

Collective Agreement

between

**Ontario Public Service Employees Union/
Syndicat des employés de la fonction publique
de l'Ontario
on behalf of its Local 102**

- and -

The University of Western Ontario

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ARTICLE 1 – PROVISION OF SPECIAL CONSTABLE SERVICES

- 1.01 The parties to this agreement agree and affirm that Western Special Constable Service at the University of Western Ontario will be provided based on the needs of the university community. In support of this objective it will be the responsibility of every member to:
- (a) Be accountable for their actions to their superiors, subordinates, co-workers and the community,
 - (b) Carry out their duties in a responsible, professional and efficient manner while fostering positive relationships with the entire university community as well as external groups,
 - (c) Maintain frequent contact with the community to obtain feedback on department operations and services as well as providing advice and assistance to members of the community in creatively responding to problems,
 - (d) Identify and take action to rectify conditions which pose a safety or security risk to the community while respecting policies and procedures of the University,
 - (e) Provide leadership, assistance and support members of the community as well as other members of the department by providing constructive advice and training.
- 1.02 The members of the Western Special Constable Service will deliver services to the community in accordance with community policing principles including:
- (a) The need to ensure the safety and security of all persons and property at the University,
 - (b) the importance of safeguarding the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the *Human Rights Code*,
 - (c) The need for co-operation between the providers of Special Constable services and the university community,
 - (d) the importance of respect for the victims of crime and understanding of their needs,
 - (e) The need for sensitivity to the pluralistic, multiracial and multi-cultural character of the University.

ARTICLE 2 - DEFINITIONS

- 2.01 In this agreement, the following terms shall be defined as set out in this Article, unless the contrary intention is expressly provided for elsewhere in this Agreement:

- (a) **Board of Governors or Board** means the Board of Governors of The University of Western Ontario as provided for in *The University of Western Ontario Act*;
- (b) **The University or UWO** shall refer to The University of Western Ontario;
- (c) **OPSEU/SEFPO** shall refer to the Ontario Public Service Employees Union;
- (d) **Employer** shall mean The University of Western Ontario;
- (e) **Employee** means only a person covered by this Agreement unless specifically indicated otherwise by the tenets of this Agreement.
- (f) **Day** means a working day.
- (g) **Seniority** – Date of last hire into the bargaining unit.
- (h) **Union representative** means an individual or an employee who has been duly authorized to represent the Union with respect to matters which relate to this agreement and shall include employees elected to hold office within the Union.
- (i) **Steward** – An employee elected by the Union to handle any grievances arising out of the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of the specific terms of the articles in this Agreement.

2.02 **Western Special Constable Service (WSCS)** – the University work unit which includes OPSEU/SEFPO Special Constables, as part of Campus Safety and Emergency Services (CSES), and formerly known as Campus Community Police Service prior to the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

ARTICLE 3 – RESERVATION AND CONTINUATION OF MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

- 3.01 The Union recognizes that the management and direction of the working forces are fixed exclusively in the Employer and shall remain solely with the Employer except as specifically limited by the express provisions of this Agreement, and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the Union acknowledges that it is the exclusive function of the Employer to:
- (a) maintain order, discipline and efficiency;
 - (b) hire, assign, discharge, direct, promote, demote, classify, transfer, layoff, recall and suspend or otherwise discipline employees, provided that if an employee claims they have been discharged or disciplined without cause, or improperly laid off or recalled, a grievance may be filed and dealt with in accordance with the Grievance Procedure;
 - (c) determine the machinery and equipment to be used, the methods and techniques of work, the standards of performance, the schedules of work and number of personnel to be employed;
 - (d) establish, enforce and alter from time to time rules and regulations to be observed by the employees.

- (e) The employer will endeavour to discuss with the Union when changes of a major nature are contemplated.

3.02 The Employer's right to exercise the management function in this Article is subject to the provisions of this Agreement. The management functions shall not be used to direct the work force in violation of the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.

ARTICLE 4 - RECOGNITION

4.01 The Employer recognizes OPSEU/SEFPO as the sole collective bargaining agent with respect to those matters covered by this Agreement for those employees of the Employer of the WSCS employed as Western Special Constables, save and except Sergeant, those above the rank of Sergeant, office staff, students employed during the school or university vacation period and persons regularly employed for not more than twenty-four (24) hours per week.

4.02 The classification listed in Schedule A is the only job classification covered by this Agreement. Any new job classifications within the bargaining unit which may be created in the future may be added to Schedule A by mutual agreement.

4.03 The word employee whenever used in this Agreement will apply only to Regular Full-time employees who are defined as employees employed for an average of more than twenty-four (24) hours a week for a total of six (6) consecutive months or more and for whom a termination date within the next six (6) months has not been defined.

4.04 Only employees as defined in section 4.03 above are covered by the terms of this Agreement.

4.05 Any member may be in an acting position outside of the bargaining unit for a maximum of twelve (12) consecutive months.

ARTICLE 5 - DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT

5.01 The Employer and the Union are committed to a working and learning environment that allows for full and free participation of all members of the institutional community. Discrimination against and harassment of individuals, whether as members of any recognizable group or otherwise, undermine these objectives and violate the fundamental rights, personal dignity and integrity of individuals or groups of individuals.

5.02 This article is in accordance with all applicable federal and provincial legislation related to discrimination and harassment such as the *Ontario*

Human Rights Code. It also applies to those situations defined as Workplace Harassment under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*. The Safe Campus Policy (M.A.P.P. 1.46) should be consulted whenever there are concerns about violence in the workplace including domestic.

5.03

Discrimination

Except as permitted by law, there shall be no discrimination, interference, restriction or coercion exercised against or by any Employee regarding any term or condition of employment, nor shall any discrimination be exercised against or by Employees in the course of carrying out their duties, by reason of:

- (a) race, colour, ancestry, place of birth, ethnic or national origin, citizenship; or
- (b) creed, religious or political affiliation or belief or practice; or
- (c) sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical attributes, marital status, or family status; or
- (d) age; or
- (e) physical or mental illness or disability; or
- (f) place of residence; or
- (g) record of offences for which a pardon has been granted; or
- (h) membership or participation in the Union.

5.04

This Article shall not infringe upon the implementation of special programs designed to relieve hardship or economic disadvantage or to assist disadvantaged persons or groups to achieve or attempt to achieve equal opportunity.

5.05

Harassment

There shall be no Harassment or Sexual Harassment exercised against or by any Employee.

5.06

Harassment means engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome. Harassment may be related to one or more of the prohibited grounds of discrimination under Article 5.03. Harassment includes sexual harassment, personal harassment, and workplace harassment. Harassment is a serious offence that may be cause for disciplinary sanctions including, where appropriate, dismissal.

5.07

Sexual Harassment includes comment or conduct of a sexual nature such as, but not limited to, sexual assault, verbal abuse or threats, unwelcome sexual invitations or requests, demands for sexual favours or unwelcome innuendo or taunting about a person's body, physical appearance, sexual orientation or gender expression, and includes situations where:

- (a) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a condition of an individual's employment; or

- (b) submission to such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for employment; or
- (c) such conduct interferes with an individual's work performance; or
- (d) such conduct creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or learning environment.

This definition of sexual harassment is not intended to inhibit interactions or relationships based on mutual free consent or normal social conduct between Employees.

- 5.08 **Personal Harassment** includes conduct and/or behaviours which create an intimidating, demeaning or hostile working or learning environment whether or not it is based on the prohibited grounds defined in the Ontario *Human Rights Code* and listed in Article 5.03.
- 5.09 **Workplace Harassment** is defined under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* as engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct against a worker in a workplace that is known or ought reasonably to be known to be unwelcome.
- 5.10 Harassment may not include:
- (a) interpersonal conflict or disagreement; or
 - (b) the proper exercise of management's rights and/or performance evaluation.
- 5.11 An Employee alleging a violation of this Article may seek resolution through the Employer's policy on Discrimination and Harassment and/or may file a grievance in accordance with Article 14 – Grievance Procedure.
- 5.12 Nothing in this Article precludes the Employer from conducting an investigation into an allegation of Discrimination or Harassment. The Employer shall notify the Union of any investigation into an allegation of Discrimination or Harassment made against an Employee. In all other such investigations involving Employees, they shall be notified, in writing, of their right to Union Representation prior to any meeting with and initiated by the Employer.
- 5.13 No Employee against whom an allegation of Discrimination or Harassment has been made shall be subject to any disciplinary measure before the completion of any investigation into the matter, but may be subject to other interim measures where necessary.
- 5.14 An Employee who is disciplined as the result of any investigation into alleged Harassment or Discrimination shall have the right to grieve such discipline under Article 14 – Grievance Procedure.

ARTICLE 6 – STRIKE OR LOCK-OUT

- 6.01 There shall be no strikes or lock-outs for the term of this agreement as provided in the *Ontario Labour Relations Act*.

ARTICLE 7 - REPRESENTATION

- 7.01 The Employer agrees to recognize a Committee consisting of not more than three (3) elected members of the employees covered by this Agreement for the purposes of the negotiation and administration of this Agreement. The aforementioned Committee shall not suffer any loss of pay or benefits during any and all negotiating meetings up to and including conciliation, but not beyond.
- 7.02 The Employer agrees to recognize a steward or a Committee member for the purpose of assisting employees in presenting grievances to the Employer as set forth in this Agreement.
- 7.03 It is understood and agreed that the steward or a Committee member has their regular duties as an employee to perform and that if it is necessary to investigate a grievance or attend a grievance hearing during working hours, the steward will not leave their work without first obtaining the permission of their Director or designate which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The steward shall report again to their Director or designate at the time of their return to work.
- 7.04 The Union shall notify the Employer in writing of the names of the steward and elected officers of the Union and the effective dates of their elections or appointments.
- 7.05 When discipline is to be imposed, an employee is entitled to be represented by a Union steward.
- 7.06 Employees may request the assistance of an OPSEU/SEFPO Staff Representative for purposes of grievances. The Union agrees that the exercise of this provision shall not interfere with the Employer's operation or the timely processing of grievances.
- 7.07 **Employer/ Employee Relations Committee**
It is agreed that Employer /Employee Relations Committee be established for the purpose of discussing matters related to the administration of this Collective Agreement. The Committee shall not have the power to alter, amend or modify the specific terms of the Agreement.
- 7.08 It is agreed that membership shall consist of the three (3) representatives from the Union Committee and three (3) representatives of the Employer.

