

**ELECTRICAL 1852 COMMERCIAL PROJECTS**  
**COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**  
**2017 - 2020**

- BETWEEN -

**NOVA SCOTIA CONSTRUCTION LABOUR RELATIONS  
ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
(hereinafter referred to as the "CLRA")

- AND -

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS,**  
**LOCAL UNION 1852**

*THIS AGREEMENT* dated at Sydney, Nova Scotia this 13th day of December, 2018.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2018**  
**EXPIRATION DATE: JUNE 30, 2020**

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**BETWEEN**

**NOVA SCOTIA CONSTRUCTION LABOUR RELATIONS ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
(hereinafter referred to as the "CLRA")

*OF THE FIRST PART*

- AND -

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS**  
**LOCAL UNION 1852, SYDNEY, NS**  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

*OF THE SECOND PART*

Definition of terms required for interpretation of this Agreement are attached hereto and form part hereof.

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**DIRECTORY**


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**ARTICLE 1A - PURPOSE**

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- 1A.01 The Agreement shall apply to all construction jobs which are not Industrial Projects as defined in Article 1B herein, excluding street and highway construction and paving.
- 1A.02 The Parties hereto agree to abide by terms and conditions of the Agreement for Industrial Projects defined herein.
- 1A.03 This Agreement shall be a Collective Agreement consisting of both the Articles and Trade Appendix attached hereto.

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**ARTICLE 1B - INDUSTRIAL DEFINITION**

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1B.01 Industrial projects shall be defined as the initial construction or modernization of an Industrial Project such as listed in sub-paragraph (a), with a total Tender Value in excess of twenty-one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$21,300,000.00) regardless of the individual Contractor's Tender Value, regardless of whether the Owner or their Consultant/Management decided to call Tenders for their respective Industrial Projects in phases and the Dollar Tender Value of phasing is maintained at twenty-one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$21,300,000.00) or less. This amount shall be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index as reported by Statistics Canada.

- Oil Refineries
- Pulp & Paper Mills
- Chemical Plants
- Manufacturing Plants, Processing Plants
- Assembling Plants
- Rubber Plants (such as Michelin)
- Deep Sea Ports or Docks
- Steel Mills
- Basic Metal Producing Facilities
- Power Plants (all types)
- Heavy Equipment Manufacturing
- Ore Reduction Plants
- Construction on Mine Sites
- Cement Plants
- Industrial Transportation Centers
- Construction of Shipyards
- Coal Liquefaction Projects
- Syn-Fuels Projects
- Coal-Water (Carbogel) Fuel Projects
- Fluidization Projects
- Gas Projects
- Wharves constructed as part of an ongoing Industrial Project
- Wind Mills and Wind Mill Farms (as per Schedule “C”)

- 1B.02 (a) All work on an existing Industrial facility or facilities as listed above will be carried out under the terms and conditions of the Industrial Agreement except for small jobs where the total value of the Employer's contract or contracts (all labour and material costs included) is less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00). In such cases, the work may be performed under the terms and conditions of the Commercial Agreement. The total value of the Employer's contract or contracts shall include the value of all contracts awarded to the Employer on a particular site or project that is project or function related, and regardless of whether the Owner or their Consultant/Management decided to call tenders or award the work in phases.
- (b) Prior to the start of work under Article 1B.02(a), the Employer must advise the Union(s) which have the trade jurisdiction over such work of the following:
- (i) The location of the work;
  - (ii) The scope of the work to be performed;
  - (iii) The identity of the party to whom the Employer is contracted; and
  - (iv) The total value of the Employer's contract.
- (c) If the Employer fails to comply with the requirements of Article 1B.02(b), the terms and conditions of the Industrial Agreement shall apply to the work.
- (d) This Article shall not apply to existing work but shall only apply to work obtained by an Employer after the signing of this Agreement.
- (d) Unless the Parties agree in writing to continue the amendments to Article 1B in this Agreement, any and all amendments to Article 1B agreed herein shall automatically expire on the upcoming expiration date of the Cape Breton Island Commercial Agreement, and revert to the wording of Article 1B that existed in the version of the Industrial Agreement that was in effect during the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017.
- 1B.03 The CLRA or the Unions shall be entitled to call a joint meeting of the parties to clarify the classification of any job as industrial or commercial prior to tender closing.
- 1B.04 All shut-down work shall be performed under the terms and conditions of the Industrial Agreement. A shut-down is defined as all major mechanical maintenance on processing equipment performed on a site or facility constructed under the Industrial Agreement.
- 1B.05 Remediation work on Industrial, former Industrial, and Commercial sites shall be performed under the terms and conditions of the Commercial Agreement.



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**ARTICLE 2 - RECOGNITION**

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- 2.01 For the purpose of this Agreement, the term "employee" shall mean all hourly rated employees employed by the employer but does not include office and clerical workers, guards, watchmen, time checkers, material superintendents, technical personnel, superintendents, assistant superintendents, craft supervisors or classifications above the rank of foreman as provided for in Craft Appendix, and persons transporting materials (including concrete and gravel), equipment or supplied from a point of origin inside the site to a destination outside the site.
- 2.02 If the workmen on work over which the Union has jurisdiction are required in classifications not listed in the appended Schedules, the Schedules shall be amended by adding such classifications at the agreed wage rates.
- 2.03 The Union recognizes the Nova Scotia Construction Labour Relations Association Limited as the sole collective bargaining agent for all unionized employers as covered by Accreditation Order L.R.B. No. 428C, dated April 5, 1977.
- 2.04 In order to bind non-CLRA employers to the provisions of this Agreement, the Union should file any letter of agreement/recognition with the Minister of Labour in accordance with Section 30 of the Trade Union Act.
- 2.05 No employer bound to this Agreement shall, acting as a Project Manager or Construction Manager, provide Supervisors, Foremen, Lead Hands or manpower to work directly with non-unionized workers on any project in the Industrial/Commercial Sector of the construction industry.

Failure to comply with this Article will result in grievances and claims for compensation.

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**ARTICLE 3 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS**

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3.01 Subject to the limitations and specific terms of this Agreement, the management of the jobsite and the direction of the working force, including but not limited to the right to plan, direct and control operations, hire, lay off, transfer on site, maintain discipline and efficiency of employees, establish and enforce rules of conduct, discipline and discharge employees for proper and sufficient cause, increase or decrease the working force, determine methods and schedules of construction operation, material and equipment to be used are vested solely in the employer.

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**ARTICLE 4A - UNION SECURITY**

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4A.01a When employees are required, the employer shall request the Union to furnish competent and qualified workmen, and the Union shall supply, when available, competent and qualified workmen as requested. Preference shall be given to permanent Union residents from the local geographical area who possess the necessary skills and qualifications. The employer will notify the Union, in writing, of all disciplinary action taken against an employee(s). The provisions of Article 4A.01 may be modified according to the Trade Appendix of this Agreement.

4A.01b Local Geographic Area is the area within sixty-four (64) road kilometres of a job site that is located outside the Sydney Free Zone and the Port Hawkesbury Free Zone.

An employer may transfer employees already on the payroll into a Local Geographic Area, regardless of their place of permanent residence as follows:

- 2 Transfers
- 2 Union Referrals
- 1 Transfer
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for the first ten (10) men.

Thereafter, manpower will be referred by the Union.

However, if for the first ten (10) men the Union cannot supply referrals from the Local Geographic Area, the employer may substitute transfers at his option.

It is agreed that referrals from within the Local Geographic Area will be in accordance with standing on the Union's Out-of-Work List and that the Union shall not refer manpower from outside the Local Geographic Area until such time as all available members residing within the Local Geographic Area have been referred.

It is further agreed that existing hiring practices within the Sydney and Port Hawkesbury Free Zones shall not be affected by this provision.

