Stage II.

(e) Stage III – Arbitration

(i) All grievances submitted to arbitration shall be adjudicated by a single Arbitrator. The Parties to the Agreement shall attempt to agree on naming the Arbitrator as soon as the grieving Party has submitted notice, in writing, of its decision to proceed to arbitration. Should the Parties fail to reach agreement within 10 working days of such notice, upon the request of either Party, the necessary appointment shall be made by the Minister of Labour.

The Arbitrator shall proceed as soon as practical to examine the grievance and render their judgment, and their decision shall be final and binding on the Parties and upon the employee(s) affected by it.

(ii) Each Party shall pay one-half (1/2) of the fees and expenses of the Arbitrator including any disbursements incurred by Arbitration proceedings.

(iii) Where the Arbitrator determines that an employee has been dismissed, suspended or otherwise disciplined by the Employer for just and reasonable cause the Arbitrator may substitute such other penalty for dismissal, suspension, or discipline as the Arbitrator considers just and reasonable in all the circumstances.

(iv) Where the Arbitrator, the Labour Relations Board, or other body finds that an employee has been dismissed, suspended, or otherwise disciplined for other than just and reasonable cause, the Arbitrator, the Labour Relations Board, or other body may:

(1) Direct the Employer to reinstate the employee and pay to the employee a sum equal to their wages lost by reason of their dismissal, suspension or other discipline or such lesser sum as, in the opinion of the Arbitrator, the Labour Relations Board, or other body, the case may be, is fair and reasonable or;

- (2) Make such other order as it considers fair and reasonable, having regard to the terms of the Collective Agreement.

3.04 Notwithstanding the foregoing, where a difference arises between the Parties relating to the dismissal, discipline, or suspension of an employee or to the interpretation, application or alleged violation of this Agreement, including any question as to whether a matter is arbitrable, during the term of the Collective Agreement, one of the Arbitrators under Article 3.07 or a substitute agreed to by the Parties shall at the request of either Party:

- (i) Investigate the difference;
- (ii) Define the issue in the difference; and
- (iii) Make a written recommendation to resolve the difference within 5 days of the date of receipt of the request, and, for those 5 days from that date, time does not run in respect of the Grievance Procedure. This provision may be implemented at the discretion of either Party during or after Stage I.

3.05 Where the time limits mentioned in this Section are not met by the grieving Party the grievance shall be deemed to be abandoned and may not thereafter be reinstated. Failure to respond where required by the grievance procedure within the time specified will be deemed to be a referral to the next stage of the grievance procedure.

Notwithstanding the above, time limits may be extended by mutual written consent of the Employer and the Union.

3.06 The processing of a grievance dealing with suspension or termination may be dealt with under the terms of Article 3.02. By mutual agreement of the Employer and the Union, any other grievance may begin at Stage II.

3.07 Expedited Arbitration

For the purpose of accelerating the resolution of applicable grievances, the Parties may mutually agree to refer to Expedited Arbitration any matter properly processed, as a grievance, in accordance with the provisions of the grievance procedure contained in this Agreement.

Arbitrators will be chosen in rotation and will indicate acceptance and availability on dates chosen by the Parties. In the event an arbitrator is unable to act on such dates, the arbitrator will advise the Parties and they will contact the next arbitrator on the list.

The following procedure will apply:

- (a) The Parties shall determine by mutual agreement those grievances suitable for expedited arbitration.
- (b) The expedited arbitrators, who shall act as sole arbitrators, shall be Elaine Doyle, Mark Brown, Julie Nichols and Brian Foley.
- (c) If the Parties agree to invoke the expedited arbitration process, the matter shall be decided in accordance with the process set out in this Article, notwithstanding the provision of Subsection 3.03(d) of the Collective Agreement.
- (d) The locations of the hearings shall be agreed to by the Parties.
- (e) All presentations are to be short and concise and are to include a comprehensive opening statement. The Parties agree to make limited use of authorities during their presentations.
- (f) The hearings will be governed by the following guidelines which can be amended by agreement between the parties at any time:
  - (i) A brief or pertinent document will be jointly presented to the arbitrator.
  - (ii) To the extent that authorities are permitted, they shall be presented in a joint brief.
  - (iii) If possible, a statement of agreed facts will be jointly presented to the arbitrator.
  - (iv) Responses to opening statements will cover any facts which are in dispute and any additional facts available.
  - (v) The hearing will be conducted in an informal manner with limited objections by the Parties and without concern for procedural irregularities.
  - (vi) Hearsay and extrinsic evidence will be allowed to be entered without objection and given the appropriate weight by the arbitrator.
  - (vii) Witnesses will only be used to enter evidence relative to facts in dispute or for expert explanations.
  - (viii) Arguments will be presented only to the points in issue.

- (g) Prior to rendering a decision, the arbitrator may assist the Parties in mediating a resolution to the grievance. If this occurs, the costs will be borne in accordance with Section 103 of the *Labour Relations Code*.
- (h) Where mediation fails, or is not appropriate, a decision shall be rendered by the arbitrator as contemplated herein.
- (i) The decision of the arbitrator is to be completed and mailed to the Parties within 10 working days of the hearing.
- (j) All decisions of the arbitrators are to be limited in application to that particular dispute and are without prejudice, unless otherwise agreed. No written reasons for the decision shall be provided beyond that which the arbitrator deems appropriate to convey a decision.
- (k) The Parties shall share equally the fees and expenses of the arbitrator.
- (l) The arbitrator shall have the power to conclusively settle the dispute and the decision shall be binding on both Parties. The arbitrator shall not have the power to change, alter, modify or amend any of the provisions of the Collective Agreement.

## Article 4. Salary Scales and Allowances

### 4.01 Salary Scales

- (a) **The following wage increases will apply to all classifications.**
- (i) **Effective April 1, 2023, a general increase to salary rates of 6.75%.**
  - (ii) **Effective April 1, 2024, increase rates of pay by the annualized average of BC CPI over 12 months starting on March 1, 2023, to a minimum of 2.0% and a maximum of 3.0%.**
  - (iii) **Effective April 1, 2025, a general increase to salary rates of 2.74% plus \$0.25.**
- (b) Job groupings are established in accordance with the Employer’s job evaluation plan. The salary scales applicable to these groupings shall be as set out in the following schedules with effective dates as shown.
- (c) Bi-weekly rates are computed on the basis of 46% of monthly rates.
- (d) For conversion purposes only, hourly rates of pay are determined by dividing monthly salaries by 163.0581.

<b>TRANSLINK - COPE SALARY SCALES AS OF APRIL 1, 2023</b>												
<b>Group</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Step 1</b>		<b>Step 2</b>		<b>Step 3</b>		<b>Step 4</b>		<b>Step 5</b>		
<b>1</b>	3,226	19.7844	3,374	20.6920	3,482	21.3544	3,588	22.0044	3,731	22.8814	3,879	23.7891
<b>2</b>	3,522	21.5997	3,688	22.6177	3,802	23.3168	3,917	24.0221	4,076	24.9972	4,234	25.9662
<b>3</b>	3,843	23.5683	4,014	24.6170	4,148	25.4388	4,280	26.2483	4,448	27.2786	4,617	28.3151
<b>4</b>	4,200	25.7577	4,392	26.9352	4,522	27.7324	4,671	28.6462	4,853	29.7624	5,042	30.9215
<b>5</b>	4,576	28.0636	4,788	29.3638	4,943	30.3143	5,091	31.2220	5,288	32.4302	5,508	33.7794
<b>6</b>	5,007	30.7068	5,223	32.0315	5,396	33.0925	5,560	34.0983	5,783	35.4659	6,008	36.8458
<b>7</b>	5,460	33.4850	5,704	34.9814	5,885	36.0914	6,072	37.2383	6,308	38.6856	6,557	40.2127
<b>8</b>	5,963	36.5698	6,225	38.1766	6,422	39.3847	6,616	40.5745	6,888	42.2426	7,160	43.9107
<b>9</b>	6,499	39.8570	6,791	41.6477	7,009	42.9847	7,233	44.3584	7,514	46.0817	7,814	47.9216
<b>10</b>	7,102	43.5550	7,416	45.4807	7,655	46.9465	7,888	48.3754	8,199	50.2827	8,525	52.2820
<b>11</b>	7,745	47.4984	8,096	49.6510	8,357	51.2517	8,615	52.8339	8,958	54.9372	9,314	57.1207
<b>12</b>	8,460	51.8833	8,842	54.2261	9,127	55.9739	9,401	57.6543	9,775	59.9480	10,159	62.3029

**TRANSLINK - COPE SALARY SCALES AS OF APRIL 1, 2024**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Minimum</b>		<b>Step 1</b>		<b>Step 2</b>		<b>Step 3</b>		<b>Step 4</b>		<b>Step 5</b>	
<b>1</b>	3,323	20.3792	3,475	21.3114	3,586	21.9922	3,696	22.6668	3,843	23.5683	3,995	24.5005
<b>2</b>	3,628	22.2497	3,799	23.2984	3,916	24.0160	4,035	24.7458	4,198	25.7454	4,361	26.7451
<b>3</b>	3,958	24.2736	4,134	25.3529	4,272	26.1993	4,408	27.0333	4,581	28.0943	4,756	29.1675
<b>4</b>	4,326	26.5304	4,524	27.7447	4,658	28.5665	4,811	29.5048	4,999	30.6578	5,193	31.8475
<b>5</b>	4,713	28.9038	4,932	30.2469	5,091	31.2220	5,244	32.1603	5,447	33.4053	5,673	34.7913
<b>6</b>	5,157	31.6268	5,380	32.9944	5,558	34.0860	5,727	35.1225	5,956	36.5269	6,188	37.9497
<b>7</b>	5,624	34.4908	5,875	36.0301	6,062	37.1769	6,254	38.3544	6,497	39.8447	6,754	41.4208
<b>8</b>	6,142	37.6676	6,412	39.3234	6,615	40.5684	6,814	41.7888	7,095	43.5121	7,375	45.2293
<b>9</b>	6,694	41.0529	6,995	42.8988	7,219	44.2726	7,450	45.6892	7,739	47.4616	8,048	49.3566
<b>10</b>	7,315	44.8613	7,638	46.8422	7,885	48.3570	8,125	49.8289	8,445	51.7914	8,781	53.8520
<b>11</b>	7,977	48.9212	8,339	51.1413	8,608	52.7910	8,873	54.4162	9,227	56.5872	9,593	58.8318
<b>12</b>	8,714	53.4411	9,107	55.8513	9,401	57.6543	9,683	59.3837	10,068	61.7449	10,464	64.1734

**4.02 Length-of-Service Increases**

- (a) Salary advances within the ranges shall be automatic except that such increases may be withheld for inadequate performance, providing that 1 months' notice of intent to withhold is given in writing by the Supervisor concerned to the employee affected, the officers of the Union, and the Employer's Human Resources representative.
- (b) Increases will not be granted to employees on probation. When, in the opinion of the Employer, the employee has fully restored their performance at some subsequent date, they shall regain their position within the salary scale on a non-retroactive basis.
- (c) Only 1 length-of-service increase will be granted to an employee while they are on sick leave. After returning to work the employee will next be entitled to an increase on the same date they would have been entitled to an increase had they not been absent for sickness.
- (d) Length-of-service salary increases will not be granted to employees who qualify for an increase during all other leaves of absence without pay in excess of 3 months. Upon return to work an employee will become eligible for the increase after qualifying in accordance with Subsection 4.02(f) below by combining their service prior to and following their leave of absence without pay.

- (e) Except as limited in (a), (b) and (c) above, an employee whose salary falls between the minimum and the maximum of the salary range shall receive length-of-service increases along the salary scale on the following basis:
  - (i) All Regular employees hired prior to the signing of this Agreement will retain their previously established length-of-service date, unless promoted as per item (iii) below.
  - (ii) New employees, hired subsequent to the signing of this Agreement, will have their length-of-service increase date for their entry job determined by reference to their date of hire.
  - (iii) Any Regular employees who receive a promotion subsequent to the signing of this Agreement, will receive a salary adjustment in accordance with Article 7.05, and will have their length-of-service date adjusted to reflect their date of promotion.
- (f)
  - (i) An employee will progress along the salary scale at 1 year intervals until they reach the maximum of the salary range.
  - (ii) Length-of-service increase dates will be adjusted to reflect leave without pay, whenever such leave exceeds 3 months except for maternity leave.
  - (iii) An employee whose salary is equal to any step of their salary range will have their salary increased to the next higher step in that range.
  - (iv) An employee whose salary is between steps of their salary range will have their salary increased by an amount equal to the difference between the two steps between which the employee's salary falls. No employee shall receive a length-of- service increase which would place them above the maximum of the salary range.
  - (v) An employee who is promoted from one salary group to another will receive an increase of 5% for each salary group of promotion after first determining a pro-rata adjustment to their old salary based on the accrued time since the last length-of-service increase in conjunction with the point when a length-of-service increase would have occurred. Thereafter, progression along the new salary scale will be at 12 month intervals. No employee, subsequent to the application of this promotion formula, will receive less than the minimum or more than the maximum of the new range.
  - (vi) **All regular hours worked in an acting capacity in any salary group shall count towards length of service increases.**



- (g) Time worked continuously on different jobs having the same job group shall be cumulative.
- (h) An employee whose job is reclassified to a higher salary group as a result of changes in duties and responsibilities or as a result of re-evaluation will receive the promotional increase as set out in Subsection 7.05(a) and will continue to receive their length-of-service increases on the new job on the same date as they would have received them had they been on the lower job. Employees who were at a maximum on the lower job will receive their first length-of-service increase on the higher job after they have had 6 months' service on the higher level job.

#### 4.03 First Aid Premium

In order to provide employees injured at work with quick and effective first aid treatment, the Employer will ensure that properly trained first aid personnel and adequate equipment and supplies are available in accordance with the Employer's specifications, which also include the requirements of *WorkSafeBC*.

The Employer will encourage designated employees to qualify for First Aid certificates, will pay for their required training and will provide a pay allowance to such employees on hours worked only for holding valid certificates as per below.

Designated employees (acting as Occupational First Aid Attendants, or their back-up, under *WorkSafeBC Regulations* or as specified by the Employer).

Pay Allowance in Addition to Basic Rate	
Level 1	\$ .30 per hour
Level 2	1.25 per hour
Level 3	1.25 per hour

#### 4.04 Training Premium

In training situations, where an employee who does not have responsibility for conducting training as part of their defined job duties is assigned to conduct such training, they shall be paid a premium of 5% of their normal hourly rate for all time spent in instruction.

#### 4.05 Second Language Premium

**If an employee is required to use a language other than English, and it is not part of their job responsibilities, they will be paid a premium of 5% of their hourly rate for such time performing those duties.**

## Article 5. Job Descriptions and Evaluations

### 5.01 Establishment of Job Evaluation System

- (a) It is the intent of this Article that all jobs will be evaluated consistently and equitably relative to each other by use of the TransLink/COPE Gender Neutral Job Evaluation Manual.
- (b) Job evaluations and grouping of jobs established under the TransLink/COPE Gender Neutral Job Evaluation Plan shall be changed only through application of that plan, and related procedures as set out in this Article.

### 5.02 New Job **Descriptions**

A new job **description** is defined for the purpose of this **Article** as:

- (a) A newly created job **description** which has not previously existed, or
- (b) Any job **description** within a **department**, the duties of which have not been performed by an employee within that **department** during the previous 6 month period. Seasonal jobs, agreed training jobs, and jobs which are part of a hierarchy within a **department** will not be considered as new job **description** under this definition.
- (c) The introduction of a new lower level of an existing job **description** must be discussed with the Union 30 days before implementation.

### 5.03 Job Description and Evaluation Procedure

- (a) All bargaining unit employees will be covered by a job description, the title of which will be set out in Appendix B. Appendix B will be updated every 6 months by the Human Resources Division and forwarded to the Union Office.
- (b) The Union will receive a copy of the plan to aid in their reviews and a copy of each job description with its corresponding substantiating data. The Union may contact the Human Resources Division to discuss any problems or to obtain information related to jobs under review. Jobs may be appealed by the Union if a joint review has been completed and no agreement can be reached on the evaluation.
- (c) All job descriptions prepared in accordance with this Article will describe job duties and responsibilities as clearly and specifically as possible. Minor duties, which are ancillary to one or more of the duties defined in the job description, may be omitted

from the job description provided such duties are related to those set out in the job description, and provided such duties do not affect the rating of the job.

The Human Resources Division will indicate in some manner on the job description, those duties or responsibilities which they consider most significant, and will discuss these with the employee concerned when preparing the job description.

The duties and responsibilities set out in the job descriptions will be those which were included as part of the job at the time the job description was written.

- (d) Job descriptions will be written in a clear, concise manner outlining the major duties of the job. The assignment of grades will be substantiated by outlining the elements of the duties that establish the grade. The rating of all job factors will be done using the factor and level definitions outlined in the Plan.
- (e) Prior to writing a job description or evaluating a job, a Job Evaluation Representative will discuss the job responsibilities with the affected employee and the Supervisor concerned. An employee's signature on the job description will only indicate that the employee has read and understands the job description.

Job descriptions will be prepared by the Human Resources Division after consultation with the affected employee or a representative group of affected employees and the appropriate Supervisor(s). The affected employee or the representative group of affected employees will initial the final job description indicating that they have participated in the preparation of the job description. Such initialing does not necessarily indicate agreement with the content or evaluation of the job description.

- (f) Existing job descriptions may be changed or revised by the Employer subject to the changes in duties and responsibilities being properly documented into the job description except as outlined in Subsection 5.03(c).
- (g) All job descriptions will be evaluated by the Human Resources Division and those job descriptions and evaluations will be provided to the Union Office and the Union Job Evaluation Review Officers. Jobs will not be issued until the new or revised job description has been prepared, evaluated and forwarded to the Review Officer. Job descriptions applicable to each department of the Employer will be available within the department, and a copy of the employee's job description will be provided to the employee on entering the job and on request. A copy of the evaluation of the employee's job description will be provided to the employee on request to the Human Resources Division, or Job Evaluation Review Officer.
- (h) When jobs are re-evaluated the Human Resources Division will advise the Union briefly, by form, of any factor grading which is reduced.

- (i) If a work leader position evaluates at the same level as the jobs to which it is providing direction, the Employer will increase the job content of the work leader position so as to ensure at least one group differential.
- (j) The Plan shall be modified to remove all educational levels below grade 12, thereby making successful high school completion the minimum requirement for all jobs.

#### 5.04 Job Evaluation Review Officers

- (a) The Parties agree that the Union will appoint 4 Job Evaluation Review Officers. Employees of the Employer who are appointed by the Union to serve as Job Evaluation Review Officers on an "as required" basis will be granted leave to perform these duties. The Employer will pay the salary and expenses for the time spent on Employer approved training, reviewing and/or appealing job evaluation disputes under this Article by employees appointed as Job Review Officers.
- (b) The primary responsibility of the Job Evaluation Review Officers will be to ensure that job descriptions accurately describe job duties and responsibilities, are evaluated fairly and equitably relative to each other under the Job Evaluation Plan, and to process appeals under Article 5.07.
- (c) The Union Job Evaluation Review Officer may meet with the Human Resources Division to review changes in duties and/or responsibilities in existing jobs which may have occurred.