- 7.09 The Employer /Employee Relations Committee shall meet three (3) times per year. By mutual agreement the parties may schedule additional meetings. Each party shall notify the other party of the proposed agenda items fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting.
- 7.10 An Employer representative and a Union representative shall act as Co-Chairs. Minutes of each meeting shall be prepared by the Co-Chairs and a copy shall be forwarded to all members of the committee for review.
- 7.11 Union Committee members will not suffer any loss of wages, benefits or credits for time spent at these meetings.
- 7.12 **Copies of the Agreement**
The Employer and the Union desire all parties to be familiar with the provisions of this Agreement and the rights and obligations under it. For this reason, the parties shall share equally the cost of printing sufficient copies of the Collective Agreement to all parties. Copies of the Collective Agreement will be available for employees on the University's web site.

ARTICLE 8 – GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 8.01 It shall be the obligation of each employee covered under the terms of this Agreement to inform the Sergeant of their current residential address, telephone number, and/or cellphone number. This information will not be posted without the employee's consent.
- 8.02 The Employer agrees that payroll deductions shall be made for United Way and Parking when written request is made therefore by the employee.
- 8.03 All performance records that may be used for disciplinary purposes will be considered void after a period of two (2) years has elapsed, provided no further disciplinary action of a similar nature occurs during that period.
- 8.04 All employees under this Agreement can review their complete personnel file maintained in Human Resources and in WSCS with reasonable notice given to the holder of those files. The file cannot be removed from the office where it is kept and must be examined in the presence of a member of Human Resources and/or the Director or designate of CSES.

ARTICLE 9 – DUES DEDUCTION

- 9.01 The Employer shall deduct union dues commencing from the first day of employment, from each pay of each employee, starting with the pay period nearest to the effective date of this agreement, an amount equivalent to such union dues as may be designated by the Union from

time to time. In addition, the Employer shall deduct union dues from any retroactive wage payments. The Employer agrees that it will remit the total amount of such deductions to the Accounting Department of the Union, 100 Lesmill Road, North York, Ontario, not later than the 20th day of each month following the month that deductions were made. The remittance shall be accompanied by a list of names of those employees for whom deductions have been made.

- 9.02 The Employer agrees to give each person in the bargaining unit a T-4 slip for income tax purposes showing the amount of dues deducted and shall give it to each person in the bargaining unit on time for inclusion in their income tax return.
- 9.03 The Union will advise the Employer in writing of the amount of its regular dues. The amounts specified shall continue to be deducted until changed by further written notice to the Employer.
- 9.04 The Union agrees to save the Employer harmless and to indemnify the Employer with respect to any claim made against the Employer by any employee or group of employees arising out of the deduction of union dues as herein provided.

ARTICLE 10 - SAFETY

- 10.01 The Employer agrees to establish and maintain one joint Health and Safety Committee in accordance with the provisions of *The Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)* and regulations as amended from time to time.
- 10.02 The parties hereto agree that the safety of the employees, students and visitors on the campus of the Employer and the protection of the Employer's property and equipment are matters of prime concern. The obligation of the employees to report safety hazards to the appropriate Sergeant is acknowledged.
- 10.03 The Employer and employees agree to abide by the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* as it applies to the Employer.
- 10.04 The Health and Safety Representative required by the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* will be appointed by OPSEU/SEFPO.

ARTICLE 11 - SENIORITY

- 11.01 Seniority as referred to in this agreement shall mean length of continuous service in the bargaining unit upon completion of the contract probationary period and shall be backdated to the date of hire in the employ of the employer as an employee and shall be on a bargaining unit-wide basis.

11.02 **Contract Probationary Employee**

All new employees shall be hired on a contract probationary basis for a period of twelve (12) calendar months. During the contract probationary period the new Employee is required to meet all requirements and standards of a Special Constable in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

11.03 **Accumulation of Seniority**

Seniority shall continue to accumulate during any paid leave, and for the first thirty (30) days of any unpaid leave. An employee returning from an extended unpaid leave of absence shall be credited with the amount of seniority they had when they left. Seniority shall continue to accumulate during the entire period of a pregnancy and parental leave or Union leave.

11.04 **Loss of Seniority and Termination of Employment**

Continuity of service shall be considered broken, seniority lost and employment terminated if the employee:

- (a) resigns or retires;
- (b) is discharged (and the discharge is not reversed through the grievance arbitration procedure);
- (c) fails to report to work at the expiration of a leave of absence unless a reason satisfactory to the Employer is given;
- (d) fails to notify in writing the Employer of the employee's intentions within seven (7) calendar days and fails to report for work within fourteen (14) calendar days after issuance of notice of recall by registered mail to the employee's last address on record with the Employer;
- (e) is absent from work for three (3) days without providing a reason satisfactory to the Employer;
- (f) is laid off for a period in excess of twenty-four (24) months
- (g) uses a leave of absence for a purpose other than that for which it was granted;
- (h) It shall be the responsibility of the employee to keep the Employer informed of the employee's current address. If any employee fails to do this, the Employer will not be responsible for a failure of a notice to reach an employee.

11.05 **Seniority List**

The Employer will maintain a seniority list which will record, by job classification as expressed in Schedule A, the names and dates of last hire of members of the bargaining unit. This list will be posted annually on Union bulletin boards within one (1) month after the execution date of this Agreement. Following one (1) week's posting, the list shall become final except as to any employee who has disputed the accuracy of their seniority date during that week because of new or amended information

contained in the posted list. In such case the list will be subject to adjustment if established to be inaccurate.

11.06

Lay-Off

In cases of lay-offs, the employee with the least seniority will be laid off first.

11.07

For the purposes of recall, the above process is reversed.

11.08

Seniority will not accumulate beyond the first thirty (30) calendar days of layoff or authorized unpaid leaves of absence, except where required by the *Employment Standards Act 2000* (“ESA”).

11.09

A copy of any notice of lay off to an employee will be provided to the Union at the same time.

11.10

Benefits Continuation

- (a) In the event of a permanent layoff of an employee, the Employer shall pay its share of the insured benefits premiums for the supplementary health insurance plan, the dental plan and the life insurance plan up to the end of the month following the third month (3rd) in which the layoff occurs, or the statutory notice period, whichever is later.
- (b) The employee may continue to pay the full premium cost of the benefits noted above for up to a further nine (9) months. Such payment can be made through the Payroll office of the Employer provided that the employee informs the Employer of their intent to do so at the time of the layoff, and arranges with the Employer the appropriate payment schedule.

11.11

Attrition

It is understood that attrition can be used effectively as a redeployment strategy. The Employer will endeavour to utilize attrition as an alternative to layoffs.

11.12

Temporary Work

Employees on layoff shall be given preference for temporary work for which they are qualified, if such work is expected to exceed ten (10) working days. An employee who has been recalled to such temporary vacancy shall not be required to accept the recall and may instead remain on layoff.

11.13

Recall

Employees who are laid off shall be placed on a recall list and shall retain, but not accrue seniority for twenty-four (24) months.

- 11.14 No new employee shall be hired until those laid off and placed on the recall list have had the opportunity to be recalled.
- 11.15 In the event of a layoff of a permanent or long term nature, the Employer will meet with the Union to discuss with the Union measures, if any, of avoiding the lay-offs.
- 11.16 In the event of a layoff of a permanent or long term nature, an employee who has not received a notice of layoff may offer to be laid off in lieu of the employee designated for layoff. At its discretion and subject to its operational needs and requirements, the Employer may consider whether to accept such offer.
- 11.17 **Restructuring**
 In the event of reorganization or restructuring of the Employer, which may have potential adverse effects upon employees in the bargaining unit, the employer shall notify the Union of such plans as far as practicable in advance so that the parties can meet to discuss possible ways and means of minimizing the impact, including identifying and proposing alternatives to any action that the Employer may be considering.
- During any restructuring or reorganization, employees shall not be required to reapply for positions which are substantially the same in nature.
- 11.18 **Job Posting**
- (a) When a new classification is created or when a permanent vacancy occurs within the bargaining unit, the Employer will, if it decides to fill the vacancy, post a notice of vacancy. The posting shall be made for a period of seven (7) calendar days. Such postings are for the purpose of permitting any member of the bargaining unit to make application.
- (b) The job posting shall contain the following information:
- i) The job title and description of the job
 - ii) The skills, ability and qualifications required
 - iii) The deadline date for application.
- 11.19 (a) When filling any posted vacancy under this Article, the Employer will consider the skills, ability and qualifications of the individual to perform the normal required work and where these are relatively equal, seniority shall govern. Immediately following selection, successful candidate(s) shall be informed in writing of their appointment to the new position.

- (b) If the job is not filled as a result of the internal posting or if no suitable applications are received, the Employer reserves the right to hire from external applicants.