- 4A.02 If after a period of forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays as contained herein, the Union(s) is (are) unable to supply the quantity of competent, qualified workmen as requested, the employer may procure such men elsewhere.
- 4A.03 The employer may request through the Union qualified available workmen in good standing with the Union who had previously been on the payroll for six (6) months and who are being called back within thirty (30) working days of termination, and such men may be supplied at the sole discretion of the Business Agent or his authorized representative.
- 4A.04 The employer will hire a fair ratio of Apprentices to Journeymen in each year of the Apprentices classification, as per Craft Appendix.
- 4A.05 A sub-contractor working under this Agreement who is under Agreement with the Union, shall request the Union to furnish competent and qualified workmen for all the work to be performed on the jobsite, and the Union shall supply, when available, such competent and qualified workmen as requested. If after a period of forty-eight (48) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays as contained herein, the Union is unable to supply the competent, qualified workmen requested, then the sub-contractor may procure such men elsewhere.
- 4A.06 The employer agrees that employees employed within categories covered by the terms of this Collective Agreement shall be required, as a condition of continued employment, to become and remain a member of the Union within thirty (30) days after the date of hiring or the date of signing this Agreement.
- 4A.07 Any employee who refuses or neglects to sign the appropriate forms, or who revokes the authorization, or who resigns his membership in the Union, will be deemed to have voluntarily separated, and his employment will be terminated.

- 4A.08 Empowered by the Authorization Forms signed by each employee, the employer agrees to deduct weekly or from the first pay period of each month the amount certified by the Union as Dues.
- 4A.09 Should the employee be newly joining the Union, the employer agrees to deduct the Initiation Fee in the Amount that has been certified as the then current fee in the Union, when such deduction is authorized by the signature of the employee on the proper form. If the Union agrees, such initiation fees shall be deducted in weekly instalments.
- 4A.10 The amounts so deducted shall be remitted by the employer to the Union at the address on file during the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) week of each month, together with a list of all employees and Social Insurance Numbers on whose behalf such deductions have been made.
- 4A.11 The Union shall have the right to alter its dues structure, provided that the structure is not changed more than once in any twelve (12) month period and the employer receives two (2) months notice of such change.
- 4A.12 Employers shall not transfer their employees from their payroll to another employer on the same site or project, unless agreed to by the Union.
- 4A.13 Employers shall not hire for employment employees laid off or terminated by another employer on the same site or project (subject to the policy of the Union).
- 4A.14 The Union agrees that membership will be granted to all employees under the same terms and conditions that prevail in the Union.
- 4A.15 The employer shall not discriminate against any employee by reason of his membership in the Union and/or his participation in its lawful activity.
- 4A.16 Card men shall be replaced by Union members when such men are available:
- (a) after they have been employed for one (1) month; and
  - (b) after notice for a minimum of one (1) working day.
- 4A.17 The Parties agree to cooperate to facilitate broad and liberal leaves for operations and training military leave for workers who serve as members of the Canadian Forces Reserves, in accordance with provincial and federal law and the *Declaration of Support for the Reserve Force* signed by the Canadian Office of the Building and Construction Trades Department and the National Construction Labour Relations Alliance, dated May 12, 2010.

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**ARTICLE 4B - STEWARDS**

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- 4B.01 The Business Agent or Business Manager shall appoint job/shop stewards and prior to such appointment shall discuss the appointment with the employer. The Steward of a member Union will be an employee of the employer who is a qualified journeyman and who will perform the work of a journeyman at the journeyman's rate of pay. In addition to his duties as a journeyman, he shall be permitted reasonable time to perform such of his Union duties as cannot be performed off the job. If it is necessary for the Steward to leave his work he must first obtain permission from the Foreman or Superintendent whenever possible. Such permission would not be unreasonably withheld. He shall assist the employer and the Union members in carrying out the provisions of this Agreement.
- 4B.02 It is agreed that only one (1) Steward and one (1) Alternate on each shift shall be recognized by each employer and the Union shall notify the employer in writing of the name of the Steward and his Alternate.
- 4B.03 Once appointed by the Business Manager for their respective shifts, Stewards shall not be transferred from job to job or shift to shift without approval of the Business Agent or Business Manager.
- 4B.04 The Employment of the Alternate Steward shall not be terminated until the employer has discussed the matter with the Business Agent/Manager or the Steward.
- 4B.05 The employer agrees to recognize the Steward and Alternate Steward appointed by the Business Manager. The Steward or Alternate (Alternate when the designated Steward is unavailable) shall be on the site whenever more than three (3) employees of his craft from the shift are working including overtime hours, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays.
- 4B.06 Subject to all other items and conditions of this Agreement, the Steward shall be the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) last man remaining on the job/shop.
- 4B.07 The Steward may be on all committees pertaining to his craft. Under no circumstances shall the Job Steward make any arrangements with the General Foreman, Foreman or Management that will change or conflict in any way with any section or terms of this Collective Agreement.

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**ARTICLE 5 - ACCESS TO THE JOBSITE**

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5.01 Business Representatives of the Union and International Representatives shall have access to the Project during working hours, but in no case shall their visits interfere with the progress of the work. Arrangements will be made with the employer's representative on the job. Conduct on the project will be subject to the general regulations of the employer.

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**ARTICLE 6 - NO STRIKE - NO LOCKOUT**

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6.01 The Union and employees agrees that there will be no strike or other collective action which will interfere with, or stop, the efficient operation of construction work of the employer or any of them for the duration of this Agreement.

6.02 The Union and employees agrees that there shall not be any strike or interruption of work during the term of this Agreement because of any disputes or disagreements between any other persons (or other employees or Unions) who are not signatory parties to this Agreement.

6.03 Participation by an employee, or group of employees, in any act violating the above provision will be cause for disciplinary action.

6.04 The employer agrees that there will not be any lockout of employees during the term of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE 7 - HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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- 7.01 Employer and employee shall comply with all applicable provisions of provincial health, sanitation and safety laws and regulations, in addition to those rules established by the employer.
- 7.02 Employees shall not be required to work with unsafe equipment, nor where proper safeguards are not provided, nor under conditions which are injurious to health when the employer has any control over such conditions. Employees failing to comply with the Occupational Health & Safety Act are subject to dismissal.
- 7.03 Employees are required to report any unsafe work conditions or unsafe equipment used to perform their jobs which they determine is hazardous to working conditions and report such observations to a Safety Committee comprising of Shop Steward, Foreman and Site Superintendent.
- 7.04 (a) Each contractor shall have a Safety Committee comprising of Shop Steward, Foreman and Site Superintendent. This Committee shall investigate such unsafe conditions as reported to them. The Committee shall study the reports made and determine what, if any, unsafe conditions exist and will recommend changes to remedy any unsafe working conditions.  
  
(b) All safety meetings shall be conducted according to the provisions and requirements of existing or future provincial legislation. Safety meetings will be held once a week at break time. This break time will be extended for five (5) minutes in order to conduct said meetings.
- 7.05 Safety hats (liners when required) must be worn by all employees on the jobsite at all times; same to be supplied by the employer, cost to be deducted from employee's pay if not returned upon termination.
- 7.06 Sanitary facilities (maintained in a clean condition, including pumping as required) and fresh drinking water with ice yearly and paper cups will be provided by the employer.
- 7.07 Fresh drinking water, tool sheds, and lunch rooms shall normally be maintained by the Craft using same except where other general arrangements have been made for a site.
- 7.08 Adequate quarters, heated and ventilated by window or by louver, when necessary shall be provided for employees to change clothes and eat lunch. Such quarters shall have benches and tables and be kept clean and no tools or equipment shall be stored in said quarters while employees are on the job.

- 7.09 Climatic protective clothing is to be supplied to the employees by the employer in accordance with the specifications of the Trade Appendix.
- 7.10 If an employee sustains an accidental injury during working hours, and has to receive off-site medical attention, the prevailing provincial legislation shall apply.
- 7.11 If an employee is injured while working on a premium rate of pay, the prevailing provincial legislation shall apply.
- 7.12 There will be no termination of an employee on compensation unless he so requests or there is a lay-off of his trade thirty-five (35) days after the employee's accidental injury.
- 7.13 Safety items and climatic protective clothing issued to the employee must be returned to the employer on termination; if not, cost to be deducted from the employee's pay.
- 7.14 The employer shall provide adequate parking facilities for all employees on site where land is readily available for such use (public parking will not be paid for by the employer).
- 7.15 The parties agree to observe the applicable provincial legislation or Worker's Compensation.



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**ARTICLE 8A - PAY PERIODS**

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8A.01 Employees shall be paid by cheque during the regular working hours of Thursday each week. If Thursday or Friday is a holiday, pay will be distributed on Wednesday. Employees shall be paid in a sealed envelope.

Pay may be made by way of direct deposit provided pay stubs (including a full statement of hours worked, Pension & Benefit and all contributions) are issued to employees on Thursday.