#### 5.05 Job Evaluation Review Procedure

- (a) Any employee or the Union may initiate a job evaluation review by submitting a job evaluation review form to the Human Resources Division. Within 10 working days of receipt, the Employer will notify the Union of the request.
- (b) The **Manager, Human Resources**, will respond to and/or meet with the incumbent to resolve the review within 30 working days of such referral.
- (c) **Upon completion of the job evaluation review, the following information will be provided to the Union:**
  - (i) **Job description;**
  - (ii) **Job evaluation factor analysis;**
  - (iii) **Job questionnaire as appropriate.**

- (d) Within 60 working days from the date the Union is notified of the completed job evaluation review, the Union may appeal the job evaluation. Appeals made by the Union shall be in writing to Human Resources and will include:**
  - (i) Position being appealed;**
  - (ii) Reasons for appeal, including the relevant job factors being appealed; and**
  - (iii) If an existing position, the material change to the applicable job factors being appealed.**
- (e) Within 30 working days of receipt of the Union’s written appeal, Human Resources shall respond with any additional information that Human Resources deems relevant to the appeal.**
- (f) If the Union does not agree with Human Resources’ reply in Article 5.05(d), then the Union may, within 15 working days following receipt of Human Resources’ response refer the matter to arbitration in accordance with Article 5.06.**

**The time limits referred to above may be extended by mutual agreement and such agreement will not be unreasonably withheld.**

#### 5.06 Standing Arbitrator

The Parties agree to employ and share all costs of the named individual, chosen for their expertise in job evaluation, to act as a Standing Arbitrator whose responsibility is to resolve appeals under Article 5.07 through the application of the Employer’s Job Evaluation Plan.

#### 5.07 Job Evaluation Appeal

In the event that the Job Evaluation Review Process is unable to resolve the appeal it will be referred by the Director, Human Resources or their designate to the Standing Arbitrator for final resolution within 20 working days.

In such instances, Job Evaluation Review Officers will submit their findings (i.e., joint or independent evaluation) to the Standing Arbitrator with copies to the Union and the Director, Human Resources. The Arbitrator shall proceed as soon as practical to resolve the appeal by investigating the dispute, consulting with the Union and the Employer and applying the Employer’s Job Evaluation Plan. This will include a hearing on the issues and may include an on-the-job review by the Arbitrator if required. The Arbitrator’s decision will be final and binding on the Parties.

The Arbitrator will address only those factor ratings which are in dispute or factors related thereto.

- 5.08 In the case of an upgrouping, the incumbent's salary treatment will be retroactive to the date that either a review or appeal was instituted.

In the event an employee initiates an appeal within 20 working days following a review by the Employer, and the employee is successful in receiving an upgrouping, the effective date of such upgrouping shall be the date on which the review was initiated.

- 5.09 Work leadership responsibilities shall be as follows:

- (a) May perform duties largely similar to those whose work they direct;
- (b) May perform duties related to but at a higher level than the work of the subordinates whom they direct;
- (c) Relieves the Supervisor of detailed supervision of routine aspects of the work by:
  - (i) ensuring even workflow and consistency of effort;
  - (ii) allocating various phases of work to different individuals within a general framework laid down by the Supervisor;
  - (iii) transmitting the Supervisor's instructions to other employees;
  - (iv) performing a quality control function in respect to subordinates;
  - (v) warning subordinates of unacceptable performance (quality or quantity of work) or conduct (observance of hours, appearance, etc.). Should a subordinate's performance or conduct fail to improve as a result of such warning then the work leader will bring the matter to the attention of the Supervisor who will take suitable disciplinary action;
  - (vi) assists the Supervisor in their responsibilities by providing on-the-job detailed training to employees with respect to the performance of their job duties.

## Article 6. Seniority

- 6.01 All employees of the Employer as of November 6, 1985 shall have their accumulated seniority as total continuous elapsed time as an employee of the Employer and its predecessors in a job category under the Union's jurisdiction.

All employees hired subsequent to November 6, 1985 shall have their seniority begin with the last date of hire for unbroken service with the Employer in a job category under the Union's jurisdiction.

- 6.02 No credit shall be given for terms of temporary work except as provided in (a) and (b) below:

(a) Full-time Temporary and Casual employees who obtain Regular status shall be granted seniority calculated from their Employer entered service date within the Union's jurisdiction based on all hours worked (excluding overtime) since March 28, 2005.

(b) When two or more Full-Time Temporary or Casual employees are being considered for a vacancy posted pursuant to Article 7.11 of this Collective Agreement, Subsection 7.11(d) will apply to these employees and they will be considered to have seniority calculated from their Employer entered service date within the Union's jurisdiction based on all hours worked (excluding overtime) since March 28, 2005, for the sole purpose of filling these postings.

- 6.03 Part-Time Regular employees shall accumulate seniority on the basis of regularly scheduled time excluding overtime hours worked. Regularly scheduled time shall include time absent from work as a result of a compensable absence covered by WorkSafeBC.

For the purposes of converting seniority from hours to years for Part-Time Regular employees only, regular hours worked will be multiplied by 1.0652.

- 6.04 An employee who leaves the Union and subsequently returns shall be treated as a new employee from the date of their return except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

Employees excluded under the *Labour Relations Code of B.C.* and thus required to withdraw from the Union shall retain accumulated seniority as defined in Article 6.01, as of the date of exclusion, provided they do not in the meantime become members of another Union. Any such employee shall have the right to exercise such seniority for the purpose of re-entry to the Union for a period of 1 year from the date that the employee is required to withdraw from the Union under this provision.

- 6.05 (a) Military leave of absence leave of absence on Union business or leave of absence to act as a full-time official or representative of the Union shall not be considered as a break of seniority.
- (b) An employee granted a leave of absence for any reason other than those covered in (a) above will accumulate seniority during the duration of such absence provided they maintain their membership in the Union.
- 6.06 (a) An employee who is on the recall list shall retain their past seniority plus continue to accrue seniority while on that list.
- (b) Seniority accrued while on the recall list will not be considered in determining Employer service.
- 6.07 Where a job classification previously excluded from the Union becomes included in the Union, the incumbent employee(s) in such a job classification will be granted accumulated seniority for the period during which they worked in the affected job classification immediately prior to that classification being included in the Union. Seniority achieved under this clause will not be utilized under the lay-off and bumping provisions within the first 12 calendar months from the date of entry and will not be utilized under the job selection or promotional provision within the first 6 calendar months from the date of entry.
- 6.08 Regular employees who obtain temporary positions outside of the Union but remain within TransLink shall continue to accrue seniority as if they had remained in the Union, provided they maintain their Union membership and remit required Union dues. For an Exempt position, full dues are required; for another Union position, minimum dues are required.



## Article 7. Employment, Transfer and Termination

### 7.01 New Employees

All new employees entering the Employer in jobs under the Union's jurisdiction are to be considered as probationary for a period of up to 978 hours actually worked excluding overtime or to a maximum of 1 calendar year, whichever comes first. These periods may be extended for up to another equal amount of hours by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union. The Employer will endeavour to advise the probationary employee of any performance deficiencies throughout the probationary period. A week before the expiry of the period, the Supervisor will conduct a performance rating of the employee and either confirm the appointment or terminate the employee. Notwithstanding the previous sentence a Supervisor may terminate the employee any time during the probationary period where the Supervisor determines that such employee is unsatisfactory. This would be subject to the grievance procedure.

### 7.02 Hiring Rates

- (a) All new employees (those Employees new to the Union) will be hired at the minimum rate for the job, except that the Employer may hire up to step 3 of the salary range, at its option, to recognize related experience. These employees may be hired above step 3 of the salary range in exceptional cases, provided agreement is reached with the Union. Such agreement shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (b) If a temporary employee is successful in obtaining an appointment to a regular job other than the one in which they are employed, their salary will be determined as though they were a new hire, except that consideration will be given to their experience, as set out in the previous paragraph.

### 7.03 Employee Listing

The Employer will provide the Union monthly with a list of all employee hiring's, transfers, promotions and terminations.

### 7.04 Promotions, Demotions and Transfers

The following definitions will apply in the event of job changes occurring within or between salary scale categories.

- (a) By definition, a "promotion" shall mean a move to a new job carrying a maximum step which is higher than the maximum step of the old job.

- (b) By definition, a “demotion” shall mean a move to a new job carrying a maximum step which is lower than the maximum step of the old job.
- (c) By definition, a “lateral transfer” shall mean a move to a new **job within the same job group**, which is neither a promotion nor demotion as defined above.
- (d) By definition, a “temporary promotion” shall mean a promotion, as defined above, which in the case of Subsection 7.06(b) lasts for more than two (2) consecutive working days and in the case of Subsections 7.06(a) and 7.06(b) is for 6 months or less.
- (e) By definition, “red-circled” shall mean that an employee’s salary will be maintained above the maximum of the salary range for their job until such maximum is raised to a level above their salary.
- (f) By definition, “blue circled” shall mean that an employee’s salary will be maintained above the maximum of the salary range for their job and that such salary will be increased by all subsequent across-the-board salary increases.
- (g) By definition, “base rate” shall mean the monthly amount (according to the salary scale) paid to an employee, exclusive of overtime, premiums, allowances, trade differentials, etc.

#### 7.05 Permanent Promotions

- (a) When an employee is promoted they will receive an increase of 5% on their base rate (or 5% per group of promotion, as the case may be) except that where the resultant salary would be less than the minimum of the new job group they shall receive such minimum; or where the resultant salary would be higher than the maximum of the new job group, they shall receive such maximum.
- (b) When an employee is promoted from a position, they have taken under the provisions of Subsections 7.08(b) or (c) the following salary policy will apply:
  - (i) If the employee has been on the lower grouped job more than 1 year they shall be promoted in accordance with Subsection 7.05(a) above.
  - (ii) If the employee has been on the lower group job less than 1 year and is promoted to the same group they held prior to demotion, they will receive the salary they would have achieved had the employee remained on that higher job group level.
  - (iii) If the employee is promoted to a job group higher than that they held prior to their demotion, their salary will be determined by applying firstly the

provisions of Subsection 7.05(b)(ii) and then the provisions of Subsection 7.05(a).

#### 7.06 Temporary Promotion

- (a) Should an employee be temporarily promoted to a higher-level position they shall be paid on the higher job at the higher rate. In such event the employee's salary will be adjusted from the commencement of such relief period in accordance with (c), below.
- (b) Should an employee be temporarily promoted to a supervisory or non-bargaining unit position the promotional increase shall be in effect if the period of temporary promotion exceeds 2 consecutive working days.
- (c) If a temporary promotion is 3 groups or less above the employee's current level their promotional increase will be determined by Subsection 7.05(a). If a temporary promotion is 4 groups or more above their current level the Human Resources Division will review the contents of the higher job group to determine the responsibilities to be assumed and will establish the appropriate job level for the relief period but the minimum increase will be 3 groups.
- (d) A statutory holiday shall be considered a working day in determining a promotion.
- (e) A temporarily promoted employee is not eligible for automatic increases on the higher job group, unless the temporary promotion is renewed and thus exceeds 6 months in duration. However, an employee temporarily on a higher group job shall receive the benefit of automatic salary increases which they would have received on the lower group job. Increases in salary awarded for temporary promotions are withdrawn when the employee returns to their regular job. The salary at which the employee returns to their regular job shall include any automatic increases that would otherwise have come to them during the period of transfer. An employee who is temporarily promoted under the foregoing provision shall, if eligible for a length-of-service increase on their regular job, have their salary increased by applying the provisions of Subsection 7.05(a).
- (f) In cases where apparent salary anomalies occur, resulting from transfers to and from temporary promotions, the Parties agree to discuss such cases on the merits, subject to grievance procedure.

#### 7.07 Lateral Transfers

When an employee is, by definition, laterally transferred from one job to another job **within the same job group** they will retain their old base rate.

## 7.08 Demotions

- (a) Employees may be required to temporarily perform work normally performed by employees in lower grouped jobs provided such employees suffer no reduction in salary. It is the intent of this clause that the Employer will not assign such work in a discriminatory manner.
- (b) In the case of a demotion directly ascribable to the employee, for example through choice or as a result of inadequate performance, the following salary policy will apply:

If the employee has a year or more of service in the higher grouped job, upon demotion they will retain their rate if it is not beyond maximum of the lower grouped job; if it is beyond maximum they will be reduced to the maximum of the lower group. If the employee has less than 1 years' service in the higher-grouped job, upon demotion their salary will be that which they would have attained had they moved directly to the lower-grouped job on the same date that they moved to the higher-grouped job. Under special circumstances, including health cases, the salary in the lower-grouped job will be negotiated by the Parties. Upon upward revision of the basic salary scale the employee will receive the general increases that accrue to their lower job grouping.

- (c) Any employee whose position is reclassified to a lower pay level for reasons not directly ascribable to the employee, for example because of re-evaluation, re-organization, or redundancy due to change in methods, will retain their salary and horizons on a blue-circle basis under the following conditions:
  - (i) Regular employees must accept retraining as provided by the Employer without cost to the employee for any job up to and including the job level that the employee previously occupied which the employee is able to perform provided such job will not involve a change in Regional Transit Service Area.
  - (ii) Regular employees who are not re-trainable (for reasons other than refusal to accept training provided by the Employer) under paragraph (i) above will be considered as automatic applicants for any job up to and including the job level that the employee previously occupied which the employee is able to perform provided such job will not involve a change in Regional Transit Service Area.
  - (iii) Regular employees who refuse retraining under paragraph (i) above or refuse to transfer, will immediately forfeit their right to blue-circle treatment and revert to red-circle salary treatment on the lower level job.

- (iv) The Union will waive job postings to facilitate transfers of employees.

#### 7.09 Eligibility for Job Competitions

- (a) An employee with less than 6 months' service in their entry position is not eligible to compete for a promotion unless they have the approval of their Supervisor. It is understood that such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (b) A regular employee with less than 9 months' service in a position is not eligible to compete for a lateral move or demotion unless the employee has the approval of their Supervisor. It is understood that such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (c) Employees who have been laid off and are eligible for recall may apply for job postings.

#### 7.10 It is the intent of the Parties that preference in appointments to the Employer's job vacancies under the Union's jurisdiction, shall be given to Union members presently on the Employer's staff, who are eligible to apply for such vacancies in this order:

- (a) Regular employees.
- (b) Full-time Temporary employees and Casual employees with 1 year's accredited service in the 2 years immediately preceding the job vacancy.

If at any time the Union is of the opinion that such preference has not been given, and the Employer selects from outside the bargaining unit, the Union shall have the right to grieve such selection.

#### 7.11 Job Posting

- (a) All Union employees shall be provided with access to an Electronic Job Board through the Human Resources Information System (HRIS), where all Union job vacancies including additions to staff, shall be posted on Employer bulletin boards for a minimum of 5 working days with the exception of the following:
  - (i) Temporary vacancies involving vacation relief or a duration of less than **8** months.
  - (ii) Jobs at Group 3 or below.
  - (iii) Any other jobs as mutually agreed by the Employer and the Union.

- (b) The job posting shall contain all pertinent details such as job title, date of job description, salary range or rate of pay, job group, replacement or addition to staff or new position, duties, qualifications, headquarters, job location, special conditions, and the closing date of the competition. With agreement of the Union, under exceptional circumstances job postings may be waived to permit interdepartmental transfers, promotions within a division, and hiring into entry-level jobs.
- (c) The Employer shall acknowledge receipt of each application for a posted job vacancy and the applicants in each competition shall be advised of the name of the employee(s) selected to fill the vacancy, and existing job title(s) of successful Union applicants for the Employer job vacancies under the Union's jurisdiction. A late applicant shall be considered for a posted job provided they were absent from work due to sickness or vacation or away from established headquarters on the Employer's business at the time the job was posted, and provided their application is received within 5 working days of the applicant's return to work, but not later than before another person is selected to fill the vacant position.
- (d) Job selections and promotions under the foregoing shall be on the basis of ability (to perform the vacant job) and seniority, in that order. Where the employee who is junior is selected, their ability to perform the vacant job shall be significantly and demonstrably higher than candidates who have greater seniority.

In cases where testing is to be used, the said tests shall be specific to the job duties of the posted position.

Ability shall mean that an applicant has the formal education, special training and experience required in the applicable job description and job posting prepared by the Employer or the equivalent knowledge and skill and shall also include consideration of the employee's performance in their present job.

In cases where the senior applicant has held and successfully performed in the position for a minimum of 12 months in the last 24 months, that person will automatically be offered the position without the need for the above selection process.

The Employer will ensure that when a vacancy is filled by an external candidate, the candidate will meet the qualifications established for the job.

- (e) Non Union employees on the Employer's regular staff may also apply for jobs covered by this Agreement but in such instance preference shall be given to members of Local 378 in accordance with this Article.

- (f) Although selection of employees under the foregoing paragraphs shall rest with the Employer such selection shall be subject to the grievance procedure.
- (g) The Employer will provide the Union with copies of applications for Union job postings upon request to Human Resources.

#### 7.12 Temporary Vacancies

- (a) Temporary vacancies in Full-Time Regular positions of over 4 months in duration will be posted in accordance with Article 7.11. Such vacancies will be filled on the basis of the selection criteria outlined in Subsection 7.11(d).

An applicant may be chosen from another department provided that applicant's Supervisor approves the temporary transfer. Said employee shall have a vested right to return to their regular position at the conclusion of the period of the temporary transfer. The withholding of such approval must be based on legitimate departmental requirements.

- (b) It is the intent of the Parties that temporary vacancies in Full-Time Regular positions involving vacation relief or a duration of less than 4 months be filled, subject to the requirements of the department, in accordance with Subsection 7.11(d) from those employees currently employed in the department in which the vacancy occurs, and who are available and capable of doing the work.
- (c) Any vacancy that is created by an employee moving to fill a temporary vacancy may be filled by the Employer without posting. Notwithstanding the above, TransLink will consider filling such ensuing vacancies by the use of current employees prior to hiring from outside.
- (d) Where a regular employee desires to fill a temporary position which is not a temporary vacancy in a Full-Time Regular position, that employee shall retain all rights and benefits of a regular employee including all rights to their regular position.

- 7.13 Where an employee has been selected to fill another position, the Supervisor concerned shall release the employee as expeditiously as possible after being notified of the transfer by the Director, Human Resources. Notwithstanding the above, if after 6 weeks from date of notification the employee has not moved to their new job because of a delay ascribable to the Employer, they will be paid as if they were in the new position. The Employer will also reimburse the employee for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a direct result of the Employer re-scheduling the date of transfer. Eligibility for length-of-service progression on the new job shall be determined from the date of acceptance for the new job.