11.20 When a new classification (which is covered by the terms of this Collective Agreement) is established by the Employer; the Employer shall determine the rate of pay of such new classification and notify the Union of the same. If the Union challenges the rate, it shall have the right to request a meeting with the Employer to negotiate a mutually satisfactory rate. Such request will be made within ten (10) days after the receipt of notice from the Employer of such new classification and rate. Any change mutually agreed to resulting from such meeting shall be retroactive to the date that notice of the new rate was given by the Employer. If the parties are unable to agree, the dispute concerning the new rate may be submitted to arbitration as provided in the Agreement within fifteen (15) days of such meeting. The decision of the Board of Arbitration shall be based on the relationship established by comparison with the rate for other classifications in the bargaining unit, having regard to the requirements of such classification, and shall be effective the date of the Arbitrator's award.

ARTICLE 12 - PAYMENT OF SALARY

- 12.01 The regular monthly salary of an employee will be paid by bank deposit. Monthly salaries will normally be deposited on or before the second last working day of the month.
- 12.02 An earning statement will be sent to the employee each pay period.
- 12.03 On the death of an employee, one (1) month's salary in addition to the salary pertaining to the month of death will be paid to the spouse, or failing such, to the estate of the deceased.

ARTICLE 13 - HOURS OF WORK

The following provision designating regular hours on a standard work shift over the schedule determined by the University shall not be construed to be a guarantee of the hours of work to be performed on each shift nor as to the shifts of work per week:

- 13.01 The standard work shift shall be either twelve (12) or eight (8) (if mutually agreeable), consecutive hours, inclusive of a paid one-half hour meal period and the standard work week will average forty (40) hours per week but will vary according to the assigned work schedule. If a change is required in current schedules, the parties will discuss and endeavour to come to an agreement. If agreement is not possible, the University will determine scheduling to maintain service.

- 13.02 Staff shall be entitled, subject to the exigencies of service requirements, to a twenty (20) minute rest period.
- 13.03 The parties may agree to a schedule that allows for adjusting the standard work shift.
- 13.04 Overtime will be defined as the time worked, as approved in advance by the Director or designate, in excess of the employee's assigned work schedule. Authorized overtime will be paid at one and one-half times (1½ x) the hourly earning rate or equivalent time off will be arranged by the Director or designate.
- 13.05 The Employer will discuss with the Union any major structural work schedule change that affects all employees, at least six (6) weeks prior to any change taking place.
- 13.06 All time worked, or credited, in excess of the assigned work schedule for the year will be used up in time off, or pay in lieu thereof, during that same fiscal year. If scheduling within current year is not operationally viable, the Director may authorize the outstanding balance to be scheduled in the next fiscal year by April 30th.
- 13.07 Monthly work schedules will be posted not less than fifteen (15) working days in advance and there shall be no change in the schedule after it has been posted unless notice is given to the employee seven (7) days in advance of the starting time of any change in the work schedule. If the employee concerned is not notified seven (7) days in advance they shall be paid time and one-half (1½ x) for all hours worked on the first shift of the changed work schedule.
- 13.08 The work schedule may be changed without any premium or penalty if agreed upon between the employee and the Employer.
- 13.09
- (a) For all hours worked in an Acting Sergeant capacity by a Western Special Constable or Cadet with less than twelve (12) months of continuous service, or when the Sergeant is replaced during a shift, the rate of pay will be at the Western Special Constable's rate.
 - (b) The rate of pay for the acting Sergeant will be at the Western Special Constable's rate plus ten percent (10%).
 - (c) For all prearranged and agreed to training hours worked as a Training Officer, the Special Constable will be provided a ten percent (10%) training premium while training a new employee
 - (d) **Communications Centre Premium** – For all authorized hours worked a Special Constable will be provided a ten percent (10%) fill in premium while doing the Communications Centre essential duties on the board. This premium will only commence after two (2) hours are worked on a shift and then will be paid for all hours worked on that shift.

- 13.10 **Call In**
Except as in Article 13.11 below, an employee who is required to report to work more than two (2) hours before their scheduled hours of work will receive a minimum of four (4) hours' pay at one and one-half times (1½ x) their earning rate.
- 13.11 Employees called in for training sessions conducted in non-working hours will be paid overtime rates for the period of the sessions only.
- 13.12 Employees required to work a scheduled shift of more than five (5) hours starting after 2:00 p.m. will include a paid thirty (30) minute lunch period during their shift.
- 13.13 The pay duties rate (non-scheduled, outside paid) will be one and one-half (1.5) times for the first class Special Constable rate.
- 13.14 Effective July 1, 2012, the Premium is fifty cents (\$0.50) per hour for all hours worked between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- 13.15 **Mutual Shift Relief**
With the consent of the supervisor, a special constable may have another special constable relieve them of their regular shift. In such cases, however, overtime will not be paid to the relieving employee. Any approved exchanges of full shifts must include: the shift being relieved, and the corresponding traded shift occurring during the posted shift schedule.
- 13.16 **Call Back**
An employee who has completed their regular shift and is called back to work on the same day shall receive a minimum of four (4) hours pay at the appropriate overtime rate.
- 13.17 **Court Appearance**
When an employee is required to attend court on their day off they will receive a minimum of four (4) hours pay at the appropriate overtime rate. Should a member be required to attend court for more than four (4) hours on a day when they have worked the evening shift before the court appearance and are scheduled to work the evening shift on the day of the court appearance, in lieu of the court pay, and upon the approval of their supervisor, the employee has the option to be discharged from duty for the evening shift.

ARTICLE 14 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- 14.01 It is the mutual desire of the parties that complaints of employees be adjusted as quickly as possible. It is understood that an employee has no grievance until they have first given their immediate supervisor an opportunity to adjust their complaint. Any complaint, disagreement or difference of opinion between the parties concerning the interpretation, application or any alleged violation of this agreement or concerning the discharge or discipline of an employee which may be alleged to be unjust, shall be treated as a grievance. Any employee is entitled, upon request, to have a Union Steward present with them when meeting with their immediate supervisor to attempt to adjust their complaint starting at Step 1.
- 14.02 An employee who has a complaint relating to the interpretation, application, administration or alleged violation of this Agreement shall discuss their complaint with their immediate supervisor. Such a complaint shall be brought to the attention of the supervisor, *in writing* within fourteen (14) calendar days of the incident giving rise to the complaint. The supervisor shall state their decision *in writing* within seven (7) calendar days of receiving the complaint.

Step One

Should the employee be dissatisfied with the supervisor's disposition of the complaint they may, with the assistance of a Union Steward, refer such matter, on a written grievance form, to their supervisor. The written complaint shall constitute a formal grievance at Step One and shall be filed within seven (7) calendar days of the decision at the complaint stage noted above. The grievance shall specify the Article or Articles and subsections of the Agreement of which a violation is alleged, contain a statement of the nature of the grievance, and indicate the relief sought and shall be signed by the employee. The supervisor shall answer the grievance in writing within seven (7) calendar days.

Step Two

Should the response of the supervisor at Step One be unsatisfactory, the grievance may be referred to the Director or designate. The grievance must be filed with the Director within seven (7) calendar days of the receipt of the supervisor's reply at Step One. The Director shall answer the grievance in writing within seven (7) calendar days.

Step Three

If no settlement is reached at Step Two or if Step Two is by-passed, the grievor, the Union Steward and staff representative, and the Director or designate and the Director of Human Resources for the Employer or designate shall meet within fourteen (14) calendar days, or a time mutually agreed upon, to discuss the grievance. If the grievance is not settled at the meeting, it may be referred to Arbitration under Article 15 herein, within twenty (20) calendar days of the meeting.

- 14.03 **Group Grievance**
Where a number of employees have identical grievances, and each one would be entitled to grieve separately, they may present a group grievance, in writing, identifying each employee who is grieving, to the Employer within twenty (20) calendar days of the incident giving rise to the complaint. The grievance shall then be treated as being initiated at Step 2 and the applicable provisions of this Article shall then apply with respect to the handling of such grievance.
- 14.04 **Dismissal Grievance**
A complaint by an employee who has been discharged or suspended from employment, that the discharge or suspension was without just cause, shall be treated as a grievance if the written grievance is filed with the Employer within fourteen (14) calendar days of the discharge or suspension. The grievance shall then be treated as being initiated at Step 2 and the applicable provisions of this Article shall then apply with respect to the handling of such grievance.
- 14.05 **Policy Grievance**
The Union or the Employer may initiate a policy grievance beginning at Step Three of the grievance procedure. Such grievance shall be filed within fourteen (14) calendar days of the incident giving rise to the complaint and shall be in the form prescribed in Step One. Any such grievance may be referred to arbitration under Article 14 by either the Union in the case of a Union grievance or the Employer in the case of an Employer grievance. The provisions of this Article 14.05 shall not be used by the Union to file a grievance directly affecting an employee or employees which such employee or employees could themselves file and the provisions of Article 14 hereof shall not be by-passed.
- 14.06 No matter may be submitted to arbitration which has not been properly carried out through the grievance procedure within the mandatory time specified.
- 14.07 Where no answer is given within the mandatory time limits specified in the Grievance Procedure the employee (s) concerned, the Union, or the Employer shall be entitled to submit the grievance to the next step of the Grievance procedure. Any grievance that is not commenced or processed to the next step in the Grievance Procedure within the aforesaid time limits shall be deemed to have been abandoned. Time limits may be extended only by mutual agreement of the parties.
- 14.08 Settlement in any step of the grievance procedure shall be final and binding upon both parties to this Agreement and upon any employee affected by it. The mandatory provisions of this Article 7 shall not be considered to have been waived by the parties or either of them unless they expressly provide a waiver thereof in writing.

- 14.09 The discipline, discharge, or lay-off of a contract probationary employee shall not be the subject of a grievance and/or arbitration pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement unless the probationary employee is discharged or released for reasons which are discriminatory under the *Human Rights Code*.
- 14.10 Whenever the term supervisor is used in this Article it shall relate to the Sergeant appropriate to the incident being grieved.