8A.02 There shall be a clear statement of all earnings and deductions on each employees' payroll slip. All employers shall include a full statement of employer contributions on the wage stub. Union agreed to have direct deposit, providing a clear statement of earnings, deductions and contributions including year to date totals excluding non-payroll contributions would be given to the employees weekly, if paid direct deposit or by cheque, on the job on Thursday each week. If Thursday or Friday is a holiday, the clear statement of earnings, deductions and contributions will be distributed on Wednesday.

8A.03 In the event the Pension or Welfare Plan is discontinued for any reason whatever, the contribution shall be added to the hourly rate and become part of the wage package.

8A.04 Should the cheques not be distributed as set out herein, the employee shall immediately notify the employer.

8A.05 When cheques are not distributed on Thursday in accordance with this Article the employees shall be allowed one-half (½) hour (paid) off to cash cheque on Friday. Should the employee not be paid until Monday of the following week, the employee shall receive one (1) days pay at the basic hourly rate for each working day until the day the cheque is paid, commencing Monday through Friday.

8A.06 The employees' work week shall be from 12:01 a.m. Sunday to 11:59 p.m. Saturday.

8A.07 If working a four (4) by ten (10) hour day work week, a clear statement of earnings and deductions is to be given to the employee by afternoon break on Wednesday, if direct deposit is used.

If paid on Wednesday by cheque onsite, the employee shall receive the cheque along with a clear statement of earnings and deductions by afternoon break.

In the event of failure to comply with the above, the employee shall receive two (2) hours pay for each day until the cheque and statement of earnings and deductions, (or statement of earnings and deductions, if direct deposit), is provided.

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**ARTICLE 8B - WAGES**

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8B.01 The regular hourly rates of pay for each classification of workmen shall be in accordance with the rates contained in the Trade Appendix and which apply to his classification. This Trade Appendix is attached hereto and is hereby made part of this Collective Agreement.

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**ARTICLE 8C - EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS & DEDUCTIONS AND  
EMPLOYEE DEDUCTIONS**

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8C.01 Employers signatory to this Agreement shall remit monthly the contributions and deductions in accordance with the Benefit/Welfare/Pension and other Fund contributions and deductions set forth in the Trade Appendix. In addition, employers will make those contributions and deductions and remit the amounts set forth in Article 8D – The Electrical 1852 Consolidated Fund. The employer may remit these contributions and deductions by way of a bank transfer rather than by way of cheque.

**ARTICLE 8D – THE ELECTRICAL 1852 CONSOLIDATED FUND**

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8D.01 The parties agree to a Electrical 1852 Consolidated Fund as follows.

8D.02 During the term of this Collective Agreement, before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of each and every month during the said term, each employer shall supply and file such information as may reasonably be required by the Administrator, designated by the parties to be the Administrator, and included in such information for each single trade shall be the name of each employee, the Social Insurance Number of each employee and a schedule of total man hours paid during the previous calendar month by Union members in its employ together with a cheque in the amount as set forth in 8D.03 of this Article.

8D.03 (a) Each employer bound by this Collective Agreement agrees to contribute to the Electrical 1852 Consolidated Fund, for each hour paid:

	<b>Effective September 25, 2018</b>
<u>Electrical Union Local 1852</u>	\$0.25
Nova Scotia Construction Sector Council	\$0.03
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTION FOR EACH HOUR PAID</b>	<b><u>\$0.28</u></b>

(b) Should the Union desire to increase the contribution provisions of the Electrical 1852 Consolidated Fund as set forth in paragraph (a), the parties agree that such increase in contribution shall be implemented if so desired provided that the Union provides thirty (30) days notice of such amendment.

(c) Each employer must forward to the Administrator, along with the Electrical 1852 Consolidated Fund contribution, a statement of all hours worked in the appropriate period.

8D.04 The parties hereto agree that either party pursuant to the Collective Agreement establishing the Electrical 1852 Consolidated Fund, shall have the authority to utilize the arbitration procedure set forth herein for the collection of delinquent accounts for individual contributions required to be made pursuant to this Article. Any arbitrator appointed pursuant to this clause, is hereby expressly conferred jurisdiction to deal with the awarding contributions, damages and all related costs.

8D.05 No grievance instituted by either party pursuant to this Article shall be defeated on the basis of any technical or procedural objection as to arbitrability, including any objection based on provisions of timelines.

8D.06 In the event any one of the funds in Article 8D.03 (a) are wound up the following subdivision shall apply:

1. Electrical Union Local 1852 portion of the Electrical 1852 Consolidated Fund shall be reduced by twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per hour paid and shall be added to the wage package.
2. Nova Scotia Construction Sector Council portion of the Electrical 1852 Consolidated Fund shall be reduced by three cents (\$0.03) per hour paid and shall be added to the wage package.

8D.07 **Nova Scotia Construction Sector Council and Electrical Union Local 1852**

The employer shall remit twenty-eight cents (\$0.28) per hour for each hour paid per employee as part of the Electrical 1852 Consolidated Fund to:

**Electrical Union Local 1852**  
187 Bay Street  
Sydney, NS  
B1N 2K1

This twenty-eight cents (\$0.28) is a contribution from the employee and the wage rates printed in the Trade Appendix of this Collective Agreement have been adjusted to reflect that fact.

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**ARTICLE 8E – INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT FUND**

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8E.01 All employers must contribute each month to the Industry Improvement Fund a total sum equal sixteen cents (\$0.16) for each hour paid in that month to any employee covered by this Agreement. This will be paid by cheque made out in favour of the Industry Improvement Fund and forwarded to the Administrator at the following address on or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the following month:

260 Brownlow Avenue, Unit #1  
Dartmouth, NS B3B 1V9

Separate cheques are to be issued for each trade classification that is being reported.

Remittance forms for this fund are available by trade classification at [www.nscra.ca](http://www.nscra.ca) or by phone at 902-468-2283.

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**ARTICLE 8F - DELINQUENT PAYMENTS**

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8F.01 Timely payment of wages and contributions to all trust funds provided for in this Agreement is essential for the protection of the beneficiaries. Delinquency and continued failure to pay wages and/or remit contributions to the trust funds shall be dealt with as follows:

- (i) The Union shall advise the employer in writing of any delinquency.
- (ii) If within seven (7) days of receipt of notification exclusive of Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, the employer has failed to pay delinquent contributions or the employer or his Construction Labour Relations Association has failed to request a meeting with the Union to provide for the payment of delinquent contributions, then the employer agrees that all contributions/deductions due and payable in accordance with this Agreement are in arrears and subject to an additional charge at the rate of twenty-five percent (25%) on all contributions/deductions in arrears.

This is not to be construed that the above charges relieve the employer of any further liabilities which may occur because of his failure to report any pay contributions/deductions as provided.

- (iii) Should the matter not be resolved at the above mentioned meeting, the Union may demand payment of wages and contributions at the end of each day or at the end of each week or upon seventy-two (72) hours notice to the employer, withdraw its' members from the delinquent employer without contravening the terms of this Agreement.
- (iv) The delinquent company will be liable for all legal costs incurred in the recovery of contributions.

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**ARTICLE 8G - VACATION AND VACATION ALLOWANCE**

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8G.01 A vacation allowance of nine percent (9%) of gross earnings shall be paid to each workman. Payment of such vacation allowance shall be made weekly, or in accordance with the Trade Appendix.

8G.02 The employer and employees shall mutually agree on the time that the employees shall take the annual vacation.

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**ARTICLE 9A – FOREMAN**

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9A.01 When a foreman is appointed by the employer to supervise a crew of ten (10) or more employees, he or she will be paid a minimum premium of seven percent (7%) of base rate and holiday and vacation allowance.

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**ARTICLE 9B – GENERAL FOREMAN**

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9B.01 When a general foreman is appointed by the employer and/or as required by the collective agreement, he or she will be paid a minimum premium of fifteen percent (15%) of base rate and holiday and vacation allowance.

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**ARTICLE 10A - NORMAL HOURS OF WORK**

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10A.01 The normal work day is defined as the twenty-four (24) hour period beginning at 12:00 midnight.

10A.02 The employer has the option of working either five (5) eight (8) hour days, or four (4) ten (10) hour days to constitute a normal forty (40) hour workweek. The employer can change from one (1) such schedule to the other, subject to the limitation that it will give the Union at least seven (7) calendar days' notice of such change.