## Article 8. Layoff and Recall

- 8.01 (a) If a reduction of regular employees is necessary due to insufficient work, for reasons beyond the control of the Employer (including budgetary restraints), the Employer shall meet with and advise the Union of the proposed reduction and the jobs affected as soon as possible, and no reduction in staff shall occur until the following procedures are applied. During this meeting the Parties will determine if the lay-offs are to be handled in accordance with Article 8.01 or 8.09.
- (b) The basic principle in applying layoff to any regular employee shall be last hired, first laid off within the classification at the location affected provided the retained employee can perform the job. It is understood that employees either placed in a vacancy or exercising bumping rights under Articles 8.02 and 8.03 shall be governed by the following:
- (i) Full-Time Regular employees are eligible for Full-Time or Part-Time Regular positions. Part-Time Regular employees are eligible for Part-Time Regular or Casual positions.
  - (ii) Employees who are placed or who bump into a position are only eligible for such position if, in the opinion of the Employer, the employee is qualified or will be qualified within a reasonable period of training and orientation. Such period of orientation is not to exceed 30 working days.
- (c) Not less than 10 working days written notice (20 working days for employees with 5 years of service or more) will be given to affected employees before the scheduled reduction takes place. If the written notice is not given, pay in lieu will be provided.
- (d) Employees so affected will be offered the following in the following order:
- (i) The employee may choose to bump a junior employee within the classification or accept placement in a vacancy in accordance with Article 8.02;
  - (ii) Failing the above, the employee may choose to bump in accordance with Article 8.03 or elect severance pay in accordance with Article 8.04.

Regardless of whether an employee is placed in a vacancy or is allowed to bump, if after 30 working days the employee is unsuccessful in the position, the employee is eligible for a second position through the methods set out above. If the employee is unsuccessful in the second position after 30 working days, the



employee shall be placed on the recall list and will fall under the provisions of Article 8.06 and may elect severance in accordance with Article 8.04.

- (e) The intent of this language is to minimize the effect of a layoff notice on other bargaining unit employees.

## 8.02 Placement

In such a case, the employee is required to declare their election within 5 working days of the offer for placement. If another vacancy arises before the employee has so declared, the employee may be offered the other vacancy for consideration, but must still declare within the original 5 working days timeframe, for both positions.

If the employee elects to bump, the employee may choose to accept a lower group vacant position in accordance with Subsection 8.01(b) if one becomes available before the bump occurs.

- (a) Placement in an equal or higher group position

The Employer will endeavor to place a regular employees laid off in a vacant position of equal group to the position held by the employee or to a higher group position previously held by the employee in accordance with Subsection 8.01 (b), provided that they held and successfully performed the position for a minimum of 12 months in the last 24 months or, if in the opinion of the Employer, the employee is qualified or will be qualified within a reasonable period of training and orientation. Such period of orientation is not to exceed 30 working days. An employee offered such a position is required to accept the position.

It is understood that at any time before the bump occurs, if a vacancy in the same or higher job group arises in accordance with Subsection 8.01(b), the employee is required to accept that vacant position.

In such cases the Union agrees to waive the requirement to post.

- (b) Placement in a lower group position

Where placement in a lower level group position is made available to an employee in accordance with Subsection 8.01(b) the employee may:

- (i) elect to accept the position; or
- (ii) exercise any bumping rights under this Article.

### 8.03 Bumping

A regular employee who is subject to layoff, and who is eligible to bump under Article 8.02, may elect to exercise their bumping rights in accordance with Subsection 8.01(b), on the following basis:

- (a) They may bump an employee with less seniority in an equal or lower group that the displaced employee has not previously held. Employees who are placed or who bump into a position are only eligible for such position if, in the opinion of the Employer, the employee is qualified or will be qualified within a reasonable period of training and orientation. Such period of orientation is not to exceed 30 working days.
- (b) Regular employees who are bumped under the foregoing provisions shall in turn be laid off in accordance with this Article.

### 8.04 Severance Pay

- (a) Any regular employee who has received written notice of layoff in accordance with the foregoing and who does not or is unable to elect bumping rights under Article 8.03 will be laid off with severance pay as follows:
  - (i) 6 consecutive months of service – 2 weeks’ regular earnings;
  - (ii) 3 consecutive years of service – 3 weeks’;
  - (iii) Thereafter – 1 weeks’ pay for each additional year of service.
- (b) An employee who is eligible to receive severance pay in accordance with (a) above may elect to:
  - (i) Take a lump sum payment equivalent to the full amount of their severance pay entitlement.
  - (ii) Defer payment of their severance pay entitlement until any time during their layoff and recall period or until their layoff and recall period expires.
  - (iii) Terminate and receive severance pay.
- (c) A regular employee who receives severance pay, if they are recalled from layoff, will be required to refund 1 week’s severance pay for each 2 months of employment until severance pay received in excess of the period of layoff is fully refunded.

(d) MEDICAL SEVERANCE

Upon termination, the **Employer** will provide one week's severance pay for each year of service to regular employees who are not eligible to retire and who are unable to continue in their own job or in an accommodated position with the **Employer** but who are not in receipt of Long Term Disability benefits or WorkSafeBC benefits.

- 8.05 (a) An employee affected by reduction in staff who assumes a lower group job as a result of the foregoing, and who has 1 year or more of service in the higher group job will retain their rate if it is not beyond maximum of the lower group job; if it is beyond maximum they will be reduced to maximum of the lower group.
- (b) An employee affected by reduction in staff who assumes a lower group job under the terms of this Section, and who has less than 1 years' service in the higher group will assume the salary which they would have attained had they moved directly to the lower group job on the same date that they moved to the higher group job.
- 8.06 A regular employee who accepts another job under this Article shall have the right to reinstatement of their former position or one substantially derived from it, if such becomes available within 2 years from the date of accepting the position. The job, in such instances, will not be posted and the employee shall receive the salary they would have attained assuming they had not transferred to the position.
- 8.07 (a) Laid-off employees shall be placed on an employment office recall list for a period of 2 years. Recall to the job from which the employee was laid off shall be made on the basis of seniority (i.e. last off, first on). Employees on the recall list will also have the right to apply for all bulletined jobs, and with the same preference they would have received if they had not been laid off. In any event they shall be considered for any vacancy which may arise in the Company provided the individual reaffirms their availability at 3 month intervals with the Manager, Human Resources.
- (b) New employees will not be hired until employees on the recall list who have the prerequisite education and experience or equivalent to perform the job are recalled in their order of seniority.
- (c) Should there not be any employee on the recall list eligible for recall under (a) and (b) above, the Employer shall post the position in accordance with Article 7.11 with the ability to post concurrently internally and externally, with mutual agreement.
- (d) Employees who are recalled will be given a salary on rehire which is equivalent to the salary they have received assuming they had not been laid-off, except that

such salary will not be below the minimum or above the maximum of the salary range.

- (e) Notice of recall will be sent by registered mail to the last known address of all employees on the recall list who are eligible for recall under Subsection 8.06(b). Such employees will have 7 calendar days from the date the letter is registered in which to respond and report to work, with employees being rehired in order of their seniority. An employee must respond to recall to a lower group job but may decline such and remain on the recall list. An employee who fails to respond to any notice of recall will be deemed to be terminated. The notice of recall will clearly state this requirement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an employee who fails to respond to a notice of recall and to report for work within the aforementioned time frame may remain on the recall list and not be deemed terminated, provided the employee supplies a reasonable explanation for not responding and reporting for work as outlined above. However, the employee shall have no right to return to the job for which the recall notice was issued.
- (f) An employee on layoff who fails to respond and report to work on recall to a job of a continuing nature of equal or higher salary grade than that job from which they were laid off at the same headquarters shall have their name removed from the recall list. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an employee who fails to respond to a notice of recall and to report for work within the aforementioned time frame may remain on the recall list and not be deemed terminated, provided the employee supplies a reasonable explanation for not responding and reporting for work as outlined above. However, the employee shall have no right to return to the job for which the recall notice was issued.
- (g) Employees on layoff will keep the Employer informed of their current address for recall. Should an employee change their address during the period of layoff, they will inform the Employer of such change by registered mail.

8.08 Copies of recall lists will be available to the Union upon request. Copies of all notices of recall will be sent to the Union Office.

8.09 Automation & New Procedure

- (a) The Employer will provide the Union with as much notice as possible prior to introducing automation, new equipment or new methods or procedures, which might result in the displacement or down grouping of regular employees.
- (b) Regular employees becoming redundant due to automation, new equipment or new procedures shall be eligible for the following:
  - (i) Training

- (1) For the operation of new equipment.
- (2) For qualifying for new jobs created by such changes.
- (3) For other vacant positions within the Employer for which the employee is qualified or will be qualified with a reasonable period of training and orientation. Such period of orientation is not to exceed 30 working days.

(ii) Placement

The Employer will attempt to place employees affected by the changes above, and for whom training under (1) or (2) above is not possible, in other vacant positions within the Employer which the employee is capable of filling with training provided in (3) above.

(iii) Bumping

A regular employee affected by this Article and who cannot be trained or placed as provided for in (1) or (2) above, may bump in accordance with Article 8.03.

(iv) Salary Treatment

Regular employees affected by this Article who are placed in lower level group positions shall receive salary treatment under Subsection 7.08(c).

- (c) Regular employees who are unable or refuse to bump under Article 8.03 shall be laid-off in accordance with the provisions of Article 8.

## Article 9. Discipline and Dismissal

### 9.01 Investigative Leave

In cases of potential discipline, up to and including termination of employment, requiring investigation, there may be occasions when an employee may be placed on administrative leave with pay during the investigation. This period of administrative leave will not be considered disciplinary.

### 9.02 Just Cause

The Employer shall not dismiss or discipline an employee bound by this Agreement except for just and reasonable cause.

### 9.03 Union Representation

An employee who is subject to discipline, dismissal, and/or investigation shall have the right to request the presence of a Union representative to act on their behalf. The employee shall be advised of this right prior to proceeding with the disciplinary meeting.

### 9.04 Notice

Beyond a verbal warning, the Employer shall provide an employee with written notice stating the disciplinary action to be taken (including an outline of the reason(s) and circumstance(s) leading to the action), or alternatively, provide the aforementioned notice within 2 days of any disciplinary action taken. The Union office will receive a copy of this written notice.

### 9.05 Right of Appeal

The Union shall have the right to appeal, in accordance with the grievance and arbitration procedures contained in this Agreement, any dismissal or discipline involving any employee.

## Article 10. Working Hours

### 10.01 Work Day and Week

The hours of work of all employees, except those otherwise specifically mentioned in this Agreement, shall be as follows:

- (a) Working hours will be the equivalent of 35 hours per week. Employees will continue to work a normal week of 5 x 7 1/2) hour days and shall receive 17 days a year Reduced Work Week Leave (RWWL). The following tables outline the specific pay periods in which employees may take an RWWL Day.
- (b) RWWL days will be scheduled to allow employees 1 full day off for each of the bi-weekly (pay) periods that do not contain statutory holidays, as referenced in Subsection 10.01(a), but in no event, except where subject to Subsection 10.01(g) below, will an employee be scheduled off less than 17 days per calendar year in service. RWWL days may only be scheduled off for a period of less than 1 full day where such leave is taken as a leave of absence under Subsection 19.01(c) or Article 19.03.
- (c) Definitions
  - (i) "Standard" means the condition specified in the Agreement, which will be used as the default, failing mutual agreement.
  - (ii) "Authorized Variation" means a range of alternatives specified in the Agreement, within which range a Supervisor and an employee or group of employees may agree to vary from the standard.
  - (iii) In addition, 12 times per calendar year, each Community Relations Officer may be assigned hours of work within the Authorized Variation as defined in this Article. In the case that the employee is required to work within the Authorized Variation, they will be eligible for the appropriate shift premium as per Article 11.04.
- (d) Standard and authorized variations will be as follows:
  - (i) Starting time – Standard 08:00  
Authorized Variation 06:00 – 12:00

In the case that the employee is required to work within the Authorized Variation, they will be eligible for the appropriate shift premium as per Article 11.04 for all hours of a specific shift that fall outside the day shift.

- (ii) Lunch break– Standard – per current local practice

Authorized Variation –1/2 hour or 1 hour. A 15 minute period of rest shall be permitted in the first and second half of a shift.

- (iii) Work Week – Standard – Monday through Friday

Authorized Variation – Monday through Saturday positions as agreed to by the Parties.

- (iv) Application – Standard – to be taken in the pay of RWWL period in which earned but shall not conflict with essential departmental requirements.

Authorized Variation – may be deferred or rescheduled up to a maximum of 15 days; beyond 15 days must be taken off\*, however any deferred days may be used for:

- (1) Sick leave supplement,
- (2) Pay-off on termination,
- (3) To cover for leaves of absence pursuant to Subsection 19.01(b) and Article 19.03 pay-off under exceptional circumstances by agreement of the Parties, at rates of pay current at the time of pay-off.

\* This requirement is not "Subject to Departmental Requirements".

- (e) Prescheduling to be for 12 week periods, or multiples thereof, with sign-up at least 2 weeks in advance; may be varied by local mutual agreement. Union to consider sign-up criteria.
- (f) RWWL will apply only to Full-Time Regular employees. Except for newly hired employees and terminating employees, a person's RWWL allowance will be earned by Full-Time Regular employees in service during that period.

Employees who are hired or who terminate during a period will earn and be paid out the period's RWWL allowance on the basis of 1/9 of that period's RWWL allowance for each day worked during that period.



An equivalent percentage payment of RWWL will apply to non-Full-Time Regular employees in accordance with Article 1.07 of the Agreement.

- (g) Employees on leave of absence without pay for a pay period will not earn their leave for that pay period. Employees absent as a result of sickness or injury for a period in excess of 30 continuous days will not earn their leave for the period that they are absent in excess of 30 days.

#### 10.02 Alternate Hours of Work

In view of the interest that has been expressed by employees concerning alternate hours of work, the parties agree to establish the following provisions as a means of addressing alternate hours of work.

- (a) When a majority of workers within a work group desire to work alternate hours, they shall submit to their Union representative and immediate manager a detailed proposal outlining the alternate hours. Individual employees may also submit requests as outlined above if they desire to work alternate hours.
- (b) Upon receipt of the proposal, the parties (Union representative or delegate and manager or delegate) shall meet within 15 days to discuss the proposal to determine whether the alternate hours can be accommodated. Every reasonable consideration will be given to the proposal.

## Article 11. Shift Work and Non-Standard Hours

### 11.01 Shift Work – Shift Job List

Jobs which cannot be accommodated by authorized variation and which are required to be scheduled on a shift basis because of the requirements of the Employer's operation are listed below. This list is subject to change.

Existing positions may also be added to this list by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union.

Shift Job List:

BTS DIVISION

Network Analyst (MWW)

COMPASS OPERATION

Customer Service Representative

Customer Service Work Leader

Faredealer Representative

Faredealer Coordinator

### 11.02 Where employees work shifts, they shall be governed by the following conditions:

(a) Working Hours

- (i) The hours of work of all shift employees shall be the equivalent of 35 hours per week. This will be done by allowing 17 days a year Reduced Work Week Leave (RWWL) in lieu of the 35 hour week.
- (ii) RWWL days will be scheduled in conjunction with days off to allow shift employees 1 full day off in each 3 week period excluding the last week of the calendar year.
- (iii) The minimum rest period between regularly scheduled shifts shall be 8 hours.

(b) Work Day

Any consecutive 7 1/2 hours of work, exclusive of lunch period, in a calendar day.

(c) Work Week

Any consecutive 5 days of work out of 7 consecutive calendar days. The remaining 2 days will be scheduled as days off in lieu of Saturdays and Sundays.

(d) Work Year

An employee who does not receive 104 days off (excluding RWWL days, AV and statutory holidays) in a calendar year, will have the day(s) scheduled no later than March 31st of the following year. Days off worked at overtime rates will be considered as days off for the purpose of this Subsection.

(e) Lunch Periods

The lunch period will be taken as close as possible to midshift but may be varied or staggered for different employees from 1 hour before to 1 hour after the middle of the shift according to the needs of the work in progress.

(f) Rest Period

A 15 minute period of rest shall be permitted in the first and second half of a shift.

### 11.03 Sunday Premium

Employees who are regularly scheduled to work on Sundays shall be paid at time and 1/2 for all hours of their regularly scheduled work on those days. This payment will not apply to hours for which overtime rates are paid.

### 11.04 Shift Premiums

For the purposes of calculation of shift premiums, the day shift is defined as 08:00 to 16:30 and the basis of payment is as follows;

Shift workers shall be paid a shift premium equal to \$1.45 per hour for all hours of a specific shift that fall outside the day shift.

### 11.05 Sign-ups

A majority of any group of shift workers may elect to have a sign-up to establish choice of shifts and days off to a maximum of 4 sign-ups per calendar year. Sign-up will be conducted in seniority order within the group of regular employees that have elected to have a sign-up.

Part-Time Regular shift workers shall sign for part-time shifts on a separate sign-up schedule.

Sign-ups may be more frequent by mutual agreement, provided that the period of sign-up shall be a multiple of 3 week cycles.

During the term of the agreement, the Union agrees to discuss the issue of re-assigning employees for cross training purposes.

#### 11.06 Notice for Relief

To provide coverage for unscheduled leaves of absence due to sickness, accidents, leaves granted under Articles 19 etc., the Employer may request an employee to temporarily change their shift or work overtime.

When shift employees' shifts are changed, 36 hours' notice will be provided prior to the commencement of the new shift and the following will apply:

- (a) Shift Change
  - (i) Shifts commencing outside the 36 hours, no penalty.
  - (ii) Any shift commenced inside the 36 hours' notice (notice to be confirmed in writing) will be paid at overtime rates.
- (b) Overtime will be paid as defined in (i) below or modified overtime as defined in (ii) below.
  - (i) An employee who works their signed shift as well as a portion of an absent employee's signed shift will be paid overtime for all hours in excess of 7.5 hours.
  - (ii) In the 7.5 hours worked any that coincide with the employee's signed shift will be paid at straight time. All hours worked that fall outside the employee's signed shift will be paid at overtime rates.

## Article 12. Overtime, Call-out, Standby and Telephone Consultation

### 12.01 Overtime Payments

It is the intent of the Employer to distribute overtime, wherever possible, in an equitable manner to employees available and able to perform the work. First consideration shall be given to employees within the job category. The Employer will be consistent in its application of seniority rules in rotation and in the equitable distribution of overtime as it becomes available each calendar year.