ARTICLE 15 – ARBITRATION PROCEDURE

- 15.01 Both parties to this Agreement agree that any dispute or grievance concerning the interpretation, application, or alleged violation of this Agreement, which has been properly carried through all the steps of the grievance procedure outlined in this Agreement, and which has not been settled, will be referred to a single Arbitrator.
- 15.02 The parties agree to a process whereby a list of five (5) mutually agreeable arbitrators is established and an arbitrator is selected from the list on a rotational basis as required for grievances.
- 15.03 Nothing in this Agreement shall preclude the Union and the Employee from agreeing to substitute an Arbitration Board for the Sole Arbitrator.
- 15.04 No person who has assisted in the negotiation of this Collective Agreement, or any renewal thereof, may be appointed as Arbitrator or to such Board of Arbitration.
- 15.05 The Arbitrator or the Arbitration Board shall give full opportunity to the Union and the Employer to present evidence and make representations and shall exercise those powers set forth in Section 48 of the *Labour Relations Act*. The Arbitrator or the Arbitration Board shall hear and determine the grievance in question and shall issue a decision and, subject only to the provisions of this Agreement, such decision shall be final and binding upon the Parties and upon any employee affected by it.
- 15.06 Each party shall pay:
- (a) The fees and expenses of their appointee (if applicable)
 - (b) One-half of the fees and expenses of the Arbitrator.
- 15.07 The parties reserve the right to make application for Arbitration using Section 49 of the *Ontario Labour Relations Act* and should such right be exercised, agrees to inform the other Party in accordance with the time limits specified above.

15.08 The Arbitration/Arbitration Board shall not have the authority to alter or change any of the provisions of this Collective Agreement, or to substitute any new provisions in lieu thereof, or to give any decision contrary to the terms or conditions of this Collective Agreement, or in any way modify, add or detract from any of the provisions of this Collective Agreement.

15.09 **Mediation/Dispute Resolution**

The parties may mutually agree to refer a grievance to a mediator before proceeding to arbitration. The selection of a mediator will be agreed to, and costs shall be shared equally by the parties. The mediation shall be conducted on a without prejudice basis and shall not otherwise affect any timelines or provisions of the grievance / arbitration process.

ARTICLE 16 - TERMINATION NOTICE

16.01 Should the employer terminate an employee for redundancy reasons or for cause (and provided that no grievance has been filed related to the termination for cause) the employee will be entitled to a combination of termination notice, and severance pay in accordance with the following schedule:

Period of Employment	Termination Notice	Severance Pay
Under 3 months' service	None	None
3 months to 2 years of service	Two weeks or 80 hours	None
2 years to less than 5 years service	Five weeks or 200 hours	None
5 years or more	One week or 40 hours for each year of service to a maximum of eight weeks or 320 hours	One week or 40 hours for each year of service to a maximum of 26 weeks or 1040 hours

16.02 In extreme cases such as willful misconduct, disobedience or willful neglect of duty, the employee will be interviewed and suspended from work, the case considered, and then employment may be terminated without prior notice or warning.

ARTICLE 17 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

17.01 The parties recognize the importance of continuing professional development opportunities that will enable staff to keep abreast of current trends and issues.

- 17.02 The Employer will therefore endeavour to budget funds to enable each employee in the bargaining unit to participate in professional development as deemed necessary and appropriate by the Employer.

ARTICLE 18 - CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

- 18.01 The Employer agrees to provide the following clothing and equipment:
- (a) Initial issue by the sixth month of employment:

One (1) uniform consisting of 1 jacket, 2 pairs of summer trousers, 2 pairs of winter trousers, 1 cap and badge, 1 winter cap, 3 long sleeve shirts, 3 short sleeve shirts, 1 tie, 1 duty belt, 1 pair of winter gloves, 1 raincoat, 1 pair of "police style" footwear with specifications defined by the Director of CSES.
 - (b) Annual issue - to be provided one (1) year after (a) above each year thereafter:
 - i) Two (2) pair of trousers - employee's choice as to summer or winter issue
 - ii) Three (3) shirts – employee’s choice as to long or short sleeves.
 - (c) Jackets, summer cap, winter cap, winter gloves, ties, sweaters, dickies, raincoat and footwear will be replaced when required as determined by the Director of CSES. Any requests for replacement will be made by June 1st in each calendar year, with the determination and communication by the Director by July 1st with the intent that the clothing will be available by September 1st.
 - (d) Flashlights, safety vests (traffic) are available for use when on duty.
 - (e) Notebooks, leather notebook holders, flashlight batteries, pens (black ink) will be replaced as required.

ARTICLE 19 – VACATIONS

- 19.01 Employees will be entitled to vacation with pay based on the length of continuous service from the date of last hire as set out below:
- (a) An employee earns vacation entitlement at a rate of one hundred twenty (120) hours for each of the first two (2) completed years of continuous service.
 - (b) Upon completion of two (2) full years of continuous service, vacation entitlement is earned at a rate of one hundred sixty (160)

hours per year.

- (c) Upon completion of nineteen (19) full years of continuous service forty (40) additional hours will be provided, and thereafter, vacation entitlement is earned at a rate of two hundred (200) hours per year.

- 19.02 Employees may take their accrued vacation entitlement or a portion thereof, subject in all cases to the prior approval of the Director or designate and the functional requirements of the Employer.
- 19.03 Vacation entitlement will not be permitted to accrue beyond thirty (30) days without the prior approval of the Director or designate.
- 19.04 There will be no accumulation of vacation entitlement during layoffs, unpaid leaves of absence, or during periods of Long-Term Disability or Workmen's Compensation benefits beyond the initial sick leave period.
- 19.05 For the purpose of determining the length of continuous service, all periods of absence as defined in 19.04 above in excess of one (1) month's duration will be added to the date of last hire.

ARTICLE 20 - LONG TERM RECOGNITION

- 20.01 Employees covered by this Agreement will be eligible for the benefits provided for under the current University's policy - Service Recognition Policy 3-5.

ARTICLE 21 - PREGNANCY LEAVE

- 21.01 The Employer provides pregnancy leave for employees to assist them in the continuance of their service at the University.
- 21.02 Should an employee not wish to continue their employment relationship with the University following their pregnancy, they may either resign or apply for unpaid pregnancy leave under the *Employment Standards Act*. These latter provisions are available to those employees who have not satisfied the service requirements in 21.05 below.
- 21.03 Employees are encouraged to discuss the nature of their ongoing commitment to the University with their Director or designate prior to the initiation of the leave.
- 21.04 Upon return to work, the employee is to return to the same position and salary.
- 21.05 The Employer provides for pregnancy leave under the ESA for employees who have worked for the University for at least thirteen (13) weeks of

continuous service. The Employer provides an additional University S.E.B. plan for employees who have worked for the University for at least one (1) year as of the probable date of delivery.

- 21.06 An employee is expected to work for the University for at least six (6) months following the date of their return from their pregnancy leave. Should an employee not satisfy this condition, they will be indebted to the Employer for the sum of the monies paid to them by the Employer during their pregnancy leave.
- 21.07 Pregnancy leave is a flexible leave for up to seventeen (17) weeks with pay and benefits as specified in Section 21.08 and 21.09 below.
- 21.08 An employee who qualifies for pregnancy leave under the provisions of this article is eligible for:
- (a) Ninety-five percent (95%) of the salary at the time of the initiation of the leave paid by the Employer for the initial waiting period prior to the commencement of Employment Insurance benefits, if any; and
 - (b) Upon commencement of Employment Insurance Benefits, the difference between fifty-five percent (55%) of the employee's salary up to the maximum insurable earnings for Employment Insurance and ninety-five percent (95%) of the employee's salary at the time of the initiation of the leave, not to exceed sixteen (16) weeks, paid by the Employer, provided the employee has applied for and qualifies for Supplemental Employment Insurance Benefits (SEIB).

In no case will the total amount of the SEIB, unemployment gross benefits and any other earnings received by the employee exceed ninety-five percent (95%) of the employee's salary at the time of the initiation of the leave.
 - (c) Employees do not have a right to this payment except for supplementation of Employment Insurance Benefits during the pregnancy leave period as specified above.
- 21.09 During the period of paid pregnancy leave, the Employer will continue the employee on full benefits through regular payroll deductions.
- 21.10 Pregnancy leave may be initiated by that employee at any time within seventeen (17) weeks of the expected delivery date.
- 21.11 Pregnancy leave ends no later than seventeen (17) weeks from the beginning of the leave.
- 21.12 Leave in excess of seventeen (17) weeks required for medical reasons relating directly to an employee's pregnancy and/or delivery of an infant

may be treated in accordance with Article 28, Sick Leave and Salary Continuance. In such case, the employee should immediately contact the Director or designate.

- 21.13 Leave of absence in excess of the seventeen (17) week period, except for medical reasons (see 21.12 above) may be taken without salary in accordance with the Parental Leave policy for up to an additional thirty-five (35) weeks and for additional time under Article 27 Leave of Absence.
- 21.14 Vacation entitlement and seniority continue to accumulate during this leave.
- 21.15 An employee shall provide their Director or designate with as much advance notice as possible of the anticipated date of birth and discuss their future plans with regard to their employment at the University.
- 21.16 The Employee should make application through their Director or designate for pregnancy leave at least three months in advance of the expected date of delivery.
- 21.17 A counseling session may be arranged with Pensions & Benefits to provide information and assistance with the completion of the necessary documentation under this Policy.
- 21.18 An expectant mother will be placed on restricted duties commencing six (6) months prior to the expected date of delivery of the newborn child and such restricted duties will continue until the child is born or the pregnancy leave is initiated, whichever occurs first.