When the four (4) ten (10) hour workweek is in effect, the standard workday shall be an established ten (10) hour period. Forty (40) hours per week shall constitute a week's work Monday through Thursday, inclusive. In the event the job is down due to inclement weather, then Friday may, at the option of the employer, be worked as a make-up day at straight time rate; straight time not to exceed the ten (10) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week. Starting time will be designated by the employer, and the Union will be advised of the starting time. Where a ten (10) hour normal workday is being worked, the hours of work shall be scheduled between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday, inclusive.

When the five (5) day eight (8) hour workweek is in effect, forty (40) hours per week shall constitute a week's work, Monday through Friday, inclusive. Where an eight (8) hour normal work day is being worked, the hours of work shall be inclusive. When an eight (8) hour normal workday is being worked, the hours of work shall be scheduled between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive.

An owner or a general contractor may declare a site to be subject to a five (5) by eight (8) hour work week or a four (4) by ten (10) hour work week.

In the event that such a declaration is made, all subtrades working on the site will comply.

The 4 x 10 hour day work week shall apply only when the week is scheduled for a minimum of 40 hours (4 days @ 10 hour/day) except where the week has a holiday.

10A.03 ***Lunch Period:***

Lunch break shall be one-half (1/2) hour as scheduled and taken within one (1) hour of the mid-point of the normal hours of work. The lunch period will be measured from ceasing labour to commencement of labour and will be taken at a time mutually agreed by the parties hereto.



10A.04 ***Rest Period:***

During each normal workday, Saturdays, Sundays, and shift work, employees will be entitled to two (2) ten (10) minute paid rest periods to be scheduled and observed.

- one (1) rest period at the mid-way point of the first half of the normal hours of work
- one (1) rest period at the mid-point of the second half of the normal hours of work.

Rest period will be measured from ceasing work to commencement of labour and will be taken at a time determined by the employer. When working a four (4) day, ten (10) hour schedule, the rest period will be fifteen (15) minutes each.

10A.05 Should expediency require, the normal starting and quitting time and/or lunch period may be changed by mutual agreement of the parties hereto.

10A.06 The Union may agree that employees who have missed time during the normal scheduled hours of work, Monday through Friday, may agree to work extra hours including Saturdays at the regular straight time rate of pay up to a total of forty (40) hours per week.

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**ARTICLE 10B - SHIFT WORK**

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10B.01 (a) In the event that shift work is instituted, such shift work shall be scheduled between Sunday midnight and Friday midnight and shall continue for three (3) work days excluding Saturday, Sunday and Holidays. This three (3) day requirement will not apply to any job or work that entails jobs of short duration including maintenance, repair and replacement operations excluding new construction.

(b) When the Contractor schedules a work week of four (4) ten (10) hour shifts on days, and an evening shift is scheduled, it must also be four (4) ten (10) hour shifts between Monday and Thursday.

When a Contractor schedules a work week of five (5) eight (8) hour shifts on days and an evening shift is scheduled, it must also be five (5) eight (8) hour shifts between Monday and Friday.

The Contractor has the flexibility to start the Friday evening shift at an earlier time than the four (4) previous evening shifts in the same week.

10B.02 When more than one (1) shift is in operation, hourly rated employees, employed on the second shift and/or those employed on the third shift shall be paid a shift differential in accordance with the Trade Appendix.

10B.03 Where employees are receiving a shift differential and who work overtime hours on such shift, they shall continue to receive the shift differential for all such overtime hours but such differential shall not be included in the calculation of overtime.

10B.04 The employer shall allow a rest period of ten (10) minutes, once at the midway point of the first half of the regular scheduled shift and once at the midway point of the second half of the regular scheduled shifts.

10B.05 When work cannot be performed during normal working hours due to the owners' stipulations, employees may perform the work required outside of the normal working hours according to job requirements and specifications. No shift premium will apply.

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**ARTICLE 10C - OVERTIME**

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- 10C.01 All hours worked in excess of the normal working hours, Monday through Friday, or all hours worked on Saturday, Sunday or on designated Holidays, and set forth in this Collective Agreement, shall be paid for at the premium rate set forth in the Trade Appendix.
- 10C.02 Employees who are required to work in excess of two (2) hours overtime shall be provided with a meal. Where this is impractical, a meal allowance shall be included in the pay for the next regular pay period as follows...

*twenty-five dollars (\$25.00)*

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**ARTICLE 10D - REPORTING TIME**

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- 10D.01 Any employee, after being hired and reporting for work at the regular reporting time and for whom no work is provided, shall receive pay for two (2) hours at the regular rate of wages. Any employee who reports for work and for whom work is provided shall receive pay for the actual time worked, but not less than two (2) hours at the regular rate of wages, unless he has been notified before leaving his home not to report.
- 10D.02 Any employee requested to work on a Saturday, Sunday or Holiday who reports at the scheduled starting time and for whom no work is provided shall receive pay for two (2) hours at the regular straight time rate of pay. In order to qualify, he shall remain on the job and be available for work for one (1) hour. If he commences work or is requested to stay beyond one (1) hour, he shall receive four (4) hours pay at double (2x) the straight time rate of pay. If more than four (4) hours are worked on that day he shall receive not less than eight (8) hours at double (2x) the regular straight time rate of pay.
- 10D.03 Exceptions, however, shall be when strike conditions make it impossible to put such an employee to work or when stoppage of work is occasioned thereby, when conditions arise which are beyond the control of the employer other than climatic conditions or when an employee leaves work of his own accord.
- 10D.04 In order to qualify for reporting time, an employee must remain on the job and be available for work during the period of such reporting time.
- 10D.05 The employer shall determine when weather conditions on the job are such that men shall or shall not work.

10D.06 When reporting for work Monday to Friday and the employee is prevented from commencing work due to climatic conditions, he shall receive two (2) hours reporting time provided he remains on the project for the two (2) hours or is released by the employer.

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**ARTICLE 10E - CALL BACK TIME**

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10E.01 Every employee who after completion of his regular working hours (Monday through Friday) and who has left the job and is called back and is required to work outside his regular working hours shall be paid at his applicable overtime rate but not less than two (2) hours.

10E.02 When employees are called out to work by Management on normal working days (Monday through Friday), Saturdays, Sundays, designated holidays and commence work regardless when called, Article 10D shall apply.

10E.03 Travel time and subsistence will apply if applicable.

10E.04 When employees qualify for reporting time (2 hours) in accordance with Article 10D, and are released by the employer and recalled by Management the same work day (8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.) the employee shall receive an additional five (5) hours (regardless of the number of hours worked that day) for a total of seven (7) hours at the basic rate of pay plus travel and subsistence allowance. The above shall also apply to shift work.

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**ARTICLE 10F - TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OR LAYOFF**

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10F.01 ***Layoffs and Severance Pay:***

Layoffs shall occur only at 12:00 noon and at 4:30 p.m. Upon being laid off, each employee shall receive severance pay of one (1) hour at the regular hourly rate.

10F.02 ***Notice of Layoff:***

Notice of layoff shall be given the employee at 12:00 noon and 4:30 p.m. Upon receiving notice, the employee shall be given one (1) additional hours' pay at the regular hourly rate as a severance pay (i.e. five (5) hours pay for the morning and nine (9) hours pay for the day).

10F.03 Employees who are laid off or discharged from the service of the employer shall receive their wages, all monies owed and Record of Employment or a copy of ROE Web e-Filing on termination if the payroll is made up on the project (jobsite); otherwise, the employer shall mail the Record of Employment or a copy of ROE Web e-Filing, wages and all other monies owed within three (3) days exclusive of Saturday and Sunday. Should the employer fail to comply with this provision, the employee shall receive an additional sum equivalent to eight (8) hours pay at straight time rate for every two (2) additional days delinquency. An employee may be dismissed for just cause on the authority of the employer or his authorized representative on the job. Such employee and his Job Steward shall be advised promptly by the employer of the cause for dismissal.