One and one-half (1 1/2) times an employee's base rate will be paid for hours worked in excess of 7 1/2 hours in a work day except that 2 times an employee's base rate will be paid for:

- (a) All hours in excess of 8 1/2 hours worked in a work day. When an employee is required by the Employer to work during the employee's unpaid meal period, that period will be paid at double time.
- (b) All hours in excess of 7 1/2 hours worked in a work day where an employee works overtime both before and after their scheduled shift on that day.
- (c) All work on an employee's scheduled days off up to 9 hours 200%, and thereafter, 225%. It is the intent of the Employer to minimize having employees work more than 10 1/2 hours on their scheduled days off.
- (d) All overtime worked between the hours of 00.00 and their normal starting time.
- (e) Employees who work overtime may transfer to an overtime leave bank up to 100% of the overtime hours they earned to be taken as time off in lieu of wages, provided that no employee may have in their bank more than a total of 88 hours at any one time. Where the bank is reduced, the bank can be refilled up to the 88 hour maximum any time. Any such overtime so banked must be taken off at a time mutually agreed upon with the employee's Supervisor. Any time remaining in an employee's overtime bank at the end of a calendar year shall be carried over to the following year's overtime bank. Where such time is carried over from one year to a subsequent year, the employee will be permitted to bring their bank to the 88 hour maximum.
- (f) An employee may request to have a portion of their overtime bank paid out at any time in which case they will be paid out at a rate at which the overtime was earned. An employee who receives such a cash withdrawal will be permitted to bank further

overtime in the calendar year in which the cash withdrawal was received. Cash withdrawals will be permitted up to a maximum of 2 times per year.

Overtime will not be paid for hours worked in excess of 7 1/2 hours in a work day where such excess hours worked are the result of a change in an employee's signed up shift schedule.

12.02 Overtime, Travel Time Payments and Meal Intermissions

- (a) If an employee is scheduled to work prior to their normal working hours and at their normal work location, traveling time will not apply.
- (b) If an employee is required to work overtime beyond their normal working day their normal headquarters, no traveling time will be paid.
- (c) An employee called to work during off-scheduled hours or on a normal day off shall be paid at overtime rates (see Article 12.06).
- (d) Where an employee is required to work less than 2 hours beyond their regular shift, a 1/2 hour unpaid meal period will be allowed.

An employee will be paid for a 1/2 hour meal period at the prevailing overtime rates, and the Employer will provide either a meal or a meal allowance:

- (i) where the actual overtime worked, exclusive of any meal period, is 2 hours or longer before or after the regular day or shift;
- (ii) where the actual overtime worked, exclusive of any meal period is 4 hours or longer before or after a regular day or shift, an additional meal period shall be granted. For each additional 4 hours thereafter another meal period shall be granted;
- (iii) where an employee misses a paid meal period to which they are entitled they shall nevertheless be paid at the prevailing rate for such missed meal period in addition to all time worked.

(iv) Meal allowances shall be:

Breakfast	\$12.00
Lunch	\$12.00
Dinner	\$12.00

- (e) Where work is prescheduled for normal days off and employees have been notified on the previous working day the **Employer** will not be required to provide lunch

or pay for mealtime if taken provided that overtime does not exceed 7 ½ hours per day.

- (f) An employee who has worked overtime shall return to work, after 8 hours' rest, but only if the employee can do so by the mid-point of their regular shift unless they will report earlier by mutual agreement. Whether or not the employee does report to work they shall nevertheless be paid for the regular shift following the overtime at their normal straight-time rate. However, if the employee's overtime finished at or before 8 hours prior to the mid-point of their regular shift on the day in question, the employee must return to work by the mid-point of their regular shift in order to qualify for full pay for their regular shift. An employee who is called in and reports to work before the expiration of their 8 hours absence shall receive 200% payment for those hours which coincide with the working hours of their normal shift, plus their regular salary for the day.
- (g) Where an employee is required to work unscheduled overtime, the Employer will, on request of the employee, pay reasonable costs for alternative transportation home under the following conditions:
  - (i) Provided that normal means of transportation is not available.
  - (ii) Where employees are Parties in carpool arrangements, "normal means of transportation" shall be deemed to include car pools.
  - (iii) For purposes of this clause, "unscheduled overtime" is defined as that overtime occurring where an employee is notified by their Supervisor during their scheduled shift that they will be required to continue working beyond his/her their scheduled quitting time.
- (h) Each employee shall have at least 8 consecutive hours free from work between each shift worked.

#### 12.03 Reporting at Non-Regular Centre

If an employee is required to report for their regular day's work at a centre other than their regular work location, traveling time at the appropriate rate will be paid to and from that location, less the amount of time normally taken by the employee to travel to and from their regular headquarters. Mutually acceptable arrangements will be made with respect to travel arrangements and allowances.

#### 12.04 Minimum Paid Periods

If an employee is required to remain at their work place to work overtime, they will be paid for a minimum of 1/2 hour. Time worked beyond the first 1/2 hour of overtime will

be recorded to the next higher 1/4 hour. The applicable clause may be invoked with respect to meal intermissions. If the employee is required to return to their normal work location, aside from a normal meal intermission, or if they are required to perform overtime work at another location, a 2 hour minimum will apply, plus whatever traveling time is applicable. An employee scheduled to work on their scheduled day off will be paid for a minimum of 4 hours at overtime rates but will not be paid for time spent in traveling to and from their normal work location.

## 12.05 Standby Duty and Telephone Consultation

### (a) Standby Duty (BTS Division)

An employee scheduled on standby, whether or not they carry a cell phone and standby kit, will be paid 2 hours at straight-time for the 24 hour period commencing daily at 08:00 Monday to Thursday, inclusive, 3 hours at straight-time for the 24 hour period commencing at 08:00 Friday and 4 hours at straight-time for the 24 hour period commencing at 08:00 on a Saturday, Sunday or statutory holiday.

Where possible, standby will be signed up on a voluntary basis with schedules posted at least 96 hours in advance. Should an employee be given less than 96 hours' notice of standby duty, they will be under no compulsion to accept such duty. In exceptional circumstances, where no employee accepts such duty, the Employer will adhere to Subsection 1.06(a).

No employee will be compelled to accept standby on 2 consecutive weekends or on 2 consecutive holiday weekends.

### (b) Telephone Consultation

Where an employee is consulted by a Supervisor, their delegate or an on-duty employee by telephone outside of their normal hours of work concerning a problem of work, a telephone consultation premium will be paid as follows:

- (i) Pay per telephone consultation equivalent to 1/2 hour or the length of the call, whichever is greater, at overtime rates, for calls prior to 23:00, and 1 hour's pay at 200% for calls between 23:00 and 07:00, except as indicated in (ii) below.
- (ii) If a second or successive telephone consultation takes place within 1/2 hour of the end of a preceding call, it will be construed as being part of the preceding call and therefore not be paid unless the combined time exceeds the minimum paid period in (i) above.



- (iii) The telephone consultation premium will not be paid when an employee is on standby duty.
- (iv) In situations where the call is made by an on duty employee, the call must be in response to a serious and significant problem that requires consultation. Such situations will be reviewed by the Employer.

## 12.06 Call-out Provisions

### (a) Minimum Compensation

An employee called to work during off-scheduled hours or on a normal day off shall be paid at overtime rates for a minimum of 2 hours beginning at the time they leave their residence. 1/2 hour at the prevailing rate shall be allowed an employee to reach their living quarters on completion of a call-out irrespective of the amount of time actually worked. When call-outs run into a normal shift the minimum call-out provision will not apply. The overtime provisions set out in Subsection 12.01(c) will apply for any hours exceeding 7 1/2 hours worked on an employee's scheduled days off.

### (b) Meals

Where an employee is called in and works 4 hours overtime, they will be paid for a 1/2 hour meal period at the prevailing overtime rates and the Employer will provide either a meal or a meal allowance per Subsection 12.02(d)(iv).

### (c) Rest Interval After Overtime

- (i) An employee who has worked overtime shall return to work, after 8 hours' rest, but only if the employee can do so by the mid-point of their regular shift unless they will report earlier by mutual agreement. Whether or not the employee does report to work they shall nevertheless be paid for the regular shift following the overtime at their normal straight-time rate.
- (ii) However, if the employee's overtime finished at or before 8 hours prior to the mid-point of their regular shift on the day in question, the employee must return to work by the mid-point of their regular shift in order to qualify for full pay for their regular shift.
- (iii) An employee who is called in and reports to work before the expiration of their 8 hours absence shall receive 200% payment for those hours which coincide with the working hours of their normal shift, plus their regular salary for the day.

- (iv) Notwithstanding (i), (ii) and (iii) above, a call-out occurring within a period of 4 hours prior to the commencement of their regular working day or shift will nevertheless require an employee to report at their regular hour and be paid at straight-time rates for their full regular shift.

## Article 13. Vacations

13.01 Vacation periods and leaves of absence shall not conflict with essential departmental requirements.

### 13.02 Year-of-Hire Vacation Entitlement

Employees hired between 01-01 and 05-31 inclusive and who complete 6 months' continuous service in the calendar year of hire may take 5 days' vacation with pay in the calendar year of hire which, if taken, shall be deducted from their entitlement in their first anniversary year.

### 13.03 Annual Vacation Entitlements

Please refer to Article 1.07 for additional information on vacation entitlement for: Part-Time Regular, Full-Time Temporary and Casual Employees.

Employees shall earn their annual vacation entitlement for any calendar year only when they reach their anniversary, although they may take their annual vacation anytime during that calendar year. Annual vacation entitlements with pay shall be as follows:

(a) Employees who terminate prior to their first anniversary date will receive vacation pay at the rate of 6% of gross earnings less any pay actually received for vacation taken.

(b) Vacation Entitlements In the calendar year of:

Until December 31, 2023	<b>Effective January 1, 2024</b>	
*1 <sup>st</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	*1 <sup>st</sup> – <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> anniversary	3 weeks
8 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	<b>7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup></b> anniversary	4 weeks
16 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary	<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup></b> anniversary	5 weeks
23 <sup>rd</sup> and later anniversary	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> and later anniversary	6 weeks

\*Employees shall not take a vacation in their first anniversary year until they have completed 6 months' continuous service.

(c) Employees will be entitled to 1 additional day of vacation for each year of service commencing in the calendar year in which the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary occurs, until a total of 35 vacation days has been reached.

(d) **Minimum Time Off Requirements**

**Employees with at least 12 months of service must take a minimum of 2 weeks of vacation entitlement each calendar year, which may be taken in broken periods.**

#### 13.04 Payment of Vacations

- (a) (i) Current vacation will be paid based upon the greater of either:
- (1) an employee's rate of pay at the time the vacation is taken or,
  - (2) depending upon their vacation entitlements, the rate of 6%, 8%, 10%, 12%, etc. of their previous year's earnings, excluding vacation differential. The percentage rate applicable to any individual day of vacation entitlement is 0.4% per day.
- If necessary, an adjustment of vacation pay will be made to ensure that each employee received the greater amount of vacation pay from either the current rate (1) or percentage (2) calculations above. This **Annual Vacation** differential will be paid on the pay day immediately prior to Christmas of each year. **Annual Vacation** differential will not be pro-rated for vacation deferred or banked.
- (ii) Deferred and Banked vacation will be paid at the employee's rate of pay at the time the vacation is taken and will not attract any **Annual Vacation** differential over and above that already paid in the year that the vacation was earned.

#### 13.05 Past Service Credits

All employees entering the Employer's service on November 6, 1985 who had service with TransLink or its predecessors will receive credit for existing service in the determination of vacation entitlement after completing 1 full calendar year after re-entry.

#### 13.06 Broken Vacations

Vacations may be taken in broken periods. Employees shall select their vacation periods in order of seniority as defined in this Agreement. However, only 1 vacation period shall be selected by seniority until each employee in the signing group has selected 1 period. All subsequent selections shall follow the same process.

#### 13.07 Banking Vacations

- (a) Employees with 3 weeks' vacation entitlement and 4 years or more of service will be permitted to bank up to 1 week of vacation and take it in the following year or later.
- (b) Employees with 4 weeks' vacation entitlement will be permitted to bank up to 1 week of vacation and take it the following year or later.
- (c) Employees with 5 weeks' vacation entitlement will be permitted to bank up to 2 weeks of vacation to be taken in the following year or later.
- (d) Maximum banks permitted at any one time:
  - (i) 3 weeks' vacation entitlement: 4 weeks.
  - (ii) 4 weeks' or more vacation entitlement: 12 weeks.
  - (iii) 5 weeks' or more vacation entitlement: 15 weeks.

In the event the Employer makes vacation periods available after the sign-up but during the vacation year, employees with banked vacation will be entitled to use banked vacation to bid on those available periods.

#### 13.08 Statutory Holidays During Vacations and Leaves of Absence

An employee will be granted 1 extra days' vacation with pay for each statutory or the Employer-observed holiday falling in their paid vacation period or falling within any leave of absence period not exceeding 10 working days.

#### 13.09 Relieving on Higher-Grouped Job

If an employee is relieving on a higher-grouped job at the time they go on vacation, and their promotion involves salary adjustment, their annual vacation will be paid at the higher rate if it is both preceded and followed by working time on the higher job and if there is a minimum of 20 working days at the relief level. However, if an employee is required to postpone their period of annual vacation in order to carry out the duties of a higher-paid position for an uninterrupted period of a temporary transfer, and must therefore take their annual vacation at some other less convenient time, they shall nevertheless qualify for the higher rate for vacations as set out in the sentence immediately preceding.

#### 13.10 Annual Vacation Sign-up Procedures

Annual vacation sign-up, pursuant to Article 13, will follow these procedures:

- (a) Each department will hold a scheduled annual vacation sign-up for regular employees once a year, to be completed no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year.
- (b) 2 weeks prior to the scheduled annual vacation sign-up, the Manager will require each employee to submit the number of vacation weeks they intend to sign.
- (c) The Manager will determine the number of vacation spots to be allocated for each week of the up-coming calendar year, based on essential departmental requirements.
- (d) All regular employees will participate in the scheduled annual vacation sign-up including those on a temporary assignment in a different department, sick leave or on an approved leave of absence.
- (e) Each employee will be assigned a date and time to sign-up and will be advised of those dates / times a minimum of 1 week in advance of the scheduled annual vacation sign-up.
- (f) If an employee is not present for any reason, or chooses not to participate in the scheduled annual vacation sign-up, the Union representative will sign vacation weeks for the employee similar to the employee's current year.
- (g) If vacation time becomes available after the scheduled annual vacation sign-up due to employee retirements, terminations, transfers, etc., and if the Manager decides that time may be made available to other employees, the time will be made available to other employees in seniority order, based on essential departmental requirements.
- (h) If, after the scheduled annual vacation sign up is concluded, the senior employee wishes to take vacation that has already been scheduled by a junior employee, the senior employee cannot "bump" the junior employee.
- (i) Once the annual vacation sign-up is concluded, employees must enter their annual vacation requests in the electronic payroll/timekeeping system.

#### 13.11 Proration of Annual Vacation Entitlement

- (a) Absences due to sick leave, income continuance, or workers' compensation injury.

Annual vacation entitlement will not be reduced for absences due to the above reasons unless an employee who is absent for a period exceeding 2 years for the above reason(s) is deemed totally disabled and does not return to work, except as provided below.

In the year an employee resumes employment after an absence due to the above reasons of more than 2 years, the annual vacation in the year of return will be prorated by 1/12 for each month of absences in the year of return.

- (b) Absences other than sick leave, income continuance, WorkSafe, maternity leave and annual vacation. Where an accumulation of such absences exceed 3 calendar months in any calendar year, or exceeds 3 consecutive calendar months, annual vacation in the following calendar year will be reduced by 1/12 for each full month of absence in excess of 3 months.

#### 13.12 Vacation and Sick Leave

- (a) A vacation shall not be rescheduled or extended because of a disability or illness which begins after the last scheduled working day immediately prior to the commencement of a vacation period. If an employee is absent from work on sick leave or WorkSafe immediately preceding the commencement of a period of vacation, then the vacation will be rescheduled on request if departmental requirements permit. Such rescheduling will only be permitted to those times as were available to that employee at the time they were originally scheduled their vacation. In order to qualify for such rescheduling, the employee must make their request within 2 working days after the date on which their vacation was scheduled to commence. Employees who fail to request rescheduling within the 2-day period outlined above will be deemed to be on vacation during the entire scheduled period.

Where an employee's request for rescheduling is deemed by the Employer not to be practical, the vacation will be deemed to be deferred and may be taken, subject to departmental requirements, prior to March 31 of the following year, or, failing the taking of such vacation, the employee shall receive pay in lieu of the vacation in addition to any sickness leave allowances or WorkSafeBC Benefits.

In order to request rescheduling of vacation under this provision, the employee must present a medical certificate on the appropriate form (M-186), covering the applicable period, and confirming that the employee would have been physically unable to perform their assigned duties.

- (b) Any employee compelled to attend an inquest or court on a subpoena requested or procured by Employer officials, while the employee is on annual vacation or banked time off, will be allowed 1 day off in lieu for each day on which the employee is required to be in attendance, during their vacation or banked time provided:
  - (i) any fees received for such attendance are turned over to the Employer, and;

- (ii) such time will be normally taken immediately following the scheduled time off or annual vacation time during which the attendance is required, except that it may be deferred subject to the mutual agreement of the employee and their Supervisor.



## Article 14. Statutory Holidays

14.01 For the purposes of this Agreement, the following is acknowledged as statutory holidays:

New Year's Day  
Family Day  
Good Friday  
Easter Monday  
Victoria Day  
Canada Day  
B.C. Day

Labour Day  
**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**  
Thanksgiving Day  
Remembrance Day  
Christmas Day  
Boxing Day

or days in lieu of these listed holidays and any other public holiday gazetted, declared or proclaimed by the Federal Government or the Government of the Province of British Columbia.

14.02 Statutory Holidays

In recognition that statutory holidays may be scheduled work days for shift workers, employees will be scheduled off for up to 12 days in lieu of statutory holidays. These days off in lieu of statutory holidays shall normally be scheduled in the pay period in which the statutory holiday falls and, subject to departmental requirements, in conjunction with scheduled days off in that pay period. Department Managers, at their discretion, may permit the banking of some or all of such statutory holidays which will be taken off at a time mutually agreed upon by the employee and Supervisor.

14.03 When a statutory holiday falls on a Saturday or a Sunday and another day is not proclaimed in lieu thereof in accordance with Article 14.01, a day off in lieu thereof will be given on the last working day immediately preceding or the first working day immediately following the weekend on which the statutory holiday or holidays fall. The day off in lieu will be chosen by the Employer and taken by employees either individually or in groups at the Employer's discretion.

14.04 An employee will receive statutory holiday pay equivalent to a normal day's time at basic straight-time rates to a maximum of 7 1/2 hours for each statutory holiday (or any day in lieu thereof granted under Article 14.03 above) provided that on the working day immediately before or on the working day immediately following the holiday they were at work, or on sick leave (excluding an income continuance period), or on annual vacation, or on RWWL or on approved leave of absence not exceeding 10 working days. In applying this Clause, it is understood that under no circumstances will the Statutory Holiday entitlement be reduced for employees who are required to bank their statutory holidays (e.g. depot clerks).