ARTICLE 22 - PARENTAL LEAVE

- 22.01 In accordance with the provision of the current ESA, an employee who has been employed for at least thirteen weeks of continuous service and is eligible for a parental leave period extended to the parents of a newborn or newly adopted child coming into the employee's custody, care and control, as outlined in this article.
- (a) If the employee took a pregnancy leave, the employee is eligible for an unpaid leave of sixty-one (61) weeks immediately following the pregnancy leave unless the child has not come into the full custody, care and control of a parent for the first time due to hospitalization.
- (b) If the employee did not take a pregnancy leave, the employee is eligible for an unpaid leave up to sixty-three (63) weeks to commence within seventy-eight (78) weeks after the child comes into the full custody, care and control of a parent for the first time.

- (c) An employee who becomes the parent of newly adopted child(ren) is entitled to an unpaid leave of up to sixty-three (63) weeks to commence within seventy-eight (78) weeks after the child comes into the full custody, care and control of a parent for the first time. The employee who utilizes parental leave solely in respect of adoption of a child and has worked for the University for at least one (1) year and is eligible for and in receipt of Employment Insurance benefits shall be granted SEIB for seventeen (17) weeks of the adoption related parental leave.
- (d) An employee who has not received SEIB as outlined in the Pregnancy or Adoption Leave, may qualify for SEIB for up to seventeen (17) weeks of their Parental Leave on the same terms and conditions as the SEIB are provided to employees on Pregnancy or Adoption Leaves.
- (e) In the case where both parents are employees of The University of Western Ontario, SEIB related to the birth or adoption of a child may be taken by one (1) parent or shared between the two (2) parents.

- 22.02 Employees shall provide their Director or designate with as much advance notice as possible of the anticipated date on which the leave is to commence, but in any case, a minimum of two (2) weeks' notice is required, unless the child arrives earlier than expected.
- 22.03 Vacation entitlement and seniority continue to accumulate during this leave.
- 22.04 During the period of parental leave, the Employer will continue the employee on the benefits normally fully paid by the Employer.

ARTICLE 23 - EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

- 23.01 An Educational Assistance Plan is established, and will be maintained, for the purpose of encouraging members to obtain additional education to assist in their career development and to provide financial assistance to those who do so in accordance with this Article.
- 23.02 This Article applies to those members who are actively employed at the beginning of the course(s) involved and members who are on an unpaid education leave of absence in accordance with Article 29 at the beginning of such eligible courses. If a member voluntarily terminates their employment or is terminated for just cause prior to the completion of the course, that individual shall be indebted to the University for the full amount of tuition advanced.

23.03 For each full or half course taken for credit at the University, the employee will be reimbursed the equivalent of the tuition fee for a basic undergraduate full or half course, whichever is applicable, in the University's Faculty of Arts and Humanities. Provided a member has completed a course for credit at The University of Western Ontario under this Educational Assistance Article, the tuition fee for all future credit courses at the University of Western Ontario will be paid in advance by the University, subject in all cases to all other requirements of this article being met.

A maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100) will be reimbursed on submission of receipt upon the successful completion of a course for the purchase of textbooks. Supplementary expenses such as activity fees, and lab fees shall not be reimbursed. All taxes form part of the full tuition and textbook cost for the purposes of this Article.

Members who are accepted into a part-time graduate Masters program at the University or any graduate degree program offered by any Canadian higher education institution, will be eligible for financial assistance in advance for tuition up to four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per academic year, provided the member maintains their active employment relationship while completing this education.

Should the member not successfully complete their education, the advance funding is payable back to the University in the defined timeframe as agreed between the member and the University.

23.04 Members shall be eligible for assistance for courses taken at institutions other than the University and/or non-credit courses at the University in accordance with this Article. The course(s) must be related to the present work duties or anticipated career plan for the individual within the University. A course is defined as a series of academic lectures which culminates in an examination and/or grade being awarded. Reimbursement will be on the basis of the tuition fee (not supplementary expenses, such as activity fees or lab fees) of each course to a maximum of the basic undergraduate tuition cost of two (2) full Faculty of Arts and Humanities courses at UWO per year, with the year running from June 1 to May 31. A maximum of one hundred dollars (\$100) will be reimbursed on submission of receipts upon the successful completion of a course for the purchase of textbooks. The end of the course (the last day of classes or exam date whichever is later) shall determine the year to which the course is credited. The University shall determine whether an application under this sub-article will be approved. All taxes form part of the full tuition and textbook cost for the purposes of this Article.

23.05 The University will sponsor a tuition scholarship program for dependent children of Union members. The scholarship will be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) per annum per dependent child who meets the following criteria/conditions:

- The student must be under the age of twenty-six (26) years and enrolled as a full-time student in a degree program at The University of Western Ontario (Affiliated colleges are included).
- Accessibility to the tuition scholarship is limited to four (4) years, although not necessarily consecutive years.
- Minimum Academic Average and Progression requirements must be satisfied in the academic year prior to awarding the scholarship in order to maintain eligibility.

ARTICLE 24 – LEAVES OF ABSENCE

24.01 Personal Leave of Absence

Subject to the operational needs and requirements of the Employer, employees may be granted a Leave of Absence without pay provided the Employer is given at least four (4) weeks' notice of such request, unless there are extenuating circumstances. Vacation, sick or personal days will not accrue or accumulate during the period of a personal leave of absence.

There will be no accumulation of vacation entitlement during unpaid leaves of absence or during periods of Long-Term Disability or Worker's Compensation benefits beyond the initial fifteen (15) week sick leave period.

24.02 Union Leaves

(a) Union Leave

Subject to the operational needs and requirements of the Employer, the Employer agrees to grant leaves of absence, without pay, to not more than one (1) employee at any one time, selected by the Union to attend Union business including conferences, conventions. Granting of such leave shall not be unreasonably withheld. In requesting such leave-of-absence for an employee(s), the Union must give at least twenty (20) working days' notice in writing to the Employer. During such leave of absence, an Employee's salary and applicable benefits or percentage in lieu of fringe benefits shall be maintained by the Employer and the Union agrees to reimburse the Employer in the amount of the full cost of the employee's wages and benefits. The Employer will bill the Union and the Union will remit payment.

(b) Leave for Executive Board Member: Full Time Position

Subject to the operational needs and requirements of the Employer, one (1) employee, who is elected or appointed to a full-time position with OPSEU/SEFPO, may be granted leave of absence without pay for a period of twenty-four (24) months. Requests for such leave will

not be unreasonably denied. There shall be no loss of seniority or credits for the purposes of salary advancement or vacation entitlements or other benefits during such leave of absence. During such leave of absence, an employee's salary and applicable benefits shall be maintained by the Employer and the Union agrees to reimburse the Employer the amount of the full cost of the employee's wages and benefits. The Employer will bill the Union and the Union will remit payment.

24.03 **Bereavement Leave**

An employee may be granted up to three (3) days leave of absence without loss in pay as may be necessary to make arrangements for and/or to attend the funeral or memorial service of the employee's spouse, parent, stepparent, grandparent, grandchild, stepchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, son, son-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, sister or sister-in-law. Upon request such additional time off without pay may be granted as is necessary to make arrangements or for long distance travelling.

24.04 **Jury Duty Leave**

If an employee is required to serve as a juror in any court of law, the employee shall not lose regular pay because of such attendance and shall not be required to work on the day of such duty provided that the employee:

- (a) notifies the Employer immediately on the employee's notification that the employee will be required to attend court;
- (b) presents proof of service requiring the employee's attendance;
- (c) deposits with the Employer the full amount of compensation received excluding mileage, travelling and meal allowances, and an official receipt where available.

24.05 **Personal Emergency Leave**

The Employer shall grant a personal emergency leave of absence without pay in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act, 2000*. Such emergency leave days shall be inclusive of any paid leave of absence days under this agreement.

24.06 **Family Medical Leave**

Family medical leave shall be granted in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act of Ontario, 2000* as amended.

24.07 Employees on unpaid leaves of absence from the Employer may continue, to the extent permitted by the terms of the benefit insurance policy and pension plan requirements, benefit coverage for the duration of the leave by making arrangements satisfactory to the Employer prior to the commencement of the leave and by paying the total premiums involved.

24.08 **Health-Care Appointments**

- (a) Whenever possible, employees will arrange medical and dental appointments at times other than working hours.
- (b) When it is not possible to make health care appointments outside working hours, employees will arrange their appointments as near as possible to the beginning or end of the workday.
- (c) If health care appointments must be made during working hours, the employee's Director or designate should be notified several days in advance of the appointment if possible.
- (d) Appointments for health care will normally be considered leave of absence with pay.

24.09 **Reservist Leave**

- (a) Western will grant Reservist Leave in accordance with the *Employment Standards Act (Ontario)*, provided the employee has completed at least 6 months of Service. The employee must provide evidence that they are required to take the leave and written notice of the beginning and the end of the leave, at least one (1) month before the leave, if possible.
- (b) If the Reservist Leave ends earlier than the original leave end date provided by the employee (as requested under Article 29.09), Western may postpone the employee's reinstatement for two (2) weeks after the day on which the leave ends.
- (c) Where an employee does not return to Western after expiry of their Reservist Leave, they shall be deemed to have resigned.
- (d) An employee on a Reservist Leave is entitled to be reinstated to the same position if it still exists. If it does not exist, they may exercise their rights under Article 11 of this agreement.
- (e) Seniority and Service shall continue to accrue during the leave.
- (f) A Reservist Leave shall be without pay, group insurance benefits or pension contributions. However, an employee may continue group insurance benefits and/or pension contributions provided they pay the cost of the employee contributions or premiums.