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**ARTICLE 10G - HOLIDAYS**

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***Paid Holidays:***

- 10G.01 The paid holidays shall be as defined in the Trade Appendix.
- 10G.02 In order to qualify for payment of paid holidays, the workman shall have been on the payroll the week of such paid holiday and worked the last available work day before and the first available work day following such paid holiday.
- 10G.03 If an employee is terminated within the previous seven (7) calendar days prior to the contract holiday, he shall be paid for the contract holiday providing he has been employed by the employer for a minimum of ten (10) working days.
- 10G.04 Paid holidays shall be payable at:
- (a) eight (8) hours on five (5) eight (8) hour days; and
  - (b) ten (10) hours on four (4) ten (10) hour days.
- 10G.05 The employer agrees that any employee producing a Doctor's certificate for sickness for the scheduled working day before, and the scheduled working day after the holiday will receive the regular rate of pay of an ordinary working day for all statutory holidays which have been agreed upon as paid holidays.

***Designated Holidays:***

- 10G.06 All hours worked on Saturdays, Sundays and on the following designated holidays shall be paid at double time:

New Year's Day, Good Friday, Heritage Day, Victoria Day, Natal Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Remembrance Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, Canada Day. If the Federal or Provincial Government declares a new Statutory Holiday, it shall be observed as an unpaid Holiday.

10G.07 During the period that this Agreement is in force, the following days shall be observed as Designated Holidays:

CALENDAR YEAR <u>2018</u>	HOLIDAY FALLS ON	HOLIDAY OBSERVED ON
Thanksgiving Day	Monday      October 8, 2018	Same
Remembrance Day	Sunday      November 11, 2018	Monday      November 12, 2018
Christmas Day	Tuesday      December 25, 2018	Same
Boxing Day	Wednesday      December 26, 2018	Same
CALENDAR YEAR <u>2019</u>	HOLIDAY FALLS ON	HOLIDAY OBSERVED ON
New Years Day	Tuesday      January 1, 2019	Same
Heritage Day	Monday      February 18, 2019	Same
Good Friday	Friday      April 19, 2019	Same
Victoria Day	Monday      May 20, 2019	Same
Canada Day	Monday      July 1, 2019	Same
<u>Natal Day</u>	<u>Monday</u> <u>August 5, 2019</u>	<u>Same</u>
Labour Day	Monday      September 2, 2019	Same
Thanksgiving Day	Monday      October 14, 2019	Same
Remembrance Day	Monday      November 11, 2019	Same
Christmas Day	Wednesday      December 25, 2019	Same
Boxing Day	Thursday      December 26, 2019	Same
CALENDAR YEAR <u>2020</u>	HOLIDAY FALLS ON	HOLIDAY OBSERVED ON
New Years Day	Wednesday      January 1, 2020	Same
Heritage Day	Monday      February 17, 2020	Same
Good Friday	Friday      April 10, 2020	Same
Victoria Day	Monday      May 18, 2020	Same

10G.08 When the Employer has scheduled a four (4) day ten (10) hour work week and the Holiday falls on Friday, then the Holiday shall be observed on Thursday as follows:

WHEN EMPLOYEE WORKS FIVE (5) EIGHT (8) HOUR SHIFTS:	
Paid holiday falls on Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday is a paid day off at eight (8) hours.</li> <li>Additionally, if worked, employee paid at double time.</li> </ul>
Paid holiday falls on Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday is a paid day off at eight (8) hours.</li> <li>Additionally, if worked, employee paid at double time.</li> </ul>
Unpaid holiday falls on Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday is an unpaid day off (32 hours that week).</li> <li>Or a day worked at double time.</li> </ul>
Unpaid holidays falls on Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friday is an unpaid day off (32 hours that week).</li> <li>Or a day worked at double time.</li> </ul>
WHEN EMPLOYEE WORKS FOUR (4) TEN (10) HOUR SHIFTS:	
Paid holiday falls on Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday is a paid day off at eight (8) hours.</li> <li>Additionally, if worked, employee paid at double time.</li> </ul>
Paid holiday falls on Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday is a paid day off at eight (8) hours.</li> <li>Additionally, if worked, employee paid at double time.</li> </ul>
Unpaid holiday falls on Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday is an unpaid day off (30 hours that week).</li> <li>Or a day worked at double time.</li> </ul>
Unpaid holidays falls on Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thursday is an unpaid day off (30 hours that week).</li> <li>Or a day worked at double time.</li> </ul>



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**ARTICLE 11A – SUBSISTENCE**

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11A.01 There shall be three (3) distinct free zones as follows:

- (a) There shall be a free zone for travel covering all territory within a fifty (50) kilometre radius of the Cape Breton Court House, Sydney, Nova Scotia.
- (b) There shall be a second free zone for travel covering all territory within a fifty (50) kilometre radius of the Port Hawkesbury Civic Centre, Nova Scotia.
- (c) There shall be a third free zone of fifty (50) road kilometres for employees around the job site.
- (d) Only one free zone shall apply for a jobsite.

11A.02 Travel and subsistence will not apply when travelling and working within these free zones.

11A.03 Transportation allowance shall apply to road mileage travelled by an employee from his permanent place of residence to the outside limit of a job site free zone as set out in Article 11A.01 up to a maximum of sixty-four (64) kilometres from the free zone.

Transportation mileage allowance rates will be paid two (2) ways as follows:

***Fifty-five cents (\$0.55) per kilometre***

This figure shall be adjusted as per CRA figures for the life of this agreement. Mileage measurements shall be based on the shortest normally travelled route.

11A.04 There shall be no mileage allowance payable if an employee is using a company truck. However, an employee shall have the option of using his own vehicle without penalty, and in such case shall be entitled to mileage allowance in accordance with this article.

11A.05 In lieu of mileage allowance set out in Article 11A.03, an employee who has a permanent place of residence more than sixty-four (64) kilometres beyond the free zone and who actually stays in accommodations within the free zone shall receive the sum of the following, as daily subsistence allowance:

***One hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00)***

An employee who has a permanent place of residence more than sixty-four (64) kilometres beyond the free zone but does not stay in accommodations within the free zone shall not be entitled to subsistence allowance but shall receive transportation allowance as per Article 11A.03 up to a maximum of eighty (80) kilometres, subject to Article 11A.04. Proof of accommodations shall be provided upon employer's request.

If a camp is provided, employees shall be given the opportunity to take up residence in camp at no cost to the employee for room and board. All employees who take up residence in camp agree to strictly abide by camp regulations which are now or may hereafter be posted.

11A.06 Subsistence allowance or room and board in the camp, whichever is applicable, will not be deducted from an employee's pay due to waiting time, inclement weather or a designated holiday. When an employee fails to report for work when work is available on the working day immediately preceding or following such bad weather days or designated holidays, he shall forfeit subsistence allowance or room and board in the camp, whichever is applicable, for absenteeism on any working days. Forfeiture of subsistence allowance or room and board in the camp, whichever is applicable, may be waived in either case if the reason for such absenteeism is acceptable to the employer.

11A.07 An employee requesting permission from Management to leave the site for personal reasons prior to the usual quitting time, such permission should not be unreasonably withheld and applicable subsistence or daily travel shall apply for that day.

11A.08 It is the intent of the parties that all benefits payable under this Article should be taxed in compliance with the relevant income tax legislation. The employer shall make the appropriate income tax forms (currently TD4 Forms) available on site.

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**ARTICLE 11B - HEIGHT PAY**

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11B.01 Height pay shall be dealt with in accordance with the Trade Appendix. In all instances height shall be defined as "free fall to point of impact".

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**ARTICLE 12 - GRIEVANCE & ARBITRATION**

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12.01 Unless the parties otherwise agree, the provisions of Section 107 of the Trade Union Act shall apply.

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**ARTICLE 13 - JURISDICTION**

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- 13.01 When the total tender of a project is in excess of twenty-one million three hundred thousand dollars (\$21,300,000.00) there shall be a mark-up meeting held with each contractor and the Building Trade Union. This amount shall be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index as reported by Statistics Canada.
- 13.02 In the event that a jurisdictional dispute arises as to the assignment of any work on the project, the employer will make an assignment of such work. Should the Union disagree with the work assignment, then the Building Trade Unions shall settle such jurisdictional dispute in accordance with the procedure as outlined by the National Joint Board and the Building Trades Department of the A.F.L. - C.I.O., or its successor. The employer will make available detailed drawings of the work in dispute, subject to any written restrictions the Owner may have.
- 13.03 In the event such jurisdictional dispute cannot be settled on a local basis by the Unions involved, any of the Parties hereto may apply to the Nova Scotia Labour Board for an Interim Order under Section 51 of the *Trade Union Act*, Chapter 475, R.S.N.S., as amended.
- 13.04 Nothing contained in any Appendix to this Agreement shall be deemed a statement of, or claim of, trade union or craft jurisdiction in the construction industry; nor will anything contained in thetrade Appendix be relied upon by any Union to establish, or support the claim of, jurisdiction over any particular work function in the construction industry.