- 14.05 In addition to the provisions of Article 14.04 all time worked on statutory holidays shall be paid at double time rates, except as provided in Article 14.06.
- 14.06 Shift workers as listed in Article 11.01 who are required to work on statutory holidays as their regular work day shall be paid at 1 1/2 for those days. Shift workers will be paid at 200% for all hours worked on a Statutory Holiday which falls on a Sunday or on Christmas Day.
- 14.07 Shift workers who work on scheduled days off in lieu of statutory holidays shall receive 200% and shall not be entitled to another day off in lieu thereof. This payment will not apply to hours for which overtime rates are paid.
- 14.08 Employees who are required to work on a day designated in lieu of a statutory holiday or holidays as provided in Article 14.03 above shall be notified by the Employer of such requirement to work not less than 14 days prior thereto, and in such event shall be paid at straight-time rates and shall have their day in lieu rescheduled as in Article 14.03 above providing such rescheduled day shall be consecutive with the weekend on which the statutory holiday or holidays fall. In the event of notification by the Employer of less than 14 days prior thereto, an employee works on a designated day in lieu will be paid at overtime rates for all time worked plus regular salary for the day, and shall not be entitled to another day off in lieu thereof.

## Article 15. Sick Leave Allowances

### 15.01 Current Sick Leave Allowances

All employees (except Casual employees and those hired for vacation relief) who incur an injury or illness are entitled to and shall receive paid sick leave as hereinafter provided except when such an injury or illness is covered and compensated by WorkSafeBC payments. The employee shall report or cause to have reported to their Supervisor the injury or illness which required their absence as soon as may be reasonably possible.

- (a) In the year of joining no paid sick leave will be granted during the first 3 months of service but at the end of 3 months' service, the employee will have a paid sick leave allowance of 3 days set up which will be effective retroactive to the employee's entered service date. The employee will have this increased by 1 day for each additional month of service to a maximum of 5 days.
- (b) In the calendar year in which the first anniversary occurs 10 days.
- (c) Thereafter at the commencement of each year 5 additional days will be set up for each year of service to a maximum of 100 days.

Vacation relief employees will not be granted paid sick leave during the first 4 months of service, but at the end of 4 continuous months of service will have a paid sick leave allowance of 4 days set up. This will be increased by 1 additional day following the fifth continuous month of service.

### 15.02 Sick Leave Extending Into the New Year

Where sickness extends into a new calendar year, the amount of sick leave at full pay in the New Year, for that illness, shall be the balance of what was left from the previous year's allowance. When this is exhausted the employee will be on sick leave of absence without pay until going on income continuance. On return to duty in the new calendar year, the employee will become eligible, in the case of another period of illness, to the sick leave allotment set up on 01-01 of that year as determined by their length-of-service.

- 15.03 Employees who terminate and have used more than the pro-rated portion of their current year's sick leave allowance will not have the excess usage deducted from their termination pay cheque.

#### 15.04 Past Service Credits

All employees entering the Employer's service on November 6, 1985 who have had service with TransLink or any of its' predecessors, will receive credit for existing service in the determination of credits for sick leave after completing 3 months of service.

#### 15.05 Medical Certificate Requirement

- (a) The Employer may require an employee who is unable to work because of illness or injury to provide a medical certificate (M-186):
  - (i) Where absence due to sickness exceeds 5 working days.
  - (ii) If an employee is involved in frequent short-term absences (more than 4 in a 12 month period) a medical certificate on the prescribed form (M-186) may be required, for the next absence.
  - (iii) The Employer will pay any physician's charges levied for the completion of the prescribed form (M-186).
  - (iv) An employee on leave of absence for sickness must continue to be available in the vicinity of their work area unless a medical certificate has been furnished to provide otherwise.
- (b) If an absence due to sickness exceeds 30 continuous calendar days, and failing a medical examination being conducted by the employee's physician prior to return to work, the Employer may require such an examination.
- (c) An employee who is absent due to illness or injury more than 4 times in any 1 calendar year involving absences of 5 working days or less may be required by the Employer to undergo a medical examination by a medical practitioner mutually acceptable to the parties in order to establish that the employee is medically fit to perform their normal duties.

The Parties will develop a list of up to 10 doctors who are mutually acceptable to perform medicals under this Section.

The employee shall provide a copy of the medical practitioner's report (M-186 form) to the Employer, attesting that the employee is medically fit to perform their normal duties, prior the employee returning to work.

The Employer shall give reasonable notice to any employee required to provide a medical practitioner's report under this Article.

Notwithstanding this, when the Employer believes that an employee's absenteeism is excessive, it may require the employee to obtain the above medical certificate in the case of any absence as a result of illness or injury.

The Employer will notify the Union and the employee before it invokes this right and will discuss the matter with the Union at its request.

#### 15.06 Sick Leave Recovery

An employee may use sick leave entitlements for time lost through accidental injuries, other than WorkSafeBC claims. Should an employee who is in receipt of paid sick leave benefits as a result of accidental injuries be successful in a claim for damages against a third party as a result of accidental injuries, and should that settlement include monies for lost wages, the Employer is to be reimbursed the full amount of all sick leave benefits if not more than those received as a result of the absence from work. Upon receipt of such monies the Employer will credit the employee with the number of sick day's equivalent thereto.

## Article 16. Clothing Allowances

16.01 Subject to discussion between the Employer and the Union, the Employer will provide for use on the job, protective clothing where reasonable need is shown.

### 16.02 Safety Shoes

Employees engaged in work situations in which the hazard makes appropriate the wearing of safety-toed footwear will be encouraged to do so. When safety shoes are required on the job, the Employer will pay 100% of the cost to a maximum of \$200.00 for 1 pair per year or \$400.00 per 2 year period, with replacement being on proof of need and the footwear purchased must be suitable for the work performed. The Employer shall bear 100% of the cost of repairing such footwear.

16.03 It is understood that where safety shoes are not required and an employee receives a shoe allowance, such an allowance is granted because a considerable proportion of the time worked is spent in walking and the overall care of employees' feet (i.e. health and protection) shall be the prime consideration in purchasing footwear suitable for the job.

The following guidelines shall be considered in determining suitable footwear:

- (a) Footwear should be made of leather or other equally firm material.
- (b) The soles and heels of such footwear should be of a material that will not create a danger of slipping.
- (c) Footwear that has deteriorated to a point where it does not provide the required protection shall not be used.

## Article 17. Transportation Allowance

- 17.01 (a) Where an employee uses their personal vehicle on the Employer business, with the approval of the Employer, they shall receive a mileage allowance per kilometer in accordance with **Employer** Policy for all distance travelled on Employer business.

All claims must be reported in kilometers for the calculation of the reimbursement. To convert miles to kilometers multiply by 1.6 (e.g. 100 miles = 160 kilometers).

- (b) It is each employee's responsibility to ensure that their vehicle is properly insured for business usage where such usage exceeds the maximum allowable under non-business insurance coverage. Any additional cost of insurance incurred by an employee, beyond the cost of insuring their vehicle for "to and from work", will be reimbursed by the Employer on proof of expense.

Any employee involved in an at-fault accident while using their personal vehicle on **Employer** business shall receive reimbursement from the Employer for the deductible paid as a result of the accident, up to a maximum of \$1,000, unless, it is determined that the employee was in breach of their insurance or TransLink's Travel and Expense Claims policy.

### 17.02 Employees on Travel Status

- (a) The term "travel status" in respect of an employee means absence of the employee from their designated headquarters or work location on Employer business with the approval of the Employer, but travel status does not apply to an employee assigned to a location within the boundaries of the Regional Transit Service Area in which they are headquartered.
- (b) The provisions of Articles 17.03 through 17.07 apply only to employees on travel status. While an employee is on travel status, where the provisions of this Article are in conflict with the provisions of any other Article of this Collective Agreement, the provisions of this Article shall prevail.
- (c) The itinerary and the mode of travel used by an employee is subject to the approval of the employee's Supervisor. Where, upon request of the employee, use of their private vehicle is approved by the Employer, the employee shall be paid a travel allowance as defined below based on the least time required to travel to their daily destination(s) by scheduled air flights or bus service, as applicable. Under these circumstances a mileage allowance as specified in Article 17.01 will be paid for the use of an employee's private vehicle, provided such allowance does

not exceed the amount that would have been paid by the Employer for the most efficient mode of public transportation as determined by TransLink.

### 17.03 Travel Allowance

Travel Allowance is defined as a straight time allowance, based on the employee's basic rate, for actual time spent in traveling between destinations including waiting time at airports or other transportation terminals, which will be paid to employees on travel status. Time spent in travel shall not be considered as time worked, except in those circumstances as outlined in Article 17.05 below. Where circumstances beyond the employee's control make it impossible for an employee to leave a location to which they have travelled, the employee will be paid travel allowance to a maximum of seven and 7 1/2 hours per day for time spent waiting to leave that location.

### 17.04 Hours of Work

The regular hours of work for employees on travel status shall be 7 1/2 hours per day and 37 1/2 hours per week. The scheduling of hours of work will be based on the requirements of the travel status assignment.

Where an employee both travels and works on a single day and the employee has actually worked less than 7 1/2 hours during that day, the portion of travel time required to bring that employee's time worked up to 7 1/2 hours in that day will be considered time worked. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, any travel time in excess of 4 1/2 hours on a day in which the employee actually performs work will be considered time worked.

### 17.05 Overtime on Travel Status

- (a) Overtime will be paid for time worked in excess of 7 1/2 hours in a day and 37 1/2 hours in a week as specified elsewhere in the Collective Agreement.
- (b) Overtime will not be paid to employees traveling to or attending courses, conferences and seminars that can be considered as broadening the employee's scope.

### 17.06 Travel Expenses

- (a) Receipted out-of-pocket expenses incurred by an employee on travel status shall be reimbursed as follows:
  - (i) Airline, ferry, taxi, bus and/or train fares; automobile rental fees. Public transportation will be at economy class and automobile rentals will be compact cars. Prior approval from the employee's Supervisor is required for all travel arrangements before reimbursement will be made.



- (ii) Accommodation not exceeding \$150.00 per day unless otherwise approved by the Employer; and
  - (iii) Incidental expenses such as fees for parking, telephone, laundry and valet services.
- (b) Meal allowances to a maximum of \$40.00 per day shall be paid without receipts on the following basis:
- |           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| Breakfast | \$10.00 |
| Lunch     | \$10.00 |
| Dinner    | \$20.00 |
- (c) A mileage allowance per kilometer in accordance with **Employer** Policy shall be paid to an employee using their private vehicle to travel from their residence to the determined public transportation mode terminal and from that terminal to their residence.

#### 17.07 One Person Rooms

If an employee who is quartered in a commercial facility requests a room for themselves for either health or personal reasons, such request will be granted provided accommodation is available at the time.

#### 17.08 Reimbursement of Childcare Expenses

If the Employer requires an employee to be out of the employee's Regional Transit Service Area (GVRD) overnight and such requirement is not a normal occurrence for that employee, the employee will be entitled to reimbursement of preapproved additional childcare expenses with receipts.

#### 17.09 Travel Insurance

The Employer shall obtain and pay for any necessary additional medical insurance that an employee may need while travelling on Employer business. This additional insurance will not impact the employee's benefit limits as outlined in this agreement.

## Article 18. Safety Requirements

### 18.01 Working Practices

It is the intent of the Parties to this Collective Agreement to conduct a safe operation.

Working practices shall be governed by the regulations of the province of British Columbia insofar as they apply.

No employee shall undertake any work which they deem to be unsafe. Such incidents must be immediately reported and investigated by management in consultation with the Union.

### 18.02 The Employer and the Union agree to establish joint Management/Union Health and Safety Committees as provided for in the *Workers' Compensation Act and Regulations*.

### 18.03 The Employer shall ensure that new equipment shall:

- (a) have adjustable keyboards and screens wherever possible;
- (b) meet radiation emission standards established by the Ministry of Labour;
- (c) ensure that the lighting and the above standards recommended by the Ministry of Labour are being met.

## Article 19. Leaves of Absence

### 19.01 Leave of Absence

- (a) Subject to operational requirements employees who have completed 3 or more years of service with the Employer may apply for and where practical, receive a leave of absence without pay to be taken in unbroken sequence. Such leave of absence will not exceed the following total limits for any calendar year:

Employee's Length-of-Service	Maximum Total Length of Leave in a Calendar Year
3-5 years	1 month
More than 5 years	3 months

Notwithstanding the above, where an employee has more than 3 years' service, the Employer will consider granting a leave of absence without pay for a period of up to 12 months.

Employees shall be limited to 1 leave of 12 months every 5 years.

Employees who have banked time will be required to use their banked time when they take a leave of absence under this clause. The Employee will decide which bank(s) to use.

- (b) (i) Subject to operational requirements, up to 2 weeks leave of absence without pay per year will be granted to regular employees in order to attend Canadian Armed Forces (Reserve) Training Camps. Employees having such requirements will make their request for such leave known to their manager at the earliest possible time so as not to conflict with the department's annual vacation scheduling.
- (ii) Regular employees who are deployed into active service with the Canadian Armed Forces shall be granted a leave of absence without pay for the duration of said deployment. The employee(s) will be eligible for continued coverage under the benefit plan as per Article 21.
- (c) Employees shall, wherever possible, schedule medical and dental appointments at times and dates during which they are not scheduled to work. Where it is not possible for an employee to schedule such appointments in the manner, the employee will have such leave deducted from any banked time (except banked Annual Vacation) that is available to that employee. In deducting such banked time, the **RWWL bank will be debited first, followed by the** overtime bank,

and lastly banked Statutory Holidays. Where an employee is unable to schedule such appointments on a day off and has no banked time entitlement, such appointments will not result in any leave being deducted from their sick leave or their pay for periods of 2 hours or less. Appointments beyond 2 hours will result in the excess over 2 hours being deducted from sick leave or from pay if paid sick leave is exhausted.

It is agreed that leave for medical and dental appointments will only be permitted subject to operational requirements except in those cases where it is not possible for the employee to reschedule a medical or dental appointment that conflicts with operational requirements.

#### 19.02 Bereavement Leave

- (a) Bereavement leave of absence of up to 5 days with pay shall be granted an employee in the event of a death of a spouse (including common-law and same sex), child, mother, father, stepchild, stepmother or stepfather; and up to 3 days of such leave with pay in the event of a death of a sister, brother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, or legal guardian. The Employer may at its discretion grant further bereavement leave, contingent on the circumstances.
- (b) If an employee is on annual vacation or banked statutory holidays at the time of bereavement, the employee shall be granted bereavement leave and shall have the number of days of bereavement leave added to their vacation entitlement.

#### 19.03 Special Leave

Any employee will be entitled to 1 day's leave for legitimate and unavoidable personal reasons which include but shall not be limited to:

- (a) Serious household or domestic emergency.
- (b) Attend funeral as pall-bearer or mourner.
- (c) Attend their formal hearing to become a Canadian citizen.
- (d) Moving household furniture and effects when it is not possible to move on a scheduled day off, or to reschedule an RWWL day.
- (e) Full period of any quarantine.

Where an employee has banked time available, such leave will be deducted from the bank of the employee's choice. Where an employee does not have banked time the day will be deemed to be an RWWL day even if it has not been earned and the employee will then

be required to forfeit the next earned RWWL day. For those employees who are not entitled to earn RWWL days, such leave will be considered to be leave without pay.

As well, leave of absence for other legitimate personal reasons acceptable to the Employer may be granted.

#### 19.04 Court Leave

When a regular employee, other than employees on Leave of Absence without pay, is summoned to jury duty, jury selection, subpoenaed as a witness, or representing the Employer in their official capacity, Leave of Absence with pay will be granted. Where court action is occasioned by the employee's private affairs, Leave of Absence without pay may be granted.

#### 19.05 Educational Leave

An employee who writes a final examination during regularly scheduled working hours for an individual course approved by the Employer will be given that day off as leave of absence with pay. The foregoing shall apply where an employee writes a final examination for a course not approved by the Employer, except that in this case the leave shall be granted without pay. The granting of such leave is subject to departmental requirements and will not be unreasonably denied by the Employer.

#### 19.06 Maternity Leave

- (a) A pregnant employee who requests leave is entitled to up to 17 consecutive weeks of unpaid leave, which must be taken during the period that begins:
- (i) no earlier than 13 weeks before the expected birth date, and
  - (ii) no later than the actual birth date, and
  - (iii) ends no later than 17 weeks after the leave begins.

An employee who requests leave after the termination of the employee's pregnancy is entitled to up to 6 consecutive weeks of unpaid leave, which must be taken during the period that begins on the date of the termination of the pregnancy and ends no later than 6 weeks after that date.

- (b) An employee is entitled to up to 6 additional consecutive weeks of unpaid leave if, for the reasons related to the birth or the termination of the pregnancy, the employee is unable to return to work when the employee's leave ends under Subsection (a) or (b).

- (c) A request for leave must:
- (i) be given in writing to the Employer,
  - (ii) be given to the Employer at least 4 weeks before the day the employee proposes to begin leave, and
  - (iii) if required by the Employer, submitting a medical practitioner's certificate to the Occupational Health Group, stating the expected or actual birth date or the date the pregnancy terminated or stating the reasons for requesting additional leave under subsection (c).
- (d) An employee may alter, but only once, the date of commencement of their leave of absence by providing written notice to the Employer no later than 2 weeks prior to the date the employee originally wished to commence their leave of absence. Should the employee suffer mental or physical illness as a result of pregnancy, the employee may on the recommendation of their physician in consultation with the Occupational Health Group, commence a leave of absence immediately.
- (e) Should the employee suffer mental or physical illness as a result of childbirth, they may upon presenting to the Employer a medical report from their physician, apply to the Employer for an extension of the 17 weeks of leave of absence to a date recommended by the physician. In such cases, the employee may be eligible for sick leave benefits and shall be entitled to use any of their unused sick leave credits for the period up to the return date recommended by the physician, provided the employee applies for and receives sick leave and/or income continuance benefits, and the absence is supported by a medical certificate.
- (f) Where an employee has been granted maternity leave and is for reasons related to the birth or termination of the pregnancy as certified by a medical practitioner, unable to work or return to work after the expiration of the leave, the Employer shall grant to the employee further leaves of absence from work without pay, for a period specified in 1 or more certificates but not exceeding a maximum of 6 weeks.
- (g) Employees desiring to return to regular employment following maternity leave shall notify the Employer at least 4 weeks prior to the desired date of return or 30 days prior to the expiry date of the maternity leave.

In cases of special circumstances an employee may request to return prior to 6 weeks following the date of delivery. This request must be given in writing to the Employer at least 1 week before the date that the employee indicates they intend to return to work and the employee must furnish the Employer with a certificate of a medical practitioner stating that the employee is able to resume work.