24.10 This article, and other clauses in the Collective Agreement that provide for paid and unpaid leaves for the purposes set out under Sec. 50 of the *Employment Standards Act* will be deemed to offset the Employer's requirements to provide for ten (10) days of unpaid leave to the extent that the sick leave and other leave clauses are accessed during the course of the year.

24.11 There will be no accumulation of vacation entitlement during unpaid leaves of absence longer than two (2) weeks or during periods of Long-Term Disability or Worker's Compensation benefits beyond the initial fifteen (15) week sick leave period.

24.12 **Witness Duty Pay**

- (a) An employee who is required to attend a legal proceeding as a witness based on their performance of their duties as a Special Constable will receive regular pay computed at the employee's earning rate.
- (b) When an employee is required to attend as a witness, as per 24.01 above, they will inform their Director or designate of the date of the court appearance as soon as possible.
- (c) An employee attending court as a witness because of an action involving their role as a Western Special Constable, during the period they are not on duty, will receive a minimum of four (4) hours' pay at one and one-half times (1.5 x) the earning rate.
- (d) It is understood and agreed that each employee waives their right to any witness fee.

ARTICLE 25 - BULLETIN BOARD

- 25.01 The Employer will provide a bulletin board in a mutually agreed location which will be used by the Union for posting notices.
- 25.02 The posting, removal and policing of the Union board will be done by the Steward.

ARTICLE 26 – TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

- 26.01 The Employer will notify the Union in advance of any technological changes that the Employer has decided to introduce which will significantly change the status or working conditions of the employees within the bargaining unit.
- 26.02 The Employer agrees to discuss with the Union the effect of such technological changes on the employment status of employees and to consider practical ways and means of minimizing the adverse effect, if any, upon employees concerned.
- 26.03 Employees will be given notice of the impending change in employment status and/or working conditions.
- 26.04 In the event of the introduction of any new computer equipment or software programs, which requires an employee to upgrade their skills, the employee shall be given a reasonable period of time to acquire the skills necessitated by the introduction of the equipment/programming. The Employer will assume the cost of in-service training and there shall be no reduction in normal earnings during the training period for any such

employee. Training shall be given during the hours of work whenever possible.

ARTICLE 27 - HOLIDAYS

- 27.01 All employees, subject to the provisions of this Article, shall receive pay at their earning rate for eight (8) hours on the following statutory holidays provided the Employer, at its discretion, may determine the precise date on which the holidays are honoured. For the purpose of this agreement the employer will observe Christmas Day on December 25 and New Year's Day on January 1 of each year.
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| New Year's Day | Labour Day |
| Family Day | Thanksgiving Day |
| Good Friday | Christmas Day |
| Victoria Day | Boxing Day |
| Canada Day | Presidents Day |
| Civic Holiday | |
- 27.02 In addition, after one (1) full year of employment, each employee will be entitled to one (1) day's holiday per annum to be taken, subject to the work requirements of the unit at a mutually agreeable time.
- 27.03 An employee is eligible for holiday pay as described above if present on their regular scheduled shift immediately preceding and immediately following the holiday unless any absence is for reason satisfactory to the Employer.
- 27.04 When the President's Day falls on a day which is not normally a working day, an alternate day will be specified by the Employer.
- 27.05 When one of the above holidays falls on the regular day off or during vacation of any employee, another day off shall be arranged by the agreement of the individual and the Director or designate.
- 27.06 When one of the above holidays falls during sick leave or an approved leave of absence, no entitlement will accrue to the employee.
- 27.07 Employees who are required to work on a holiday under Article 27.01, shall receive one and one-half times (1.5 x) their regular pay for all hours worked on that statutory holiday plus a day in lieu.
- 27.08 For all cases, the method of reimbursement should be agreed to by the employee and the Director or designate prior to the work being undertaken on a holiday. If time off is the agreed upon method of reimbursement, such entitlement must be used during the calendar month in which it is earned except if earned in December, then must be used by end of January.

- 27.09 Employees will not be paid for any of the above holidays should they fall during an unpaid leave of absence.
- 27.10 The University will designate between one (1) and three (3) days off during the Christmas period and employees who are scheduled to work on these designated days will be paid at regular rate of pay for all hours worked. The employee will also bank equivalent hours for the work on the designated day.
- 27.11 Employees required to work when the University is officially closed by the President or designate, for emergency reasons, will be compensated at a rate of two (2) times the hourly earnings rate for all hours worked.
- 27.12 Employees required to work on either Christmas Day (December 25), or New Year's Day (January 1) will be paid at the rate of two (2) times their regular rate for all hours worked on those days. (Formerly Article 13.13)

ARTICLE 28 - SICK LEAVE AND SALARY CONTINUANCE

- 28.01 Employees are eligible as of their Regular Full-Time start date to receive full salary while absent from work due to illness or injury up to a maximum of fifteen (15) consecutive weeks except as described in 28.01(a) below.
- (a) If there is a recurrence of the same or related illness or injury during the first three (3) weeks following an employee's return to work on a full-time basis, the employee is entitled to the unused portion of the original fifteen (15) week period of sick leave.
 - (b) Employees are again eligible for the full fifteen (15) weeks of sick leave upon their return to work from any sick leave regardless of duration, except as under 28.01(a) above.
- 28.02 Employees are to notify their Director or designate as early as possible of their absence and expected date of return to work on a full-time basis.
- 28.03 The Employer reserves the right to require medical certification of illness or injury and/or a medical examination by a qualified physician of its choice any time that it considers such action necessary. Any costs associated with additional medical certification requested by the employer will not be at the member's expense.
- (a) In any event, after an absence of one (1) week and at regular intervals thereafter (e.g. every two (2) weeks) the employee will keep their Director or designate informed of their medical status and tentative return to work date.
 - (b) At the time of their return to work after each sick leave absence of two (2) weeks or more the employee must provide Employee Well-

being with a physician's note certifying that the employee has been in the care of a physician and:

- i) that the employee is able to return to work on a full-time basis without restrictions, or
- ii) that the employee is able to return to work, with the nature and duration of any work restrictions described.

- 28.04 All Worker's Compensation allowances will be received directly by the Employer for the first fifteen (15) weeks of sick leave during which time full pay will be given to the employee. If the disability continues, Worker's Compensation will pay the employee directly.
- 28.05 During the periods of total disability and where no salary is being paid by the Employer, all group insurance and pension benefits in force at the commencement of the sick leave will be continued by the Employer.
- 28.06 There will be no accumulation of vacation entitlement during unpaid leaves of absence or during periods of Long-Term Disability or Worker's Compensation benefits beyond the initial sick leave period.

ARTICLE 29 - STAFF BENEFITS

- 29.01 All regular full-time employees under this Agreement will be provided with Staff Benefits as outlined in this Article.
- 29.02 Where the salary of an employee in any month is not sufficient to pay the required employee contributions to the benefits programs, the contributions of the employer towards the benefit programs are discontinued. Employees may continue these benefits by making appropriate arrangements with the Human Resources Department at the time of the layoff or leave.
- 29.03 **Long Term Disability Insurance**
During periods of Long Term Disability or WSIB where no salary is being paid by the Employer, all compulsory group insurance and pension benefits in force at the commencement of the absence will be continued by the Employer. Employees may continue any voluntary group insurance benefits by making arrangements with the Human Resources Department for payment of those voluntary benefits they wish to continue.
- 29.04 Effective 1 July 2001, the level of Group Long Term Disability Insurance benefit will be amended to seventy percent (70%) of income at date of disability, subject to a maximum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per month.

- 29.05 **Group Health, Vision and Dental Plans**
 Group Health and Dental Plan Eligible Expenses shall be in accordance with the Group Insurance Policy (Manulife 1878) as of July 1, 2009, except as explicitly amended in this article.
- 29.06 Members will fund fifteen percent (15%) of eligible expenses under the Group Extended Health Insurance Plan and the Group Dental Insurance Plan, subject to a maximum out of pocket of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) per calendar year for single coverage and nine hundred dollars (\$900) per calendar year for family coverage. Eligible expenses with defined annual maximums (e.g. orthotics) are not included in this co-insurance arrangement.
- Vision Care benefit shall be provided up to three hundred dollars (\$300) per covered person every twenty-four (24) months. Laser eye surgery shall be an eligible expense for the Vision Care benefit.
- 29.07 **Professional Expense Reimbursement**
 Each Member may claim Reimbursable Expenses up to a value of three hundred dollars (\$300) per calendar year. Effective for the calendar year 2012 only, the reimbursable expenses shall be four hundred dollars (\$400).
- 29.08 **Healthcare Spending Account**
 A healthcare spending account (HCSA) is included in the group benefit program for the purposes of reimbursement of medical expenses. Eligible expenses will be in accordance with the eligible expenses regulations of the *Income Tax Act (Canada)*.
- A base HCSA of two hundred dollars (\$200) per member shall be allocated per calendar year. Members may elect allocation from flex credits to the HCSA for additional eligible expenses, by November 30th prior to each calendar year. Unused allocations may be carried over for one (1) taxation year.
- Effective January 1, 2024, each OPSEU/SEFPO eligible member will be allocated \$800 flex credits per annum which can be allocated to the HCSA or Professional Expense Reimbursement in one hundred dollar (\$100) increments.
- 29.09 Benefits under the Group Health, Vision and Dental Plans will be continued for retirees who have accrued ten (10) years full time service. OPSEU/SEFPO eligible members hired into a regular full time OPSEU/SEFPO appointment prior to July 1, 2007, must have accrued five (5) years of full time service to be eligible for post retirement health, dental, vision and life insurance programs. The design of post retirement health, dental and vision care plans remained unchanged from the design as of July 1, 2009, for all future retired members from the OPSEU/SEFPO-

eligible group. The health spending account is not added to group benefit plans for current or future retired OPSEU/SEFPO-eligible members.