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**ARTICLE 14 - DISCIPLINE**

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- 14.01 The procedure in disciplining an employee, regardless of the amount of time on the project, shall be:
- (a) Warn the employee in writing of the offence. Warning notice to be signed by the employee's Foreman and Job Steward (Steward to sign only as a witness that the warning was given). Copy of the warning notice mailed to the Union office.
  - (b) Second warning calls for a suspension. The length of the suspension to be at Management's discretion, but not to exceed one (1) week.
  - (c) The above not applicable to the following:
    - intoxication
    - insubordination
    - theft
    - altercation on site
    - illegal work stoppages.

***Alcoholism and Drug Addiction:***

- 14.02 Without detracting from the existing rights and obligations of the parties recognized in other provisions of this Agreement, the CLRA and its members and the Union agree to cooperate at the site level in encouraging employees afflicted with alcoholism or drug addiction to undergo a coordinated program directed to the objective of their rehabilitation.
- 14.03 Once an employee is dismissed for just cause, an employer may choose to not re-hire that employee for a period of up to six months. A general contractor may specify that an employee dismissed for just cause will not be eligible for work on a site controlled by that general contractor for a period of up to six months.
- 14.04 No cell phones/Blackberries/smartphones/etc. will be permitted by employees onsite, except as explicitly authorized by the employer. Violations of this article shall be subject to the following disciplinary scheme:
- First offence: one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to be deducted from the next paycheque and paid to Electrical Local 1852;
  - Subsequent offence: seven (7) day suspension or dismissal as determined by the employer.

This section shall not apply to stewards and foremen using cell phones in the course of their duties.

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**ARTICLE 15 - BONDING**

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15.01 The parties agree that, where the trustees of a Pension and/or Welfare and/or Training Fund have determined that there is a pattern of defaulting on contributions to such fund or funds on the part of employers who have not been party to a Collective Agreement with the Union for a period of one (1) year, then, upon the recommendation of the trustees, the Union may decline to supply employees to any employer who has not been a party to a Collective Agreement with the Union until the employer provides a security for a period of one (1) year in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00). This security may be used by the trustees, in the event of a default of payment by the said employer of Pension and/or Welfare and/or Training Funds as set out in this Collective Agreement, and applied to mitigate said default. The fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) security shall be returned by the Union to the employer after thirty (30) days from the expiry of the one (1) year period that the security was provided by the employer along with accumulated interest, where the employer has not defaulted in any payments required for the Funds referred to herein, within the one (1) year period.

For the purpose of this Article the fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) security shall be in the form of a negotiable security and negotiable at par and be deposited with the Administrator, Benefit Plan Administrators Limited.

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**ARTICLE 16 - OLDER WORKERS**

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16.01 The Parties agree that, in the event a scheme is set up with the participation of the Federal Government, the Provincial Government and the Construction Industry to assist the retirement of Older Workers from the industry then, as and when such a scheme is established, the employer shall contribute five cents (\$0.05) per hour for each hour paid in Commercial, and fifteen cents (\$0.15) per hour for each hour paid in Industrial. It is agreed that this contribution shall, minimally, be matched by an equal hourly contribution from the Unions.

This contribution shall become effective only upon thirty (30) days written notice to the Parties of the establishment of the scheme and shall apply on all jobs tendered after the establishment of the scheme.

All monies contributed under this Article will be used exclusively for the purposes of the above noted scheme.

**ARTICLE 17 - DURATION**

17.01 This Agreement shall become effective on September 25, 2018 and shall remain or continue in effect until the 30th day of June, 2020. Should either Party desire to change, amend, or terminate this Agreement after that date, the Party concerned agrees to give the other Party not less than sixty (60) days notice in writing prior to the termination date of this Agreement. In the event no such notice is given in time by either Party, this Agreement shall remain in effect from year to year.

**ARTICLE 18- SIGNATORIES**

18.01 This Collective Agreement shall become effective as of September 25, 2018.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Parties have Executed this Collective Agreement at Sydney, Nova Scotia, on this 13th day of December, 2018.

**SIGNATORIES FOR THE:**

**NOVA SCOTIA CONSTRUCTION  
LABOUR RELATIONS  
ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD  
OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS,  
LOCAL UNION 1852**

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ROBERT SHEPHERD

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BRIAN TOBIN

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SHAWN ROSE

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CALUM MACLEOD  
WITNESS

**SCHEDULE “A” – RESOLVING DISPUTES BETWEEN UNION & EMPLOYERS -  
TRIBUNALS**

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1. To enhance communication between the Union and employers with an emphasis on resolving disputes between both Parties.
2. Tribunal to consist of six (6) members, three (3) from Labour and three (3) from Management.

Members of the Joint Tribunal to be mutually agreeable to both Parties.

Nothing in this Addendum precludes either Party from exercising either rights as spelled out in the *Nova Scotia Trade Union Act*.

Parties to the dispute may not serve on the Tribunal hearing their dispute.

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**SCHEDULE “B” – JOINT COMMITTEE**

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The Parties will jointly identify the scope of non-Union construction on C.B.I. and may re-open the small job provisions of the Commercial Agreement on a trade-by-trade basis to make themselves more competitive.

A joint Committee made up of three (3) nominees each from the Union and the CLRA, shall meet promptly to gather pertinent information and to make recommendations to more affectively pursue small Commercial and Residential work.



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**SCHEDULE “C” - WIND MILLS AND WIND MILL FARMS**

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Within sixty (60) days of signing, a committee will be formed to discuss the scope of work for wind mills and wind mill farms.

**APPENDIX NO. 1 - ELECTRICIANS – COMMERCIAL**

**BETWEEN**

**NOVA SCOTIA CONSTRUCTION LABOUR RELATIONS ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
 (hereinafter referred to as the "CLRA")

- AND -

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS**  
**LOCAL 1852**

(hereinafter referred to as the "Union")

**NOTE: Wage Rates Effective September 25, 2018 - June 30, 2020**

<b>JOURNEYMAN - ELECTRICIAN</b>									
<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>V &amp; H 9%</b>	<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Pension</b>	<b>Education Fund</b>	<b>OH&amp;S Fund</b>	<b><u>Elec 1852</u> Consol. Fund</b>	<b>IIF</b>	<b>Total Pkg.</b>
<u>September 25, 2018</u>	<u>\$35.69</u>	<u>\$3.21</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.70</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	<u>\$0.28</u>	\$0.16	<u>\$51.27</u>
<u>July 1, 2019</u>	<u>\$35.87</u>	<u>\$3.23</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.90</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	\$0.28	\$0.16	<u>\$51.67</u>

In addition to the hourly rates the employer shall contribute the amounts set out in the Health & Welfare Plan, Pension Plan, Education Fund, OH & S Training Fund, Electrical 1852 Consolidated Fund and Industry Improvement Fund of this Appendix.

**PREMIUMS:**

Charge Hand Rate .....Seventy cents (\$0.70) per hour over the Journeyman rate

Foreman Rate .....minimum of ten percent (10%) above the journeyman hourly rate plus vacation and holiday pay

**RE-OPENER CLAUSE:**

Recognizing that future developments may be such as to make changes in the terms and conditions of employment desirable, the Parties intend that each and every term and condition contained in this Collective Agreement between I.B.E.W. 1852 and the CLRA may be amended upon the agreement of I.B.E.W. 1852 and the CLRA.

**ENABLING CLAUSE:**

Where a particular article or articles of this Collective Agreement is/are found to work a hardship for a particular project, the terms and conditions in this Agreement for that project may be modified by mutual consent, of the Union and the CLRA, when they deem it prudent. It is understood and agreed that where mutual agreement for such change cannot be achieved, the request shall not be subject to either grievance or arbitration. The Parties agree that they shall meet in joint conference no later than thirty (30) days after the ratification of this Agreement to discuss means of enabling and procedures to be followed.