- (h) On return from maternity leave, the employee will be reinstated in their former position and receive the same salary and benefits as they received prior to such leave including any salary increases and improvements to benefits to which the employee would have been entitled had the leave not been taken.
- (i) The Employer will not terminate an employee or change a condition of employment of an employee because of the employee's pregnancy or maternity leave unless the employee is absent for a period exceeding the permitted leave.
- (j) When an employee on maternity leave fails to notify the Employer of their desire to return to work in accordance with (h) above, or when an employee fails to return to work after giving notice, the employee's Supervisor may elect to fill the resulting job vacancy without posting the job by:
  - (i) promotion of another employee from within the department or;
  - (ii) changing the status of the temporary employee who relieved the employee on maternity leave.
- (k) An employee who terminates by not returning to work, in accordance with this Article may obtain the right to apply for job postings.

In order to qualify for the right to apply for job postings the employee must advise the Employer of their resignation not later than 12 weeks from the commencement of the leave of absence as per Subsection 19.06(a), above. The Employer may then proceed to fill the resultant job vacancy on a permanent basis.

The right to apply for job postings will be in effect for 2 years from the date the employee ceases work. Seniority will be calculated as at the date the employee ceases work. The employee must be available to return to work within 30 days of notification of being the successful applicant in a job competition. Otherwise, the Supervisor may consider the employee to have withdrawn from competition.

#### 19.07 Pregnancy Leave Supplemental Employment Benefit (SEB) Plan

The objective of the SEB Plan is to supplement the Employment Insurance benefits received by regular employees with a minimum of 1 year of service, who are on approved pregnancy leave pursuant to Article 19.06 of the Collective Agreement and who have given birth.

- (a) The SEB Plan will come into effect 30 days after the date compliance authorization for the SEB Plan is received from Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC). It will remain in effect until the expiration date of this Collective Agreement.

- (b) Eligible employees will be paid a maximum of 18 weeks of top-up benefits under the SEB Plan.
- (c) The top-up shall be to 100% of regular earnings. Employees must prove that they have applied for and are in receipt of EI benefits in order to receive payment under the SEB Plan.
- (d) The first stage of top-up (currently the 2 week EI waiting period) is subject to proof that the employee has filed an EI Maternity Claim and is serving the EI waiting period.
- (e) The second stage of the top-up (following the 2-week EI waiting period) is subject to the employee submitting proof of receipt of EI benefits during the applicable period.
- (f) Regular earnings for purposes of this Article are defined as the employee's base rate earnings for her regular job (not necessarily the job she is in when commencing pregnancy leave) and do not include any premium payments.
- (g) The Employer's contributions pursuant to the foregoing shall not reduce the employee's paid sick leave allowances or any other of the employee's time off entitlements.
- (h) Employees can expect a delay of several weeks in obtaining the documentation from EI, and therefore should expect to receive some or all of the Employer top-up retroactively.
- (i) The Pregnancy Leave SEB Plan will not reimburse employees for any EI "clawbacks".
- (j) Employees do not have a right to SEB Plan benefits except for supplementation of Pregnancy leave benefits under the *Employment Insurance Act*.
- (k) The Employer will inform Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) of any changes in the SEB Plan within 30 days of the effective date of the change.

#### 19.08 Parental Leave

- (a) An employee who requests parental leave is entitled to:
  - (i) for a parent who takes leave under the maternity leave provisions in relation to the birth of the child or children with respect to whom the parental leave is to be taken, up to 61 consecutive weeks of unpaid leave,



which must begin, unless the Employer and employee agree otherwise, immediately after the end of the maternity leave,

- (ii) for a parent, other than an adopting parent, who does not take leave under the maternity leave provisions in relation to the birth of the child or children with respect to whom the parental leave is to be taken, up to 62 consecutive weeks of unpaid leave, which must begin within 78 weeks after the birth of the child or children, and
  - (iii) for an adopting parent, up to 62 consecutive weeks of unpaid leave, which must begin within 78 weeks after the child is placed with the parent.
- (b) If the child has a physical, psychological or emotional condition requiring an additional period of parental care, the employee is entitled to up to 5 additional consecutive weeks of unpaid leave, beginning immediately after the end of the leave taken under Subsection (a).
- (c) A request for leave must:
- (i) be given in writing to the Employer;
  - (ii) if the request is for leave under Subsection (a), be given to the Employer at least 4 weeks before the employee proposes to begin leave, and
  - (iii) if required by the Employer, be accompanied by a medical practitioner's certificate or other evidence of the employee's entitlement to leave.
- (d) An Employee's combined entitlement to leave under the maternity leave provisions and the parental leave provisions is limited to 78 weeks plus any additional leave the employee is entitled to under Subsection 19.06(c) or Subsection (b). The employee will be eligible for continued coverage under the benefit plans with no change in premium sharing.
- (e) Employees desiring to return to regular employment following parental leave shall notify the Employer at least 4 weeks prior to the desired date of return or 30 days prior to the expiry date of the parental leave, or earlier as approved by the Employer.

#### 19.09 New Child Homecoming Leave

An employee shall be granted a leave of absence and shall be compensated at their regular straight-time hourly rate for hours lost from their regular work for 3 days to attend the birth or adoption of their child and/or to attend the homecoming of the mother and child if either the birth or the homecoming falls on their regular working day.

#### 19.10 Public Office Leave

Leave of absence without pay will be granted to employees who:

Run for elected office in a Municipal, Provincial, or Federal election for a maximum period of 90 days.

Are elected to a public office for a maximum period of 5 years. This time period may be extended by mutual agreement between the Employer and the Union, such extensions shall not be unreasonably denied by either party.

#### 19.11 Family Responsibility Leave

In accordance with the *Employment Standards Act* an employee is entitled to up to 5 days of unpaid leave during each employment year to meet the responsibilities related to the care, health or education of a child in the employee's care or the care or health of any member of the employee's immediate family. Where an employee qualifies for Family Responsibility Leave and the employee has Banked Overtime or Banked RWWL, the employee may access Banked Overtime or Banked RWWL for the day(s) in question.

#### 19.12 Compassionate Care Leave

In accordance with the *Employment Standards Act*, if a medical practitioner issues a certificate stating that an employee's immediate family member has a serious medical condition with significant risk of death within 26 weeks, the employee will be granted an LOA Without Pay of up to 27 weeks in duration to provide care or support to such family member.

For the purposes of Compassionate Care Leave only, immediate family has been expanded to include those individuals referenced in the Service Canada definition.

#### 19.13 Critical Illness and Injury Leave

In accordance with the *Employment Standards Act*, an employee is entitled to unpaid Critical Illness or Injury Leave to provide care or support to a family member.

#### 19.14 Domestic or Sexual Violence Leave

In accordance with the *Employment Standards Act*, an employee who experiences domestic or sexual violence which includes but is not limited to physical, sexual, psychological or emotional abuse is entitled to take unpaid leave.

#### 19.15 Disappearance of a Child Leave

In accordance with the *Employment Standards Act*, if a child of an employee disappears and it is probable, in the circumstances, that the child's disappearance is a result of a crime, and the employee requests leave under this section, the employee is entitled to unpaid leave for a period of up to 52 weeks.

#### 19.16 Death of a Child Leave

In accordance with the *Employment Standards Act*, if a child of an employee dies and the employee requests leave under this section, the employee is entitled to unpaid leave for a period of up to 104 weeks.

#### 19.17 Gender Affirmation Leave

**An employee who provides a certificate from a medical practitioner confirming that the employee requires a leave of absence in order to undergo a gender affirmation procedure will be granted a leave of absence without pay during this period. Such leave shall only be granted for an employee who would not otherwise qualify for benefits under Article 21.04.**

## Article 20. Training

20.01 It is the Employer's general intent to follow a policy of promotion from within. To this end the Employer will, where practical, assist all employees to develop their capacities to a maximum degree possible in line with their present and future careers with the Employer. This assistance may be in the form of financial aid or job rotation training in accordance with the following provisions. However, provision of this training assistance does not at any time imply a promise of promotion.

### 20.02 Financial Aid – Training Courses

Employees may apply for financial assistance to undertake a course of outside training. The degree of financial aid assumed by the Employer will depend upon the circumstances involved.

In general, the Employer will provide for 3 categories of financial aid as follows:

- (a) Full cost of training borne by the Employer;
- (b) Half cost of training borne by the Employer;
- (c) Full cost of training borne by the individual.

In any particular instance the Employer will be responsible for establishing the category under which application for financial assistance shall be made.

### 20.03 Cases Where Full Cost of Training is Borne by the Employer

This type of assistance will be given only at the direction of management or where management agrees that additional training will be helpful to an individual's present performance and requires approval by the Employer. It is agreed that where specialized group training is to be offered, such training being a requirement in new jobs to be established, the Employer will post advance notice of such training, thus providing employees with the opportunity to apply for participation in the training course. The notice will advise that placement of employees on resulting jobs will be from amongst those taking the course. It is agreed that selection of applicants for participation in the course is at the discretion of management, and similarly, that selection of appointees to newly established positions requiring this type of training will be at management's discretion without further bulletining.

### 20.04 Cases Where 1/2 Cost of Training is Borne by The Employer

The Employer will bear 1/2 the cost of training in those cases where management agrees that additional training could be of future use to the employee in working for the Employer or desirable in preparation for possible advancement within the employee's particular field of work. Cases where the period of training exceeds a year in duration shall be reviewed annually with respect to consideration for financial assistance. Moreover, at the Employer's discretion, consideration for assistance may be given only to 1 or more units of a course, and not necessarily to a course in its entirety.

Upon satisfactory completion, the employee will be reimbursed with 50% of the original fee including prescribed textbooks and examination costs.

#### 20.05 Cases Where Full Cost of Training is Borne by the Employee

The employee will bear the full cost of outside training where a course is related to the Employer's business but not necessarily to the employee's normal career within the Employer.

#### 20.06 **Training**

**Where the Employer reimburses an employee for external learning opportunities or programs taken on their own initiative and on own time, this creates an obligation on the Employee to maintain employment via a Repayment Agreement as per the Learning Reimbursement Policy dated December 1, 2023. The Parties agree that the Union will not be held liable for any monies owed as referenced in Article 20.06.**

#### 20.07 Job Rotation

Selection for job rotation training will be made only from those employees whose job performance and potential warrant it.

It is intended that job rotation will provide selected employees with wider experience and knowledge, to the joint benefit of the individual and the Employer.

Job rotation will not interfere in any way with the normal procedure to be followed in the filling of job vacancies as set out in this Agreement.

The selection of employees for job rotation will be the responsibility of Division Managers, but employees may apply to be considered for this training. However, employees are not obligated to accept invitations to take part in job rotation.

Selected employees will have their assignments on each job rotation reviewed with them in detail, as follows:

- (a) The purpose of the rotation program as it applies to the individual.
- (b) The nature of the assignments involved. This will be done by either referring to an existing job description, or by preparing a list of duties if a new position is involved.
- (c) The period of the assignment. This will normally be 6 months. There will be a 3 month and 6 month evaluation of the employee's performance when their progress will be discussed with them.

Employees will retain affiliation with their regular positions for record purposes, and their periods of rotation will be for 6 months or less, renewable for a further 6 months by agreement with the Union.

The Employer's salary administration policy provides no impediments to a rotation program:

- (a) An employee moving to a position which is at the same level or lower level than their regular position will retain their salary and continue to be treated in terms of salary progression on their regular job.
- (b) An employee moving to a position which is at a level higher than their regular position will maintain their present rate or be increased to the minimum rate for the job, if the latter is higher. (If the job is later bulletined and the trainee is the successful applicant the regular salary policy for increases will apply.) Upon return of the applicant to their regular job, they will return to the salary they would have reached had they remained on their regular job.

**20.08** Employees moving from a union job to an exempt job for training purposes will retain their union status and vice versa.

## Article 21. Benefit Plans

### 21.01 Medical Coverage and Extended Health Benefits

- (a) All employees except Casual shall be eligible to receive the basic medical and surgical coverage provided by the *B.C. Medical Services Act* through the Medical Services Plan.
- (b) In addition to the above, eligible employees as defined above shall also be covered by an Extended Health Care Plan; such a plan to be provided by an approved carrier and shall include:
  - (i) Eyeglass and Laser Eye Surgery Coverage (**\$600** per person in a 24 month period) to be used for either Eyeglasses or Laser Eye Surgery. Additionally, the Employee will be covered for routine eye examinations that are performed by a Physician or Optometrist.
  - (ii) Hearing Aid Coverage (**\$1,500** per person per ear hearing aid, each 5 years). Expenses for repairs and maintenance of hearing aids, and expenses for batteries, recharging devices, or other such accessories are eligible under this provision.
  - (iii) \$50,000 maximum benefits per person renewable in a 2 year period with a lifetime maximum benefit of **\$2,500,000** per person.
  - (iv) The drug reimbursement provisions of the extended health plan will be limited to drugs covered by Pharmacare using Lower Cost Alternative and Reference Based Pricing except where the employee's physician confirms in writing that there is a specific medical requirement to justify the need for a particular brand name drug.
  - (v) The extended health plan will also provide annual hearing testing on a voluntary basis, and reimbursement of up to \$100 every 5 years for hearing protection approved by WorkSafeBC and the Motor Vehicle Branch.
  - (vi) The extended health plan will also provide Psychological Counselling from a registered psychologist or registered clinical counsellor to a maximum of **\$4,000** per calendar year for each employee and eligible dependents.
  - (vii) The extended health plan will provide for up to **\$600** per calendar year for the services of a Chiropractor.

**(viii) Employee vaccination for shingles as recommended by the BC Public Health Officer.**

- (c) Eligible new employees (except those hired for vacation relief) are covered effective the first day of the next month following the date of employment, except when the date of employment is the first day of the month, or first normal working day in the month, then coverage is effective from the first day of that month. Vacation relief employees are covered effective the first day of the month following 4 continuous months of service except when the date of employment is the first day or first normal working day in the month, then coverage is effective from the first day of the fifth month of continuous service.
- (d) Participation in the plans is a condition of employment for all new employees as described above; however, employees covered by other medical plans may elect not to be covered by the above-noted plans of the Employer.
- (e) Members of the Union who retire from the Employer's service on pension and who have completed 10 years of service in TransLink's MoveUP bargaining unit will be provided with coverage equivalent to the above plans as at March 31, 2011 when combined with the medical coverage and extended health benefits provided by the Public Service Pension Plan. The Employer will pay the premiums of the Medical coverage and Extended Health Benefits.

Note: The word "month" as used above means "calendar month".

21.02 (a) Group Life Insurance

The Parties agree to continue with the Group Life Insurance program as described herein on a contributory basis. Except for Casual employees and employees hired for temporary vacation relief, enrollment is compulsory for all employees after 3 months' continuous service. Enrollment for vacation relief employees is compulsory after 4 months' continuous service. Employees who retire from the Employer's service after at least 10 years' service will continue with group life insurance during retirement with the premium payable and the dividend collectible by the Employer. Immediately upon retirement the coverage will be 50% of that in effect prior to retirement. It will reduce annually thereafter on each anniversary of retirement by 10% of the original face value in effect prior to retirement until a minimum of \$2,000 is reached and this latter amount shall remain in effect for the remainder of the retired employee's lifetime. Effective January 1, 1989 the provision for disability payout will be eliminated where an employee becomes permanently disabled prior to age 60. Such employees will be provided disability waiver of premium coverage.



(b) Voluntary Group Life Insurance

Benefit = Units of \$10,000 up to a maximum of \$200,000.

Premium = 100% employee paid. Rates can be obtained from Human Resources on request.

Evidence of insurability satisfactory to the carrier must be provided for:

- (i) new employees who apply for coverage in excess of \$30,000;
- (ii) any existing employee who applies for additional voluntary group life insurance;
- (iii) all applications for spousal coverage.

21.03 Dental Plan

All regular employees shall be eligible for coverage under a dental plan which will provide benefits equivalent to those offered by Pacific Blue Cross in Plan A (90% co-insurance), Plan B (70% co-insurance), Plan C (50% co-insurance) with a limit of \$5,000 maximum lifetime benefits per person enrolled in the plan. Enrollment in such plans shall be a condition of employment for all regular employees after 3 months' continuous service except that employees covered by other dental plans may elect not to be covered by the Employer plan.

21.04 (a) Income Continuance

The Income Continuance Plan as described herein shall remain in effect. Except for Casual employees and those hired for temporary vacation relief, enrollment in the plan is compulsory for all employees after 3 months' continuous service. Enrollment for vacation relief employees is compulsory after 4 months' continuous service. The terms of the plan shall be determined by the Union, except that the first 30 days of disability are covered by available sick leave credits. The premium costs for this plan will be 100% paid by the employees.

A new employee shall not be entitled to long-term (Income Continuance) disability benefits if their disability resulted from a medical condition for which medical treatment, service, or supplies were received in the 90 day period prior to the date of hire, unless they have completed 12 consecutive months of service after the date of hire during which time they have received no medical care for the pre-existing condition.

The **Employer** will withhold the appropriate premiums through payroll deduction and remit same to the designated carrier in a manner prescribed by the carrier.

(b) Income Continuance Benefits

(i) Sick Leave Supplement to Income Continuance Benefits: Until an employee's sick leave is exhausted, the Employer will pay on regular pay days a supplement of 30% of normal straight-time earnings during the period which the employee is drawing income continuance payments.

(ii) The Employer will continue to pay 100% of an employee's benefit plan premium while they are on income continuance.

(c) WorkSafeBC Supplement

Employees on WorkSafe compensation will have WorkSafeBC payments supplemented by the Employer, so that the employee will receive a total amount equal to their regular straight time wage rate times 7 1/2 hours less 1/10 of their bi-weekly regular deductions for each day the employee receives compensation from WorkSafeBC. The supplement shall be payable not later than the pay day for the pay period following receipt of compensation.

(d) WorkSafeBC Advance

Employees on Workers' Compensation will be paid an advance equal to their base hours (i.e. 7 1/2 hours in the case of most employees in the Union's jurisdiction) times their hourly wage times **68%** for each full day the employees are off on Workers' Compensation. The advance will be paid on their regular pay cheques. If WorkSafeBC reassesses the employee's wage loss compensation, the Employer will change the amount of the advance accordingly. Payment from WorkSafeBC will be paid directly to the Employer.

An employee whose WorkSafeBC claim is denied, even if the claim is being appealed, will cease receiving advances.

The employee whose claim is denied must apply for benefits under the Sick Leave and/or the Income Continuance provisions of the Collective Agreement. If the benefits are approved, they must repay any advances immediately. If benefits are not approved, or the advance is not fully covered by the aforementioned benefits, the difference will be recovered from the employee's pay in not more than 10 consecutive pay periods and at no less than \$100 per payment (or 10% of the employee's wages, whichever is less). If the outstanding balance to be repaid is less than \$100, the entire amount will be recovered in one payment. In cases where the above arrangement would create extreme economic hardship for the

employee, the Employer and the Union will meet to discuss alternate payment arrangements.

Upon termination of employment, any outstanding WorkSafeBC advance will be recovered from the employee's final pay.