29.10 **Out of Country Coverage**

A limit on trip duration of ninety (90) days shall be added to the plan such that only incidents that occur within the first ninety (90) days of being out of the country will be eligible for reimbursement. Eligible Expenses are limited to two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) per person per trip.

The trip duration limit shall be sixty (60) days OPSEU/SEFPO eligible members who retire on or after July 1, 2007.

29.11 **Life Insurance**

Basic Life Insurance benefit is equal to two (2) times the member annual earnings. The University shall fund the first fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) of this benefit and the member shall fund the premiums for the remaining insurance.

For OPSEU/SEFPO-eligible members who continue to work beyond their Normal Retirement Date, the University will pay the full coverage for a fifteen thousand dollar (\$15,000) basic life benefit.

Members may purchase additional optional life insurance, dependent life insurance and accident insurance in accordance with this insurance policies in place as of July 1, 2009.

29.12 **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**

UWO shall maintain its Employee Assistance Program (EAP) which shall continue to offer free, confidential and professional counselling service to employees. The counseling shall continue to be provided at an off-campus location by an independent agency not affiliated with UWO.

- (a) Participation in the EAP shall remain strictly voluntary, and confidentiality shall be strictly maintained unless an employee waives that right in writing.
- (b) Utilization, or non-utilization, of the EAP by an employee shall not interfere with that employee's position, employment or opportunities for promotion or advancement within the UWO in any way.
- (c) Initial contact with an EAP counselor must be initiated by the employee. The counselor may not initiate contact with an employee on the basis of a referral by a supervisor, co-worker, family member, etc.
- (d) Absences from work necessary to attend EAP counseling session will be treated as other health care appointments under Article 26.

29.13

Benefits After Attaining Normal Retirement Age and Actively Employed

After achieving Normal Retirement Age an employee will be eligible for the following benefits programs if they remain actively employed on a full-time basis:

- Administrative Staff contributions continue for active OPSEU/SEFPO eligible members who work beyond their Normal Retirement Date, provided the member has not yet attained a point where their age plus full time service equals ninety-five (95) and has not attained age sixty-nine (69).
- Dental Plan (includes coverage for your spouse)
- Extended Health, Vision Care and Out of Country coverage
- Parental Leave
- Compassionate Leave
- Bereavement Leave
- Educational Assistance
- Vacation
- Long Service Awards
- Employee Assistance
- Employees may elect to convert the amount of life insurance in force as at your Normal Retirement Date, up to a maximum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), to a private policy within thirty-one (31) days. Premiums for this private policy are one hundred percent (100%) paid by the employee.
- You may also elect to convert your Voluntary Personal Accident Insurance to a private policy.

After achieving Normal Retirement Age, the following benefits programs for active full time employees will cease:

- Optional and Dependent Basic Life Insurance
- Voluntary Personal Accident Insurance
- Long Term Disability

Employees who have reached Normal Retirement Date and if eligible will use the Ontario Drug Benefit as first payer.

ARTICLE 30 – CONTRACTING OUT

30.01

Should there be "contracting out" of any job covered by the scope of this Agreement in whole or in part during the course of this Agreement, the University shall make every effort, consistent with its obligation to operate in an efficient and economical manner, to retain employees displaced thereby.

ARTICLE 31 – WAGES

31.01 The University agrees to pay the wages outlined below and calculated in Schedule A.

December 1, 2023:

- Three percent (3%) hourly rate scale increase
- Twelve hundred dollar (\$1,200) lump sum payment not to base to be paid on December 2023 monthly pay conditional on ratification from both parties.

July 1, 2024

- Two and one-half percent (2.5%) hourly rate scale increase
- Six hundred dollar (\$600) lump sum payment not to base for a current OPSEU/SEFPO member who received a Dec. 1/23 wage increase and is actively employed July 1/24
- Additional fifty cent (\$0.50)/hour market adjustment
- Addition of Mental Health Professional Services

July 1, 2025

- Two and one-quarter percent (2.25%) hourly rate scale increase
- Additional fifty cent (\$0.50)/hour market adjustment

July 1, 2026

- Two percent (2%) hourly rate scale increase
- Additional fifty cent (\$0.50)/hour market adjustment

ARTICLE 32 - DURATION

32.01 All the base monetary provisions of this Agreement shall continue in effect from the 1st day of July 2023 until the 30th day of June 2027 and shall continue automatically thereafter for annual periods of one (1) year unless either party informs the other in writing not less than thirty (30) days and not more than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration day that it desires to amend or terminate this Agreement.

32.02 All non-monetary and non-basic monetary provisions of the Agreement shall continue in effect from the date of ratification until the 30th day of June 2027. However, either party may inform the other in writing not less than thirty (30) days and not more than ninety (90) days prior to the 30th day of June 2027 anniversary date that it desires to amend or terminate any non-monetary provisions of this Agreement.

SALARY SCHEDULE A

	December 1, 2023	July 1, 2024	July 1, 2025	July 1, 2026
Scale	3.00%	2.50%	2.25%	2.00%
Annual Salary 4th	\$ 59,801	\$ 62,336	\$ 64,779	\$ 67,115
Annual Salary 3rd	\$ 64,419	\$ 67,069	\$ 69,618	\$ 72,050
Annual Salary 2nd	\$ 68,258	\$ 71,004	\$ 73,642	\$ 76,155
Annual Salary 1st	\$ 79,528	\$ 82,556	\$ 85,454	\$ 88,203
Hourly				
	December 1, 2023	July 1, 2024	July 1, 2025	July 1, 2026
Start	\$ 28.75	\$ 29.97	\$ 31.14	\$ 32.27
Level 3	\$ 30.97	\$ 32.24	\$ 33.47	\$ 34.64
Level 2	\$ 32.82	\$ 34.14	\$ 35.40	\$ 36.61
Level 1	\$ 38.23	\$ 39.69	\$ 41.08	\$ 42.41
Monthly				
	December 1, 2023	July 1, 2024	July 1, 2025	July 1, 2026
Start	\$ 4,983	\$ 5,195	\$ 5,398	\$ 5,593
Level 3	\$ 5,368	\$ 5,589	\$ 5,802	\$ 6,004
Level 2	\$ 5,688	\$ 5,917	\$ 6,137	\$ 6,346
Level 1	\$ 6,627	\$ 6,880	\$ 7,121	\$ 7,350

* Movement to the job levels will be subject to the following:

Level III • Completion of twelve (12) months service

Appointment as a Special Constable in accordance with the *Community Safety and Policing Act*
Achieve a passing mark in a written examination of competency

Level II • Completion of twenty-four (24) months service or equivalent training and experience as determined by the Director of CSES.

Achieve a passing mark in a written examination of competency

Level I • Completed forty-eight (48) months of service

Successful completion of Ontario Police College Recruit Training Program or equivalent training and experience as determined by the Director of CSES.

Achieve a passing mark in a written examination of competency

The time frames noted above related to periods of time actually worked. The date an employee assumes the regular full-time position of Western Special Constable will be considered the start date for the commencement of the time period actually worked.

APPENDIX A

GROUP INSURANCE BENEFIT PLAN AMENDMENTS

1. **GENERIC SUBSTITUTIONS:**

Where the drug dispensed is interchangeable with any other drug, the charges for such drug will not exceed the cost of the lowest priced interchangeable drug, unless the written prescription prohibits the dispensing of any substitute for the drug prescribed.

2. **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:**

In the treatment of an injury or illness, the following drugs will be considered eligible expenses if dispensed by a licensed physician or dentist, or by a licensed pharmacist on the written prescription of a licensed physician or dentist;

- a) drugs legally requiring a prescription in accordance with the *Food and Drug Act, Canada* or similar provincial legislation;
- b) drugs not legally requiring a prescription, but which are in an injectable format, or are life-sustaining and identified under the following headings in the Therapeutic Guide section of the then current Compendium of Pharmaceutical and Specialties;

anti-anginal agents	anticholinergic preparations
antiparkinsonism agents	anti-arrhythmic agents
bronchodilators	glaucoma therapy
antihyperlipidemic agents	insulin preparations
hyperthyroidism therapy	oral fibrinolytic agents
parasympathomimetic agents	potassium replacement therapy
tuberculosis therapy	topical enzymatic debriding agents
anti-inflammatories	anti-histamines

3. **FORMULARY:**

OPSEU/SEFPO agrees to participate equally with the administration and other employee groups in the establishment of a drug formulary.

4. **DENTAL PLAN:**

Regular Dental Examinations

No benefit will be paid for more than one (1) routine dental examination and cleaning for a covered person during any period of nine (9) consecutive months.

5. **LONG TERM DISABILITY:**

During the first twenty-four (24) months of absence, staff members will be considered to be disabled and eligible for benefits if they are unable to perform

their "own occupation". Beyond twenty-four (24) months individuals who are not able to perform the duties of their own or any other occupation for which they are reasonably fitted by education, training or experience and which have salary rates equal to at least seventy-five percent (75%) of their Indexed Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings, will continue to be considered disabled.

6. OUT OF COUNTRY COVERAGE:

A limit on trip duration of ninety (90) days shall be added to the plan such that only incidents that occur within the first ninety (90) days of being out of the country will be eligible for reimbursement.

The trip duration limit shall be sixty (60) days OPSEU/SEFPO eligible members who retire on or after July 1, 2007.

7. DEPENDENT CHILD:

Effective July 1, 2007, the current definition in the master benefits contract shall remain unchanged except to include only children of OPSEU/SEFPO eligible members, up to age twenty-one (21), or up to age twenty-five (25) on the provision of evidence that the child is in school full time.