**SUPERVISION:**

Four (4) to ten (10) employees.....one (1) working Foreman

Eleven (11) to thirteen (13) employees.....the working Foreman becomes a non-working Foreman

At the fourteenth (14<sup>th</sup>) man.....a working Foreman is appointed in addition to the non-working Foreman

At the twenty-second (22<sup>nd</sup>) man .....the working Foreman becomes non-working

**FORMULA REPEATS:**

After thirty (30) men and three (3) Foremen, a General Foreman will be appointed.

The General Foreman shall be a member in good standing of Local 1852 and shall receive a premium of not less than fifteen (15%) percent over the Journeyman's hourly rate.

It shall be the responsibility of the Foreman to notify employees when they are being laid off.

**HEIGHT PAY:**

Employees required to work at heights above fifty feet (50') shall receive height pay as follows:

- 50' - 59' ..... Twenty cents (\$0.20) plus hourly rate
- 60' - 79' ..... Forty cents (\$0.40) plus hourly rate
- 80' - 99' ..... Eighty cents (\$0.80) plus hourly rate
- 100' - 150' ..... One dollar (\$1.00) plus hourly rate

.....with an additional twenty cents (\$0.20) for every twenty feet (20') thereafter, plus the basic hourly rate. Increase to commence at the start of each level.

The above shall apply to all work performed on towers, stacks, structural steel, walks, staging or grating.

**APPRENTICES:**

All Apprentices will be employed in accordance with the provisions of the Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Act, the IBEW Joint Apprenticeship Committee and the Parties hereby agree to observe all the provision of said Act.

There will be one (1) Apprentice to every three (3) Journeymen. An Apprentice attending school under the terms of their indentureship will not be laid off or terminated from the job while they are attending school, and may be substituted with another Apprentice during their studies (when the employer has work available).

Apprentices shall, with the approval of “The Minister”, be indentured to the Nova Scotia Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee.

All Apprentices shall receive the following percentage of the Journeyman Electrician rate of pay on the job:

APPRENTICES - ELECTRICIANS											
			Hourly Rate	V & H 9%	Benefit	Pension	Education Fund	OH&S Fund	Elec 1852 Consol. Fund	IIF	Total Pkg
<b>Effective Date: September 25, 2018</b>											
1st	1 - 1000 hours	55%	<u>\$14.92</u>	<u>\$1.34</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.70</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	<u>\$0.28</u>	\$0.16	<u>\$28.63</u>
2nd	1001 - 2000 hours	60%	<u>\$17.17</u>	<u>\$1.55</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.70</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	<u>\$0.28</u>	\$0.16	<u>\$31.09</u>
3rd	2001 - 3000 hours	65%	<u>\$19.50</u>	<u>\$1.76</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.70</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	<u>\$0.28</u>	\$0.16	<u>\$33.63</u>
4th	3001 - 4000 hours	70%	<u>\$21.83</u>	<u>\$1.96</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.70</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	<u>\$0.28</u>	\$0.16	<u>\$36.16</u>
5th	4001 - 5000 hours	75%	<u>\$24.16</u>	<u>\$2.17</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.70</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	<u>\$0.28</u>	\$0.16	<u>\$38.70</u>
6th	5001 - 6000 hours	85%	<u>\$28.72</u>	<u>\$2.58</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.70</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	<u>\$0.28</u>	\$0.16	<u>\$43.67</u>
7th	6001 - 7000 hours	90%	<u>\$31.06</u>	<u>\$2.79</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.70</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	<u>\$0.28</u>	\$0.16	<u>\$46.22</u>
8th	7001 - 8000 hours	95%	<u>\$33.40</u>	<u>\$3.01</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.70</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	<u>\$0.28</u>	\$0.16	<u>\$48.78</u>
<b>Effective Date: July 1, 2019</b>											
1st	1 - 1000 hours	55%	<u>\$14.94</u>	<u>\$1.34</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.90</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	\$0.28	\$0.16	<u>\$28.85</u>
2nd	1001 - 2000 hours	60%	<u>\$17.21</u>	<u>\$1.55</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.90</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	\$0.28	\$0.16	<u>\$31.33</u>
3rd	2001 - 3000 hours	65%	<u>\$19.56</u>	<u>\$1.76</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.90</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	\$0.28	\$0.16	<u>\$33.89</u>
4th	3001 - 4000 hours	70%	<u>\$21.90</u>	<u>\$1.97</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.90</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	\$0.28	\$0.16	<u>\$36.44</u>
5th	4001 - 5000 hours	75%	<u>\$24.25</u>	<u>\$2.18</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.90</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	\$0.28	\$0.16	<u>\$39.00</u>
6th	5001 - 6000 hours	85%	<u>\$28.84</u>	<u>\$2.60</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.90</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	\$0.28	\$0.16	<u>\$44.01</u>
7th	6001 - 7000 hours	90%	<u>\$31.20</u>	<u>\$2.81</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.90</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	\$0.28	\$0.16	<u>\$46.58</u>
8th	7001 - 8000 hours	95%	<u>\$33.57</u>	<u>\$3.02</u>	\$3.12	<u>\$7.90</u>	\$0.71	\$0.40	\$0.28	\$0.16	<u>\$49.16</u>

The above figures are not a straight percentage and represent a diversion of monies into Benefits.

When the contractor has been notified by the Department of Labour that the Apprentice has passed his final examination, Journeyman's rate shall be paid unless the Apprentice has not completed his term of apprenticeship, then he shall be paid Journeyman's rate of pay on the date he completes his term of apprenticeship.

The employer agrees to a ratio of not more than one (1) Apprentice to three (3) Journeymen. Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) year Apprentices working without supervision shall receive a premium of forty cents (\$0.40) per hour over his regular hourly rate. The employer agrees to maintain a ratio of first (1<sup>st</sup>) year, second (2<sup>nd</sup>) year, third (3<sup>rd</sup>) year and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) year Apprentices.

**UNION SECURITY:**

The employer shall hire members of Local 1852 on a 50-50 basis as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and all odd numbered employees shall be selected by the employer from the members in good standing and available for work on the Union out-of-work list and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and all even numbered employees shall be selected by the Union.

Layoff will be on a 50-50 basis at the employer's discretion, however the 50-50 ratio of employer selection and union selection must be maintained.

The Union shall supply the employers, on request, a current list of members in good standing and available for work.

All employees shall be referred through the Union offices.

**RECALL:**

The employer may recall former employees who have unbroken service with the same employer for a period of five (5) years. (Unbroken service to mean, worked for the same employer disregarding periods of unemployment.)

“5 year employees” shall be recalled before new employees are referred from the Union Hall.

“5 year employees” shall be the last to be laid off.

The employer may request through the Union qualified available workmen in good standing with the Union who had previously been on the payroll for six (6) months and who are being called back within sixty (60) working days of termination, and such men shall be supplied as requested.

**BULLYING:**

The Employer and the Union recognize the dignity and worth of every individual and are committed to a climate of understanding and mutual respect in the workplace.

The parties agree that they will not tolerate, ignore or condone bullying, improper comments, conduct, actions or gestures directed towards a specific individual that would be reasonably considered to create an intimidating, humiliating, hostile or offensive work environment.

Improper comments, conduct, actions or gestures:

1. include profanity and abusive language; verbal and physical threats or assault; intimidation; taunting or ostracizing; rude or inappropriate jokes or innuendo; overly aggressive, embarrassing, humiliating or demeaning behaviour; and malicious gestures or actions;
2. must not be a trivial occurrence that could reasonably be expected to take place in a work environment; and
3. do not include the good faith exercise of supervisory or management duties or responsibilities and/or do not serve any other legitimate workplace purpose.

**SAFETY AND SECURITY:**

The employer agrees:

- A. On all energized circuits or equipment carrying 300 volts or over, when actual contact with hot, exposed fuses, terminals, or wire is a possible danger, two (2) Journeymen shall work together.
- B. To supply rubber gloves and protective materials when needed.
- C. When work is to be performed in trenches six feet (6') or more, two (2) men shall work together.
- D. Special rates other than Journeyman's rate may be established by joint action of the employer and the Union for employees who are handicapped by reason of age, physical or other disability.

**CHAIN OF COMMAND:**

Electricians will, as a general rule, not be required to take directions in reference to the work being performed other than from their Electrical Foreman.

**TEMPORARY LIGHTING AND POWER:**

The employer agrees that the installation, maintenance, connecting, disconnecting and repairing of all wiring for temporary lighting, electric heating and power, and the maintenance of all electrical construction equipment on the site which can be maintained by men presently on the site, shall be performed by employees employed under the terms of this Agreement.