- 21.05 An employee on leave of absence without pay, for reasons other than sick leave or pregnancy leave, for a period of 15 days or more in any calendar month is required to pay the whole cost of welfare plans as outlined in Articles 21.01, 21.02, 21.03 and 21.04 above in respect of that month.

The Employer employees who are on leave of absence in accordance with Article 1.05 as full-time paid officers and representatives of the Union shall be eligible for coverage under all the Employer benefit plans, on condition that the Employer's share of the cost of such plans is borne either by the Union or by the employee.

- 21.06 (a) The premium costs and dividends, where applicable, for the above plans outlined in Articles 21.01, 21.03 and Subsection 21.02(a) above shall be paid for 100% by the Employer.
- (b) Enrollment in all Benefit Plans will be effective from the first day of the pay period immediately following the completion of the qualifying period, if any.
- (c) Further details on these plans are provided in the Employees' Benefits Booklet and the Human Resources Division.

#### 21.07 Employment Insurance

Employment Insurance coverage will be provided (the Employer paying the **Employer's** contribution) during the life of this Agreement for employees who would, if employed by a private **Employer**, be eligible for such coverage under the provisions of the *Employment Insurance Act*.

## Article 22. Transit Pass

- 22.01 All of the Employer's employees who are members of the Union except Casual employees shall be entitled to a yearly transit pass and **2** free passes for a spouse and/or eligible children. An eligible child is a child who is eligible under the Extended Health Care Plan.
- 22.02 Casual employees shall be reimbursed for local journeys on the Employer's urban transit system between the employee's home and the employee's work location or provided with a transit pass at the Employer's discretion.
- 22.03 Retired employees with 2 or more years of service will receive a bus pass for areas where the Employer operates an urban transit system. Such passes will be automatically issued to employees who are resident in areas where the Employer operates an urban transit system and will be provided upon request to those who do not.
- 22.04 An employee shall surrender their pass upon termination of employment.
- 22.05 All employees who meet the medical requirements for using the HandyDART service will have their bus passes recognized for that service where it is available.

## Article 23. Personal Rights

### 23.01 RESPECTFUL WORKPLACE

The Employer and the Union acknowledge that all employees have the right to work in an environment free from **bullying, harassment** and **discrimination** and where employees treat each other with dignity and respect. The parties agree to work together under the **TransLink** Respectful Workplace Policy to ensure the work **environment** is free from bullying, **harassment, and discrimination**.

#### **Bullying and Harassment**

**Bullying and harassment includes any inappropriate conduct or comment by a person toward an Employee that the person knew or reasonably ought to have known would cause that Employee to be threatened, humiliated, or intimidated.**

**Bullying and harassment may take many forms. It may be one incident or a series of incidents. It may take place in different ways, including one-to-one, in a group, or through electronic means (e.g., email or social media).**

**Inappropriate conduct or comments include, but are not limited to:**

- **threats or intimidation, including non-verbal behaviour that threatens, humiliates or intimates (e.g., leering);**
- **rudeness, ridicule, taunting, or patronizing behaviour;**
- **name-calling, slurs, or negative stereotyping;**
- **insults, or denigrating comments;**
- **back-stabbing;**
- **practical jokes;**
- **verbal aggression or insults;**
- **shouting or yelling;**
- **physical assault or abuse;**
- **hazing or initiation practices;**
- **vandalizing personal belongings;**
- **spreading malicious rumors; and**
- **cyber bullying.**

**Bullying and harassment excludes any reasonable action taken by the Employer or supervisor relating to the management and direction workers or the place of employment.**

**Bullying and harassment is also defined in and covered by WorkSafeBC's Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Policies. Nothing in the Respectful Workplace Policy is intended to limit the application of such WorkSafeBC's Policies to Employees.**

### **Discriminatory Conduct**

**Discrimination is the act of differentiating among Employees on the basis of any characteristic protected by the *BC Human Rights Code*, including Indigenous identity, race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, political belief, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or age of that person or because that person has been convicted of a criminal or summary conviction offence that is unrelated to the employment or to the intended employment of that person.**

**The Employer prohibits discrimination, including harassment, based on any characteristic protected by the *BC Human Rights Code*. The Employer also prohibits discrimination based on the perception that anyone has any of those characteristics or is associated with a person who has or is perceived as having any of those characteristics.**

**Discrimination may take many forms. Examples include, but are not limited to:**

- **epithets, derogatory jokes or comments, slurs, invitations, comments, posts or messages;**
- **the display or distribution of offensive or derogatory materials, including posters, photography, cartoons, or drawings**
- **physical conduct including assault, unwanted touching, intentionally blocking normal movement, or interfering with work because of any other protected grounds under the *BC Human Rights Code*;**
- **mimicking a person's accent, speech or mannerisms;**
- **unwanted inquiries or comments about a person's personal life;**
- **verbal abuse, threats or intimidation;**
- **sexual harassment; and**
- **communication through electronic means (e.g., email, social media) of nature prohibited by law or by the Employer's policy.**

**Sexual harassment includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual or sex-based nature when:**

- **Submission to that conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term of condition of an individual's employment;**

- **submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as a basis for employment decisions affecting the individual; or**
- **such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or unsafe work environment.**

**Examples of sexual harassment include:**

- **remarks, jokes or innuendos about sex or sexual orientation when the speaker has been advised or should otherwise be aware that such comments are offensive or inappropriate;**
- **unwelcome physical contact, leering, or staring;**
- **indecent exposure, stalking, or sexual assault;**
- **verbal abuse, or threats of a sexual nature;**
- **unwelcome sexual flirtation, advances, or propositions, or invitations after previous requests have been refused; and**
- **sexually suggestive, obscene, or degrading comments, gestures, or jokes.**

**This Section is not intended to set out all of the forms or examples of discrimination, including sexual harassment. Other conduct, which is not addressed above, may be discriminatory.**

**The foregoing is not intended to inhibit interactions or relations based on mutual consent. However, everyone is required to closely monitor their communication and conduct to ensure a positive, respectful, and discrimination-free workplace.**

### **Resolution of Complaints**

**(a) Informal Complaint Resolution Process**

**(i) Filing a Complaint**

If an employee believes that they are being Discriminated against, Bullied or Harassed on the basis of any of the grounds listed above, they are encouraged to:

- (1)** If possible, tell the alleged harasser(s) that the conduct is unwelcome and request that it cease;
- (2)** Document the event(s), including the time, date, location, names of witnesses and details of the event(s) if possible;

**(3)** If the complainant does not feel comfortable approaching the alleged harasser(s) directly, or if, after being told to stop, the alleged harasser continues, the complainant may contact their Manager, Supervisor, designated Union and/or TransLink Human Resources.

(ii) Investigation

The Employer and the Union agree that in some cases, the Parties may try to resolve a Harassment complaint informally without a full investigation, for example, when so requested by the complainant.

If the conduct does not cease and the complainant disagrees with the attempted informal resolution, and if the complaint involves Human Rights based Harassment the Employer and the Union will undertake a joint investigation of the complaint.

**(b)** Formal Complaint Resolution Process for Human Rights based Harassment

Formal Human Rights based Bullying and Harassment complaints involving either two Union members or a Union member and an exempt employee, will be jointly investigated responsible Human Resources Representative may directly assist in resolving the complaint or retain a neutral third party to conduct this process. The Union, in consultation with the Employer, will appoint Union Harassment investigators. The Union designate will ensure that the Union Harassment investigators are fully trained and that investigations are distributed in an equitable manner among them as far as is practicable. In the event of a cross-jurisdictional complaint, the Employer may appoint a neutral third party investigator and will involve a Harassment investigator from each Union jurisdiction.

Human Rights based Bullying and Harassment complaints that are proceeding to the Formal Complaint Resolution step must:

- (i) Be signed and submitted in writing to the responsible TransLink Human Resources Representative or designate responsible for Human Rights issues, and copied to the designated Union harassment representative, as soon as possible to allow the incident to be investigated and addressed promptly.
- (ii) Where the complainant is a woman and the complaint involves Sexual Harassment or gender discrimination, the joint investigation team may consist of female representatives, unless otherwise requested.



- (iii) It is the intention of the Union and the Employer that the investigation will commence within 15 business days of the filing of the complaint. The time limits may be extended by mutual agreement.

The interview timing and location will recognize the need to maintain confidentiality. The identity of the complainant, the alleged harasser(s), and the nature of the complaint will be kept confidential and only persons with a need to know will be informed of the complaint. Records of the investigation, including interviews, evidence and recommendations will be securely maintained by both Parties.

Upon completion of the investigation the parties will prepare a joint report with the investigation's findings and overall recommendations. The complainant and the respondent will be advised of the findings and recommended actions, if appropriate, that result from the investigation. Such actions will be implemented as quickly as possible. Where there is a disagreement between the parties an independent Harassment investigator may be retained to make final recommendations. The Employer and the Union will share the cost for the investigator equally.

The process in no way precludes the complainant's right to seek action under the *B.C. Human Rights Code*.

(c) Vexatious Complaints

A complaint is deemed to be vexatious when it is made solely to cause trouble or annoyance to another person or to receive some personal benefit. Filing a vexatious complaint may result in discipline, up to and including termination.

- (d) Retaliation against any individual involved in a Workplace Bullying and Harassment complaint may result in discipline, up to and including termination.

## 23.02 Electronic Monitoring

(a) Notice of Monitoring

The Employer agrees to provide the Union with notice of equipment and facilities which are to be utilized for the purpose of monitoring and measuring individual employee performance as part of a regular performance monitoring program. The Employer further agrees to advise employees of the monitoring and measuring capabilities of all job related equipment prior to the application of those capabilities.

(b) Performance Monitoring

In situations where the existence of employee performance difficulties is evident, such that closer monitoring is required, the employee will be advised that such monitoring is to occur.

(c) Monitoring Guidelines

The Employer will not install monitoring equipment for reasons not related to the Employer's business. The Employer will advise employees of the location of equipment which is installed on a permanent basis for reasons of security.

23.03 Personal Duties not Required

The Employer agrees that employees shall not be required to perform for any other employee (including, but not limited to management personnel), work or duties of a personal nature.

23.04 Employee Indemnity

The Employer shall indemnify and hold harmless all Union employee(s) from any civil actions, civil claims, and any damages, costs and expenses in connection with such civil actions or claims arising as a direct result of acts performed, in good faith by the employee(s), in the normal course of their employment with the Employer, provided however that the employee(s) shall not be indemnified for:

- (a) Punitive or aggravated damages;
- (b) The cost of legal representation arising from grievances under the collective agreement; or
- (c) Acts or omissions which did not arise in the normal course of their employment with the Employer; or
- (d) Acts or omissions which amount to willful neglect, gross dereliction of duty, dishonesty, deliberate breach of Employer policy or procedure that the employee(s) had been previously made aware of, willful violation of a lawful order, or gross negligence; or
- (e) Any legal costs which are not covered by Article 23.05.

## 23.05 Legal Representation

In situations covered by the indemnity set out in Article 23.04 above, the Employer shall be responsible for all costs associated with the defence of any employee(s) in the following manner:

- (a) Employee(s) shall be entitled to legal services and advice from a solicitor selected and appointed at the sole discretion of the Employer and, subject to the terms set out in this Article 23.05, all reasonable legal costs incurred shall be borne by the Employer from the date an application is made by any affected employee(s) in accordance with Subsection 23.05(b) below.
- (b) Any employee(s) who intend to apply for legal services and advice pursuant to this Clause must notify the Employer, in writing, within 3 working days of receiving formal notification of a civil action. Failure to comply with this time limitation may result in the employee(s) being denied the right of legal representation at the expense of the Employer.
- (c) The Employer shall have full and complete authority in the conduct of any action including the right to settle the claim of the plaintiff, at any time in the manner deemed appropriate by the Employer. The Employer shall not be responsible for any legal costs incurred by any employee(s) in breach of this Subsection 23.05(c).
- (d) The Employer shall be under no obligation to appeal any legal decision and shall not be responsible for the costs of any appeal initiated by any employee(s).
- (e) Where, in any action arising out of, or from the same or directly related incident, there are two or more employees named as defendants, the Employer may limit the right to legal representation under Article 23.06 by requiring that one solicitor be retained to represent the interests of all those employees.
- (f) If the Employer is also named as a defendant in any civil action, the Employer may limit the right to legal representation under Article 23.05 by requiring that one solicitor be retained to represent the interests of the Employer and all the affected employee(s).
- (g) If, at any time in the course of defending any action, a bona fide conflict of interest exists, as between the interests of the employee(s) and the Employer, or as between the interests of two or more employee(s), the Employer shall have the right to terminate its obligation to provide legal representation to any of the employee(s) where such conflict of interest exists by serving 7 working days written notice to the Union and the affected employee(s). The Employer will not seek recovery of any costs incurred by them prior to any employee(s) being notified of the conflict of interest.

- (h) If, at any time, the Employer has reasonable grounds to believe that:
  - (i) the employee(s)' acts or omissions were not in the course of normal employment; or
  - (ii) the employee(s)' acted in bad faith; or
  - (iii) the employee(s)' acts or omissions amounted to willful neglect, gross dereliction of duty, dishonesty, deliberate breach of **Employer Policy** or procedure that the employee(s) had been previously made aware of, willful violation of lawful order, or gross negligence;

The Employer shall have the right to terminate its obligation to provide legal representation to the employee(s) by serving 7 working days written notice to the Union and the affected employee(s). The Employer will not seek recovery of any costs incurred by them prior to any employee(s) receiving such notifications.

Nothing in Article 23.04 or Article 23.05 shall be interpreted as limiting the Employer's right to discipline any Union employee under the terms and conditions of the collective agreement.

#### 23.06 Complaints against employees

The Employer will make every reasonable effort to ensure that any complaint other than those which alleges criminal behavior, from a person other than an employee, of a nature which could result in suspension, dismissal, demotion or legal action against the employee concerned, shall be made in writing to the Employer and shall be signed by the complainant setting forth the grounds for the complaint. In instances where such a complaint is received, the employee concerned shall receive a copy of the complaint.

## Article 24. Employee Personnel Files

### 24.01 Personnel Files

- (a) An Employee is entitled to examine their own personnel file upon request to the appropriate Human Resources Division.
- (b) No letter of reprimand, or negative comment, will be entered on the Employee's file without the employee's knowledge.
- (c) A representative of the Union shall have the right to read and review an Employee's personnel file at any time, upon written authorization of the Employee and upon reasonable notice and by written request to the Employer. On request, the Union representative shall be provided with copies of any document or record contained in the Employee's personnel file.
- (d) Letters of discipline/warning/poor performance will be removed from an employee's personnel file 2 years from the date on such material provided. **This 2 year period is subject to the employee being actively employed and** is not disciplined or warned as the result of a similar matter to that which gave rise to the original letter.

### 24.02 Performance Assessments

- (a) The Employer will implement and maintain a performance assessment and development program designed to assist Supervisors/Managers in the training and development of Union staff. These forms will be destroyed when replaced by the following year's form upon request of the employee.

If an employee has not received a performance assessment within a period of 15 consecutive months, they may request one from their Supervisor. If after 30 days they have not received the requested assessment, she/he may have the last performance assessment removed from their file.

- (b) Where it is determined that an employee's performance is less than fully adequate the Supervisor will immediately advise the employee and indicate on the performance assessment the date(s) that the notification took place.

## Article 25. Job Group Listing

### **Job Group 2**

#### **Compass Data Collections Assistant**

### **Job Group 3**

#### **Clerical Relief Pool Clerk**

### **Job Group 4**

Corporate Receptionist

Data Entry Clerk

#### **File Clerk**

#### **Mail and Delivery Driver**

### **Job Group 5**

Acquisition & Development Assistant

Administrative Services Clerk

#### **Benefits Assistant**

Claims Administration Clerk

Customer Service Representative

Document Control Clerk

Fare Media Representative

#### **Property Database Clerk**

Records Administration Clerk

### **Job Group 6**

Accounting Clerk

Accounts Payable Clerk

Capital Assets Clerk

Employment Administrator

Payroll Coordinator in Training

Planning Assistant

Purchasing Assistant

Revenue Program Clerk

### **Job Group 7**

Accounting Officer  
Benefits Administrator  
Claims Representative  
**Customer Service Work Leader**  
Dispute Screening Representative  
Fare Dealer Coordinator  
Graphic Artist  
Insurance Coordinator  
IT Change Control Coordinator  
Marketing Graphic Artist  
PC Deployment Technician  
Production Assistant Enterprise Marketing  
Service Desk Analyst  
Strategic Sourcing Coordinator

Job Group 8

Administrative Services Work Leader  
Architectural Technician  
Benefits Work Leader  
Corporate Marketing Coordinator  
Digital Marketing Coordinator  
**Delivery Transition Coordinator**  
IT Assets Coordinator  
**Junior Procurement Officer**  
Payroll Coordinator  
Project Cost Analyst  
Records Analyst  
**Revenue Analyst**  
Security Systems Administrator  
**Senior Dispute Screening Representative**  
Systems Incident Coordinator

Job Group 9

Access Transit Coordinator  
**Assistant Transportation Planner**  
Claims Examiner  
Community Relations Officer  
Computer Support Analyst  
Corporate Marketing Representative  
Fleet Systems Information Analyst  
Network Administrator  
Payroll Officer

Public Affairs Coordinator  
Service Desk Work Leader  
Technical Support Analyst TSML  
Transportation Demand Management Officer  
Treasury Analyst  
Website Developer

Job Group 10

Computer Support Work Leader  
Corporate Marketing Specialist  
Desktop Systems Analyst  
Digital Marketing Specialist  
Geographic Info Systems Analyst  
Graphic Designer  
Planning Analyst  
Procurement Officer  
Senior Accounting Analyst  
Senior TravelSmart Specialist

**Strategic Sourcing System Specialist**

Job Group 11

Business Intelligence Analyst  
Business Systems Analyst  
Data Analyst  
Data Centre Analyst  
Data Warehouse Analyst  
Database Administrator  
Enterprise Systems Analyst  
Functional Analyst, Application Services  
IT Infrastructure Analyst  
IT Service Support Analyst  
Network Analyst  
Network Analyst – CAD/AVL

**Scrum Master**

Senior Claims Examiner  
Senior GIS Administrator  
Senior GIS Analyst  
Senior GIS Specialist  
Senior Procurement Officer  
Software Development Analyst

**Software Quality Assurance Analyst**



Technical Architect

Job Group 12

**Data Centre Design Analyst**  
**Database Middleware Design Analyst**  
**IT Infrastructure Design Analyst**  
**Network Design Analyst**  
Network Operations Support Work Leader

**Letter of Agreement #1**  
**Re: Hours of Work "Hours of Work" and Headquarters - BC**  
**Transit Steno Pool**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 7.11(b), 12.03, Letter of Understanding #10 and any other provisions of the Collective Agreement pertaining to Headquarters, Travel Time and Hours of Work, the following provisions shall apply to the Steno Pool area of Employment Services:

1. The above mentioned employees will not have a regular Headquarters to which they report. Their Headquarters shall be assigned on a daily basis. They will, therefore, be exempt from Article 12.03 and Subsection 7.11(b).
2. Should there be a requirement for an employee to transfer from one location to another during the shift, the employee shall be entitled to travel time, as required, and shall receive the mileage allowance as provided for under Subsection 17.06(c) of the Collective Agreement.
3. These employees shall work a normal 7 1/2 hours shift with the normal lunch and coffee breaks as provided for in the Collective Agreement.
4. Should there be a requirement for an employee to transfer from one location to another during the shift as described in 3, above, the employee shall be entitled to travel time, as required, and shall receive the mileage allowance as provided for under Article 17.06(c) of the Collective Agreement.
5. All terms of the Collective Agreement not specifically mentioned in this Letter of Agreement shall apply.