Mentally or physically infirmed dependent children would continue to be covered regardless of age, on provision of satisfactory evidence of the infirmity to the insurer.

The definition is applicable to the health, dental, vision, life insurance and dependent tuition scholarship programs.

8. BASIC LIFE INSURANCE:

For OPSEU/SEFPO-eligible members who continue to work beyond their Normal Retirement Date, the University will pay the full coverage for a fifteen thousand dollar (\$15,000) basic life benefit.

9. POST RETIREMENT BENEFITS:

Effective July 1, 2007, OPSEU/SEFPO eligible members must have accrued ten (10) years full time service to be eligible for post retirement health, dental, vision and life insurance programs.

OPSEU/SEFPO eligible members hired into a regular full time OPSEU/SEFPO appointment prior to July 1, 2007, must have accrued five (5) years of full time service to be eligible for post retirement health, dental, vision and life insurance programs.

The design of post retirement health, dental and vision care plans remained unchanged from the design as of June 30, 2007, with the exception of the out of

country trip duration limit of sixty (60) days as outlined in three (3) above and the same dependent child definition as outlined in four (4) above, for all future retired members from the OPSEU/SEFPO-eligible group.

10. In order to ensure clarity between the parties the following outlines the Post Normal Retirement Age Benefits for all employees who achieve retirement eligibility and decide to remain at work.

After achieving Normal Retirement Age an employee will be eligible for the following benefits programs if they remain actively employed on a full time basis after achieving NRD:

- Administrative Staff pension plan Pension contributions continue for active OPSEU/SEFPO eligible members who work beyond their Normal Retirement Date, provided the member has not yet attained a point where their age plus full time service equals ninety-five (95) and has not attained age sixty-nine (69).
- Dental (includes coverage for your spouse)
- Extended Health including Vision and Out of Country coverage
- Parental Leave
- Compassionate Leave
- Bereavement Leave
- Educational Assistance
- Vacation
- Long Service Awards
- Employee Assistance
- Employees may elect to convert the amount of life insurance in force as at your Normal Retirement Date, up to a maximum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000), to a private policy within thirty-one (31) days. Premiums for this private policy are one hundred percent (100%) paid by the employee.
- You may also elect to convert your Voluntary Personal Accident Insurance to a private policy.

After achieving Normal Retirement Age the following benefits programs for active full time employees will cease:

- Optional and Dependent Basic Life Insurance
- Voluntary Personal Accident Insurance
- Long Term Disability
- Canada Pension Plan (CPP) - if an employee has been approved to receive CPP retirement benefits.

Employees who have reached Normal Retirement Date and if eligible will use the Ontario Drug Benefit as first payer.

11. **HEALTH SPENDING ACCOUNT:**
Effective January 1, 2009, a health spending account will be added to the group benefit program for the purposes of reimbursement of medical expenses. Eligible

expenses will be in accordance with the eligible expenses regulations of the *Income Tax Act (Canada)*. Unused allocations may be carried over for one (1) taxation year.

Effective January 1, 2009, each OPSEU/SEFPO-eligible member will be allocated two hundred dollars (\$200) per annum for expense reimbursement. Unused allocations may be carried over for one (1) taxation year.

Effective January 1, 2024, each OPSEU/SEFPO eligible member will be allocated eight hundred dollars (\$800) flex credits per annum which can be allocated to the HCSA or Professional Expense Reimbursement in one hundred dollar (\$100) increments.

Election is made once per year by November 30th.

The health spending account is not added to group benefit plans for current or future retired OPSEU/SEFPO-eligible members.

VISION CARE:

Two hundred dollars (\$200) per person every twenty-four (24) months and eligible expenses will include the cost of laser eye surgery.

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Effective March 1, 2024, **Mental Health Professional Services eighty-five percent (85%)****, includes services delivered by individuals who are registered by the College of Psychologists of Ontario, the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario, the College of Nurses of Ontario, the College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario, the Ontario College of Social Workers, Ontario Registered Clinical Counsellor or the Canadian Registry of Marriage and Family Therapists.

Reasonable and Customary Charge means a charge which is usually made in the absence of this or any similar coverage, for a specific type of care, service or supply, based on representative fees and prices in the geographic area in which the charge for the care, service or supply was incurred, as determined by Manulife Financial.

All claims are adjudicated by reference to Reasonable and Customary Charges.

****The Employee is required to pay fifteen percent (15%) towards Eligible Expenses incurred until the out-of-pocket maximum is satisfied. The out-of-pocket maximum is four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) for a single person or nine hundred dollars (\$900) for a family in a calendar year. Once the out-of-pocket maximum is satisfied, any further Eligible Expenses incurred in that calendar year will be reimbursed at one hundred percent (100%). This out-of-pocket maximum is combined between Health and Dental plans.**

APPENDIX B

**Letter of Understanding
Between
The University of Western Ontario (UWO)
and
Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU/SEFPO)
Syndicat des employes de la fonction publique de l'Ontario**

Re: Training

The Employer and Union acknowledge and agree that training is a fundamental requirement to ensure that Employees are adequately prepared to fulfil the duties and responsibilities of a Special Constable in a safe, efficient, effective and lawful manner.

The Employer shall be responsible to ensure that all Employees are provided with all mandatory training in accordance with training Regulations specific to Special Constables under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* as well as any mandatory training requirements of their appointment as Special Constables by the London Police Services Board.

The Employer shall also be responsible to provide Employees with supplemental training and education specific to the roles and responsibilities of a Special Constable including but not limited to "In-Service" training provided by the London Police Service and "In-Service" training provided by the Western Special Constable Service.

The Employer and Union acknowledge and agree that each Employee is responsible for their own on-going personal education and professional development above and beyond the mandatory and supplemental training provided by the Employer. The Employer shall endeavour to support an Employee's on-going education or professional development without adversely affecting operational requirements.

SIGNED at London, Ontario this 30 day of October, 2025.

APPENDIX C

**Letter of Understanding
Between
The University of Western Ontario (UWO)
and
Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU/SEFPO)
Syndicat des employés de la fonction publique de l'Ontario**

Re : Special Constable Patrol Staffing

The Employer and the Union acknowledge and agree that, in order to provide effective Special Constable Services to Western University, manage workload, and support the safety of the Employees during patrol operations, the University will endeavour to provide a minimum of two (2) members of the Western Special Constable Service appointed as Special Constables for each shift. Patrol Section Special Constable scheduling and granting of time off requests are not intended to result in less than two (2) Special Constables on patrol duties at any time.

For clarity, a member of Western Special Constable Service appointed as a Special Constable includes Special Constables who are members of the OPSEU/SEFPO bargaining unit, as well as Special Constables outside of the bargaining unit that have been appointed to the rank of Sergeant, Staff Sergeant, and Operations Leader.

In circumstances where Special Constable patrol staffing unexpectedly falls below two (2) Special Constables the Employer shall endeavour to, as soon as practicably possible, provide an additional Special Constable, or make schedule adjustments as required, to maintain two (2) Special Constables on patrol duties.

A Special Constable may be required to work as a lone Special Constable on patrol duties until such time as an additional Special Constable can be arranged.

SIGNED at London, Ontario this 30 day of October, 2025.

APPENDIX D

**Letter of Understanding
Between
The University of Western Ontario (UWO)
and
Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU/SEFPO)
Syndicat des employes de la fonction publique de l'Ontario**

Re: Banked Accumulated Time

An employee, on three weeks' notice, may opt for payment of up to the equivalent of up to six (6) twelve-hour shifts of accumulated time each fiscal year. All hours accumulated in excess of the assigned work schedule will be governed by Article 13: Hours of Work.

SIGNED at London, Ontario this 30 day of October, 2025.

APPENDIX E

**Letter of Understanding
Between
The University of Western Ontario (UWO)
and
Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU/SEFPO)
Syndicat des employes de la fonction publique de l'Ontario**

Notwithstanding Article 13 – Hours of Work the parties agree to:

Trial, for the life of the current collective agreement, which expires on June 30, 2027, the creation of a new Campus Community Resource Officer (CCRO) Unit, comprised of 4 Special Constables, temporarily seconded from the existing Patrol Section Special Constable complement.

The parties agree that they will meet to review. The trial project will automatically expire on June 30, 2027, unless extended by mutual agreement.

CCRO Team

- CCRO team comprised of 4 Special Constables (1 from each Patrol Section)

Role of CCRO Team

- Same role, responsibilities as Special Constables on Patrol Section with the purpose of providing:
 - Focus on campus community needs (i.e. enhanced availability to engage with student, faculty, staff on a regular basis, provide enhanced safety & security as required/requested by the campus community)
 - Enhanced Special Constable presence during times when they are most needed on campus – as above as well as providing support to Patrol Sections including staffing and calls for service when required
- Supervised by / report to: CSPTED & Patrol Support Sergeant

Schedule

- CCRO team will work overlapping **10-hour shifts** in 2 teams of 2 Special Constables (schedule below) to maximize coverage.
- CCRO team selects holidays with their team (partner) 1 off on leave per team at any given time.
- For the duration of this CCRO team project the schedule shall remain a 10-hour shift. However, days worked within the schedule may be varied with a minimum of 7 days' notice to the member without additional compensation to the member by the employer.

CCRO TEAM	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	OFF	08:00-18:00	08:00-18:00	08:00-18:00	08:00-18:00	OFF	OFF
2	OFF	OFF	14:00-00:00 (12MN)	14:00-00:00 (12MN)	14:00-00:00 (12MN)	14:00-00:00 (12MN)	OFF

SIGNED at London, Ontario this 30 day of October, 2025.