**TOOLS:*****Tool List***

The following list of tools is the amount to be supplied by employees as a condition of employment:

***First Year Apprentice:***

- Pliers - diagonal
- Pliers - side cutting
- Pliers - needle nose
- Blade screwdriver - small & large
- Robertson drivers - #6, #8, #10
- Phillips drivers
- Pocket knife
- Hacksaw
- 25' Measuring tape
- Torpedo type level
- Ball peen hammer
- Tool box
- Adjustable crescent wrench
- Channel locks

***Second and Third Year Apprentice:***

Same as First Year

***Fourth Year Apprentice:***

- (as above, plus)
- Allen wrenches
- 600V tester
- 1 centre punch
- 1 wood chisel
- Tap wrenches - 6/32 and 8/32
- Sockets - 7/16", 2", 9/16" and 3/4"
- 3/8" ratchet drive



**OVERTIME:**

All work performed outside the regular hours of work, including Saturdays, Sundays and Designated Holidays, shall be paid at double (2x) the regular rate of pay. When overtime is required on a job site and there is a usual crew at that site, the overtime work shall be offered to the usual site employees first.

**SHIFT WORK:**

When more than one shift is in operation, hourly rated employees, employed on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) shift and/or those employed on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) shift, shall be paid a premium of fifteen percent (15%) over the regular hourly rate of pay. Work in excess of eight (8) hours per shift shall be paid at overtime rates including the shift premium, but such shift premium shall not be included in the calculation of overtime.

**REST PERIOD**

Rest period will be measured from the time the employee is able to sit down until the time he rises from the lunch table.

**EQUIPMENT:**

Should employees require a hard hat, rain gear or rubber boots, the item(s) will be supplied. Should the item(s) not be returned prior to termination of employment, the cost shall be deducted from the final pay.

**TRADE PROMOTION:**

The employer and the Union agree to promote the Electrical Industry to the benefit of the employer and the I.B.E.W. employees. Such promotion may include use of the I.B.E.W. label when and where practical.

**WELDER:**

When a combination Electrician/Welder is requested, the Union shall supply same and the person so supplied shall be laid off no later than the completion of the Project originally hired for. Further, such person shall not be transferred to another Project.

**COMMUNICATION CABLE SPECIALIST:**

When a Journeyman Electrician or Registered Apprentice is performing the work of a Communication Cabling Specialist, he will be covered by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**ALARM AND SECURITY TECHNICIAN:**

When a Journeyman Electrician or Registered Apprentice is performing the work of an Alarm and Security Technician, he or she will be covered by the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

**HEALTH & WELFARE PLAN:**

The employer shall contribute three dollars twelve cents (\$3.12) per hour earned for each employee on or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the following month and remit to:

**I.B.E.W. Local 1852 Health & Welfare Plan**

PO Box 24, Pier Postal Station  
Sydney, NS B1N 3B1

- a) The Trust Document under which the fund is controlled shall provide for equal trustees in number and power to be appointed by each of the parties hereto.
- b) Should the Union decide to increase Health & Welfare Plan, then employer contributions will be amended. The total wage package for any employee shall not be higher for any wage period of this Collective Agreement.

**PENSION PLAN:**

The employer shall contribute seven dollars seventy cents (\$7.70) per hour earned and effective July 1, 2019, seven dollars ninety cents (\$7.90) per hour earned for each employee on or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the following month and remit to:

**I.B.E.W. Local 1852 Pension Plan**

PO Box 24, Pier Postal Station  
Sydney, NS B1N 3B1

- a) The Trust Document under which the Pension Plan is controlled shall provide for equal trustees in number and power to be appointed by each of the Parties hereto.
- b) Should the Union decide to increase the hourly contribution to the Pension Plan, then the employer contribution will be amended and the hourly wage rate and vacation allowance adjusted accordingly. The total hourly package for any employee shall not be increased as a result of such amendment.

**ELECTRICAL 1852 CONSOLIDATED FUND:**

The employer shall remit per hour, for each hour paid, for the employee a sum in accordance with Article 8D of the Collective Agreement for the Electrical 1852 Consolidated Fund to:

**Electrical Union Local 1852**

187 Bay Street

Sydney, NS

B1N 2K1

**INDUSTRY IMPROVEMENT FUND:**

The employer shall remit per hour, for each hour paid, for the employee a sum in accordance with Article 8E of the Collective Agreement for the Industry Improvement Fund to:

**The Administrator**

Nova Scotia Construction Labour Relations Association

260 Brownlow Avenue, Unit #1

Dartmouth, NS B3B 1V9

Remittance forms for this fund are available at [www.nsclra.ca](http://www.nsclra.ca) or by phone at 902-468-2283.

**EDUCATION FUND:**

The employer shall contribute seventy-one cents (\$0.71) for each employee for each hour paid and remit the total of seventy-one cents (\$0.71) for each employee, for each hour paid to:

**I.B.E.W. Local 1852 Education Fund**

PO Box 24, Pier Postal Station

Sydney, NS

B1N 3B1

on or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the month following.

Please note that forty-six cents (\$0.46) of this employer contribution has been deducted from the hourly rate and vacation & holiday allowance of the employee. In the event that the Education Fund is discontinued, forty-six cents (\$0.46) shall be diverted back into the hourly rate and vacation & holiday allowance of the employee.

The I.B.E.W. 1852 Education Fund shall be jointly trusteeed by representatives of Management and of the Union, in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement governing the Fund. The remittance shall be made on such a form as the trustees may reasonably require. At the discretion of the trustees, the Fund shall be available to finance training in both labour relations matters and trade skills.

**NON-CATALOGUE ITEMS:**

In order to preserve the status quo it is agreed that when electrical fabrication work normally performed by Local Union members on site is sub-contracted off-site, such work shall be performed by I.B.E.W. members under the terms of the Agreement.

**QUALITY CONTROL:**

When a Quality Control person is required to do field inspections on site, he shall be employed from the membership of the Local Union. He shall only perform quality control functions. However, the determination of qualifications shall be within the sole discretion of the employer. Such employee, if transferred on site, shall not be counted as for the transfer clause, and shall perform only quality control functions while employed on site. Wages for this position will be that of a Journeyman Electrician.

**SUBSIDIZATION FUND:**

If the Local Union elects to establish an Income Supplement Fund, then the Collective Agreement shall be adjusted to allow for the deduction and remittance of contributions upon sixty (60) days written notice to the CLRA. Such fund shall not increase the package rate payable under this Agreement.

**OH&S TRAINING FUND:**

IBEW Local 1852 agrees to provide all members with up to date OH&S Training, in the categories as listed below, including members working for an employer and those being referred to an employer. The employer shall contribute forty cents (\$0.40) for each hour paid to Local 1852 Training Fund.

Categories included:

1. WHMIS
2. Fall Protection Type 1
3. Confined Space Type 1
4. Emergency First Aid
5. CPR
6. Forklift
7. Generic Site Safety Orientation
8. Elevated Lift Platform/Zoom Boom Training
9. Introduction to Rigging
10. Staging Set-Up

This course list will be reviewed for any necessary changes in June 2020.

Remittances to be forwarded to:

**I.B.E.W. Local 1852 OH&S Training Fund**  
PO Box 24, Pier Postal Station  
Sydney, NS  
B1N 3B1

on or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the month following.

In the event this fund is terminated, the entire forty cents (\$0.40) shall revert to the employer.

The I.B.E.W. 1852 OH&S Training Fund shall be jointly trusted by representatives of Management and of the Union, in accordance with the terms of the Trust Agreement governing the Fund. The remittance shall be made on such a form as the trustees may reasonably require.

Prior to the annual wage increase each year the Nova Scotia Construction Labour Relations Association Limited, the Trustees and IBEW Local 1852 will meet to review the amount of contribution required to maintain the providing the OH&S courses.

Training courses shall be carried out in the most cost effective manner and as approved by the trustees.

IBEW Local 1852 agrees to provide additional OH&S courses that are not listed above providing there is surplus in the OH&S contributions. Discussion on such additional training would become part of the annual meeting.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the Parties have Executed this Collective Agreement at Sydney, Nova Scotia, on this 13th day of December, 2018.

**SIGNATORIES**

**FOR THE EMPLOYER**

ROBERT SHEPHERD

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**FOR THE UNION**

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