It is understood and agreed by the Parties that this Agreement has been entered into on the understanding that these provisions shall substantially reduce or eliminate the need to have outside agency personnel.

## Letter of Agreement #2 Medical Examinations

The Employer and the Union agree that those persons responsible for administering the return to work program should have the ability to require an employee to undergo a medical examination by a doctor of the employee's choice in cases of excessive absenteeism. The Employer will pay the doctor's charges levied for completion of this report.

## Letter of Agreement #3 Job Share Agreements

Job sharing is defined as a voluntary agreement between TransLink and 2 regular employees, to divide the hours of work of one Full-Time Regular position between the 2 regular employees (unless the Employer and the Union agree otherwise) in a manner that provides full-time coverage of that position.

### PROCEDURE:

#### a. Requesting Job Share

A Full-Time Regular employee who wishes to job share must submit, to their direct Supervisor or Manager for approval, a written proposal for job sharing. The proposal must include an outline of a proposed work schedule for each job share partner.

#### b. Approvals

The Employer retains the right to approve job sharing arrangements on a case by case basis. In addition, a job sharing arrangement will not be permitted or allowed to continue if, in the opinion of the Employer, the job sharing arrangement is not adequately meeting the needs of the Employer.

If the proposal is approved, the Supervisor or Manager will forward the approved job share proposal to the Human Resources Division for posting.

#### c. Job Sharing Agreement

Once a suitable job sharing arrangement has been approved, a Job Sharing Agreement must be signed by the Employer, the Union and the Job Share Partners. A copy of this Agreement will be provided to the Union. The Union's signature will not be unreasonably withheld.

The Job Sharing Agreement must include, but is not limited to, the items listing below:

A written statement which underlines the commitment of the Employer and the Job Share Partners to the terms and conditions of the job sharing arrangement.

An outline of the work schedule for each job share partner. This schedule may be revised upon mutual agreement by the Job Share Partners and the Supervisor or Manager, as required or pursuant to the provisions of the Collective Agreement.

Provisions for staffing the full-time position in the absence of 1 of the partners due to sick leave, vacation, or any other temporary absence:

Each Job Share Partner is required to work on a full-time basis when the other partner is on annual vacation or sick leave or during any other temporary absence; in cases where the temporary absence is due to a long term illness, the remaining Incumbent will be offered the position on a Temporary Full-Time basis; if the remaining Incumbent does not wish to revert to full-time status for the duration of the absence, the Employer will seek to fill the vacant job share portion in accordance with Article 7; if the job share portion cannot be filled, the job share arrangement will be terminated.

The Job Share Partners are entitled to coverage under the Dental Plan, Medical Services Plan and Extended Benefits Plan. Based on the number of hours worked, each job share partner will pay a prorated premium on a cost shared basis.

Each job share partner will pay a premium based on hours worked for Income Continuance and they will make required contributions to the Pension Corporation. The Employer will pay premiums for the Basic Group Life Insurance coverage based on annual earnings.

The Job Share Partners will accrue vacation, and sick leave as a Part-Time employee in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

Seniority will be calculated in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

Provisions for Statutory Holiday Pay and Overtime Premiums:

Statutory Holiday Pay will be in accordance with the Collective Agreement. Overtime Premiums will be paid in accordance with the Collective Agreement once 7 1/2 hours in a day or 37 1/2 hours in a week is worked by one of the job share partners. In the event that the job share arrangement is for a position that is subject to a modified or compressed work week arrangement, overtime will apply after 1 of the Incumbents works more than a full shift in 1 day. All overtime must be pre-authorized.

Length-of Service Increases and Annual Performance Reviews:

Length-of-Service increases will be based upon the number of hours worked and will be calculated in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

The job share Incumbents will receive a Length-of-service increase after every 1,829 hours of service until they reach the maximum of the pay grade.

A Length-of-service increase may be withheld in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

Annual performance reviews for employees will be conducted in accordance with the Collective Agreement.

Selection to another position or termination of employment by 1 of the Job Share Partners:

Should the original Incumbent be selected for another position, or terminate their employment, the Full-Time Regular position will be posted. The remaining Job Share Partner may apply for the Full-Time Regular position. Should the remaining Job Share Partner not be selected for the full-time position, then the provisions of Article 8 of the Collective Agreement would apply.

Should the Job Share Partner be selected for another position, or terminate their employment, the original Incumbent will assume the position on a full-time basis, and may elect to initiate a new job share arrangement as per 1 above.

Cancellation of the Job Share Arrangement:

During the first 6 months of the job share, the job share arrangement may be cancelled by either the Employer or any one of the Job Share Partners, with a minimum of 30 calendar days' written notice. In the event that the job share arrangement is cancelled during the first 6 months, both Job Share Partners will return to their former positions, as if they were formerly regular employees.

After the first 6 months, the job share may be cancelled by the Employer with a minimum of 30 calendar days' written notice to both Job Share Partners. Should the job share arrangement be cancelled by the Employer the original Incumbent will again assume that Full-Time Regular position. The provisions of Article 8 will apply to the Job Share Partner. If the original Incumbent declines the Full-Time Regular position, then the original Incumbent will be deemed to have resigned from their position and the Full-Time Regular position will be posted.

A copy of any notices of cancellation will be forwarded to the Union.

**Letter of Agreement #4**  
**RE: Modified Work Week - Business Technology Services Division**  
**- Network Analyst**

BTS Division  
Network Analyst

This letter shall be applicable to:

Current and future position(s) for Network Analyst created in the Information Systems Department after November 16, 2006 BTS Division, as the Employer deems appropriate.

All conditions of employment within the Employer and the Union's Collective Agreement shall be applicable unless specifically changed by this Letter of Agreement.

It is the intent of the parties that entering into this agreement shall neither enhance nor reduce any entitlement granted under the terms of the Collective Agreement, unless addressed and agreed upon in the body of this letter.

A. Work Hours

The Employer has the right to change the hours of work in accordance with the provisions of Subsection 11.06 (a) and days of the week with 36 hours' notice, subject to mutual agreement between the employee(s) and the Manager or designate.

Employees required to change days worked who work 5 8.75 hour days in 1 week as a result, will take another day off in exchange at a mutually agreeable date.

Working hours shall be the equivalent of 35 hours per calendar week. The standard hours of work shall start between 13:00 and 15:00 and end between 21:45 and 23:45.

B. Work Day

The work day shall be 8.75 hours of work, exclusive of the 30 minute lunch period.

C. Work Week

(a) The standard work week shall be 4 days: Either Monday through Thursday, or Wednesday through Saturday. Where there is only 1 position, the work week will be as designated by the Manager or designate. Where there are 2 or more

positions, shift choices will be as designated by the Manager or designate through sign-up.

- (b) The RWWL days are integrated into the 3 consecutive days off and will no longer be scheduled.
- (c) Employer has the right to change the hours of work in accordance with the provisions of Subsection 11.06 (a) and days of the week with 36 hours' notice, subject to mutual agreement between the employee(s) and the Infrastructure Operations Team Manager.

Employees required to change days worked who work 5 8.75 hour days in 1 week as a result, will take another day off in exchange at a mutually agreeable date.

D. Work Year

A total of 1,826.23 hours shall constitute a work year. The employee(s) may be scheduled to work more, or less, than 1,826.23 hours in a specific year. The balance of 1,826.23 hours per year shall be achieved while the employees are working under the MWW. The parties agree to review the total annual hours of straight time work performed by all the affected employees each 5 years.

In the event that the total annual hours of straight time is not in accordance with the above, the Parties shall ensure that corrective adjustments are made to achieve the required consistency.

E. Statutory Holidays

- (a) To reflect RWWL days being integrated into an employee's scheduled days off, the following formulas shall be used to convert the annual banked statutory holiday entitlement:

$$\frac{\text{Number of Statutory Holidays Per Year} * 7 \text{ Hours Per Day}}{\text{Annual Work Hours Credit Banked}}$$

Annual Entitlement: 84 hrs. taken in 8.75 hr. increments

- (b) Annual entitlement shall be banked and the employees shall take all statutory holidays off that fall on their scheduled work day except as provided in (d) below.
- (c) Banked statutory holiday entitlement must be taken as time off during the calendar year in which it is earned. This is acknowledged and agreed to prevent the employees carrying banked statutory holiday entitlement from one calendar year to the next and thereby affecting the work year definition addressed in this letter.



If an employee's banked statutory holiday entitlement or any portion of it is not used by December 31 in the applicable year of entitlement, it shall be scheduled as time off prior to April 16 of the following year.

- (d) The parties agree that the Employer has the right to require employees to work on a statutory holiday. Any arrangements for such work will be made in accordance with Article 14.08 of the Collective Agreement.

F. Salary

All employees shall receive the same rates of pay and be paid in the same manner as they are presently. It is understood that shift premiums under Article 11.04 will apply. To facilitate the Employer working within the existing pay system and the Collective Agreement, the following shall apply:

Monthly Salary = Hourly Rate  
152.185

G. Overtime

- (a) Overtime shall be paid after 8.75 hours of work in a day at 150% of the applicable rate for the first hour following their regularly scheduled shift. Thereafter, all hours shall be paid at 200% of their hourly rate for all hours worked on the same day.
- (b) All time worked on an employee's scheduled days off shall be paid in accordance with Subsection 12.01(c).

H. Vacation Entitlement

1 week of annual vacation is equivalent to 35 hours.

Until December 31, 2023	<b>Effective January 1, 2024</b>	
*1 <sup>st</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	*1 <sup>st</sup> – <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> anniversary	3 weeks
8 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	<b>7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup></b> anniversary	4 weeks
16 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary	<b>15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup></b> anniversary	5 weeks
23 <sup>rd</sup> and later anniversary	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b> and later anniversary	6 weeks

Employees will be entitled to 1 additional day of vacation for each year of service commencing in the calendar year in which the **25<sup>th</sup>** anniversary occurs, until a total of 35 vacation days has been reached.

I. Sick Leave

Sick leave entitlement is converted to hours based on 7.5 hours per day of entitlement.

Medical/Dental appointments are subject to Subsection 19.01(b) save and except the words "followed by deferred RWWL days".

J. Continuation

This letter shall remain in force as part of the Collective Agreement except as follows:

This letter is subject to cancellation by either the Employer or the Union upon written notice to the other party.

In the event that this Letter of Agreement is cancelled by either party, all terms and conditions of the Collective Agreement in force shall be deemed to be in effect.

**Letter of Agreement #5**  
**Sunday Premiums Committee**  
(Previously LOA #6)

During negotiations for a renewal of the collective agreement which expired March 31, 2011, the Employer expressed concern about the costs associated with the payment of Sunday premiums.

The parties agree to form a joint Committee to review the impacts and costs associated with Sunday premiums, make recommendations, and identify potential solutions.

The parties further agree that this Committee will meet upon ratification of this collective agreement and continue to meet regularly.

**Letter of Agreement #6**  
**Retiree Benefits Committee**  
(Previously LOA #7)

During negotiations for a renewal of the collective agreement which expired March 31, 2011, the Employer expressed concern about the continuing increasing costs associated with the payment of Retiree Benefits.

The Parties agree to form a joint Committee to revisit the current post retirement benefits eligibility and coverage for extended health and MSP, and possible cost effective alternatives. The Parties commit to engaging in productive and meaningful discussions that will lead to potential solutions and initiatives.

The Parties agree the Committee will meet upon ratification of this Collective Agreement and continue to meet regularly.

## Letter of Agreement #7 Remote Working Arrangements (Previously LOA #9)

The Parties agree that the Employer is committed to developing policies and processes in support of remote work and to ensure compliance with statutory obligations.

The Parties will work to implement the ability for eligible employees to work remotely within six (6) months of ratification.

Working remotely does not change the terms and conditions of employment of the employee. The collective agreement applies in all respects except otherwise specified within this Letter of Agreement. While working remotely, employees retain all rights and benefits including WorkSafeBC coverage during the hours the employee is working. Salary, benefits, and job responsibilities will not change as a result of remote work.

The Employer will provide the **Union**, bi-annually, with names of all bargaining unit members who are working remotely.

Remote work means an employee working from home or a Manager approved alternate location and is defined as an employee carrying out their duties within the scope of their job description from their remote workplace.

The Remote Work Policy will include, but is not limited to the following:

### Eligibility

- (a) Employees will be required to meet the eligibility criteria as defined by the Employer.

### Application and Approval Process

- (a) Employees may work remotely, subject to the Employer's business and operational requirements being met and no impact to delivery of service, as determined by the Employer.
- (b) The Employer retains the right to determine eligibility, scheduling and number of employees working remotely.
- (c) An employee interested in a remote work arrangement needs to apply in writing to their Manager. If the application is approved, the arrangement will be confirmed in writing and will contain the specific terms and conditions.

- (d) If an employee is denied a Remote Work arrangement, the Employer will provide business and operational reasons for denying the application.

#### Work Schedule

- (a) When working remotely, an employee's normal work schedule applies, unless otherwise specified.

#### Equipment and Supplies

- (a) The Employer will determine and provide the necessary technological equipment required to fulfill the duties and responsibilities for the remote work arrangement. The Employer will be responsible for the costs of maintenance of the equipment.
- (b) The employee will be responsible for all other associated costs in order to work remotely.

#### Workplace Safety

- (a) The employee agrees to designate a workspace within their remote working location that is adequate for the performance of the employee's duties. The employee shall maintain this workspace in a safe condition, free from hazards.
- (b) The Employer will provide training and information to employees working remotely concerning safe work practices while working remotely.
- (c) The employee must continue to comply with their obligations under the Workers Compensation Act, the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, and with any safety policies and procedures that may be instituted by the Employer to the extent that they are applicable to the remote work arrangement.
- (d) The Employer and employee will follow WorkSafeBC guidelines and regulations pertaining to remote working conditions. Employees must confirm, with their Manager, that their remote work location meets the legislative expectations for them to work remotely.
- (e) The employee agrees to follow safe practices and must notify their Manager immediately of any job-related accidents that occur in the remote work location.

#### Employee Obligations

- (a) Prior to working remotely, the employee must confirm they have:
  - (i) access to the tools, equipment and computer systems required to work remotely;
  - (ii) can do so securely, as determined by the Employer;

- (iii) have a designated working space available that is suitable and safe for the work being performed; and
  - (iv) dependent care arrangements are in place and that personal responsibilities outside of work obligations, are managed in a way that allows the employee to meet their job responsibilities.
- (b) If an employee is unable to perform their work remotely for any reason, they must inform their Manager immediately, and may be required to return to work at the Employer's worksite with less notice than identified in "Termination of Remote Work Arrangements".
  - (c) The employee may be required to attend the Employer's worksite, or other locations, as requested by their Manager. In these circumstances, the Manager will provide the employee as much notice as is reasonably practicable.
  - (d) Employees will be required to adhere to any applicable policies, procedures or directives as provided by the Employer or as required by law.

#### Confidentiality

- (a) It is agreed that all records related to the employee's and Employer's work, will be stored a confidential manner as determined by the Employer.
- (b) All electronic work-related files and documents will be kept only on the employee's work computer or in a shared drive connected to the Employer's network. Employees will not keep electronic copies of any work documents on personal devices.
- (c) All physical hard copies of work-related files and documents will be secured whenever the employee is away from their duties and obligations of work.

#### Termination of Remote Work Arrangements

- (a) Remote work arrangements may be terminated by either party by providing a minimum of 5 business days' notice in writing.

**Letter of Agreement #8**  
**CO-OP AND/OR SUMMER STUDENTS**  
**(Previously LOA #10)**

This will confirm the following agreement with respect to the hiring of students and/or Summer students:

1. A student is an individual who is enrolled Full-Time in a graduate or undergraduate program at a recognized post-secondary institution, who has not graduated from the program, and who at all times during the period of employment, is intending to return to school for further classes or graduation following the period of employment.
2. The Employer will ensure that any Co-op student employed will have up to two 4 month or one 8 month maximum employment period in a calendar year. The Employer will ensure that any Summer student employed will have a maximum employment period of up to 4 months in a calendar year.
3. Any experience gained as a student will not be used in the job selection criteria under Article 7 of the Collective Agreement.
4. Students employed are exempted from the provisions of Articles 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, and 21 of the Collective Agreement.
5. Students employed will be paid in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Collective Agreement and will be hired under Subsection 1.07 (d) as Full-Time Temporary employees.
6. Each year the Employer will contact the Union to discuss approved student positions, the duration of each assignment, and the number of students to be hired, subject to mutual agreement.
7. Students may be used as Vacation Relief to provide more opportunities for current employees to obtain vacation and RWWL Days during the main vacation periods, which will include but is not limited to, Spring Break, Summer, and Christmas.

This letter shall remain in force as part of the Collective Agreement except as follows:

This letter is subject to cancellation by either the Employer or the Union upon written notice to the other party.

In the event that this Letter of Agreement is cancelled by either party all terms and conditions of the Collective Agreement in force shall be deemed to be in effect.



## **Letter of Agreement #9 Cybersecurity**

**Cyberattacks are increasing in frequency, with threats to organizations of all sizes. The parties recognize the importance of remaining vigilant and that all employees have a role to play in keeping TransLink's systems secure.**

**In accordance with TransLink's policies, all employees are required to:**

- Complete information security awareness training;**
- Report any incidents that may jeopardize the security of the corporate network; and**
- Take reasonable measures to mitigate exposure to computer threats, this includes reporting suspicious emails.**

**If the Employer experiences a cyberattack on its network which results in a privacy breach involving employee personal information, the Employer will notify those employees affected as required by the *British Columbia Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. If privacy breach notification to employees is required, the Employer will review whether credit monitoring would assist affected employees to mitigate the potential risk of harm.**

**In support of the commitment the employee education and awareness of cyber security, the Parties will establish a committee to discuss cybersecurity. In addition, the committee will explore options for identity theft prevention and may invite subject matter experts as needed and agreed upon. The committee will meet upon mutual agreement.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Parties hereto have hereunto affixed their hands through their respective officers on the 8 day of August **2024**.

SOUTH COAST BRITISH COLUMBIA  
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