

COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

Between

Winnipeg Free Press

HEREAFTER called the “Company” in the First Part,

AND

**UNIFOR Local 191
CARRIERS**

HEREAFTER called the “Union” in the Second Part

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026

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The company will endeavour to make any payments on the next available payment dates after ratification.

Any monetary changes will be made effective the ratification date.

Effective on date of ratification carriers with less than 90 days of service will receive a one-time signing bonus of \$75.00 paid on a separate payment. Carriers with 91-150 days of service or more will receive a one-time signing bonus of \$150 paid on a separate payment. Carriers with 151 days or more will receive a one-time signing bonus of \$350 paid on a separate payment.

ARTICLE 1 - JURISDICTION

The Company recognizes the Union as the exclusive bargaining agent for all persons named in Certificate No. MLB-5394.

ARTICLE 2 - INTERPRETATION

Where the singular and masculine are used in this Agreement, the same shall be construed as meaning the plural, or the feminine, where the context so admits or requires and the converse shall hold as applicable.

ARTICLE 3 - EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement made and entered into this 10th day of December 2023, and between the Winnipeg Free Press (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") through its authorized representatives and the Unifor Local No. 191 (hereinafter referred to as the "Union") by its officers or a committee duly authorized to act on its behalf, shall be effective beginning July 1, 2023 and shall end on June 30, 2026. Written notice of desire to terminate or amend the Agreement shall be given by either party at least 90 days prior to the expiration of the contract. If an agreement has not been reached by the date upon which this contract expires, the terms and conditions of the expired Agreement shall be maintained until a new Agreement is reached or action is authorized by the Union or by the Company signatory hereto.

ARTICLE 4 - UNION SECURITY

All present carriers who are or become members of the Union shall remain members of the Union in good standing as a condition of continued employment. All carriers hired after the date of this Agreement shall become and remain members of the Union as a condition of employment. The Company will inform new carriers of the requirements of this section.

ARTICLE 5 - INFORMATION

- a) The Company shall supply the Union with the following information for each new carrier:
 - i) Name, address, phone number (including cell), personal email address
 - ii) Copy of carrier agreement or applicable document and start date
 - iii) The route compensation sheet for each carrier.
- b) The Company shall notify the Union in writing monthly of resignations, retirements, deaths or any other terminations and other revisions in the data listed in (a) above and the effective dates.
- c) The company shall provide, on an annual basis, a seniority list by bargaining unit including all members' classifications.

ARTICLE 6 - DUES CHECKOFF

The Company shall deduct monthly from the income of each person in the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement an amount equal to the monthly Union membership dues, initiation fees or assessments, levied in accordance with the Union's constitution and bylaws and shall forward the sums so deducted, together with a list of the names and addresses and classifications of carriers from whose income the deductions have been made, to the Union on the 15th day of each and every month.

ARTICLE 7 - UNION REPRESENTATION

- a) Although non-carriers are not permitted in the non-public areas of the building or the distribution centre without the Company's authorization, in the case of recognized union representatives, these authorizations will not be unreasonably withheld.
- b) The Company recognizes the chapel chairpersons and assistant chapel chairpersons to be the Union's representative in each distribution centre covered by this Agreement.
- c) Such Union representatives shall not be disciplined or interfered with for acting on behalf of the members in attempting to resolve disputes or any actions involving the interpretation, application or alleged violations of the Agreement, when such matters cannot normally be handled outside working hours.
- d) A carrier may be accompanied by a union representative in any disciplinary meeting with management that involves a letter of warning, suspension or dismissal.
- e) A chapel chairperson does not have the power or authority to make any contract or incur any liability binding on the Local without the express written consent of the Local president, Local Representative or the Local Executive Board.

ARTICLE 8 - PROBATIONARY PERIOD

- a) New carriers shall be considered probationary carriers for their first sixty-five (65) working days of employment and their progress will be reviewed on a regular basis. Termination of employment during or at the end of their probationary period shall be considered just cause and, subject to the Human Rights Act of Manitoba, shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration provisions of the Agreement.

Upon the successful completion of the probationary period the carriers' length of continuous service shall be calculated from the date of original hiring.

ARTICLE 9 - GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

- a) Any grievance of a carrier must be submitted to the chapel chairperson or staff representative within fifteen (15) working days of its first coming to the attention of the affected party.
- b) A grievance must first be brought to the attention of the Union chapel chairperson who will attempt to resolve the dispute with the designated manager within seventy-two (72) hours.
- c) If the grievance cannot be resolved within the specified time it shall be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee.
- d) A standing committee of two representatives of the Company, and a like committee of two representing the Union, shall be appointed; the committee representing the Union shall be selected by the Union, and in the case of vacancy, absence or refusal of either of such representatives to act, another shall be appointed in his/her place.
- e) This committee shall meet within five (5) days to deal with all disputes which may arise as to the compensation herein provided, the construction to be placed upon any clause of the Agreement, or alleged violations thereof, which cannot be settled otherwise, and such joint committee shall meet, at a time mutually satisfactory to the parties, when any questions of difference shall have been referred to it for decision by the executive officers of either party to this Agreement and if a majority decision is reached by the joint standing committee it shall be binding upon both parties.

- f) Should the joint committee be unable to agree, then either party may refer the matter to arbitration within fifteen (15) days. The parties agree to use a sole arbitrator. The following persons will be called upon, on a rotation basis commencing with the first person on the list, who shall then serve at the first arbitration. Thereafter, for each successive arbitration, the person on the list immediately following the last person to have served as arbitrator shall then be called upon to serve. In the event the person requested to serve as arbitrator is unavailable, the next person on the list will be requested to serve. The arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding on both parties. However, in no event shall the arbitrator have the power to alter or amend this agreement in any respect. Wherever stipulated time is mentioned in this section, the said time may be extended by mutual consent of the parties or their representatives. The cost of the arbitrator shall be borne equally by the parties.
- g) There will be a list of four (4) arbitrators as follows:
- 1) Michael Werier
 - 2) Robert Simpson
 - 3) Diane Jones
 - 4) Gavin Wood

ARTICLE 10 - LAYOFF AND RECALL

- a) When it becomes necessary to reduce the work force the Company shall determine in which distribution centre the reduction is required and which routes will be affected and will so advise the Union at least ten (10) days prior to any such reduction. Any affected carriers shall have the option of displacing the most junior carrier or carriers employed within the distribution centre in order to maintain a route.
- b) Should there be an increase in the work force the displaced senior carrier shall first have the opportunity of returning to a route. The carriers laid off shall then, if available, be reinstated in the reverse order in which they were laid off, providing such recall occurs within twelve (12) months of the layoff. Such recall notice shall

be by registered letter to the last known address of the carrier filed with the Company. A copy of all recall notices will be sent to the Union. The carrier recalled must, on receipt of the recall notice, notify the Company of his/her intention to return to work and must return to work within ten (10) working days of the mailing of the recall or make alternative arrangements satisfactory to the Company. A carrier who refuses recall to the position he/she was laid off from, or a comparable position, will lose all seniority rights.

ARTICLE 11 - NO DISCRIMINATION

- a) The Company and the Union agree that there will be no discrimination because of race, nationality, religion, colour, sex, age, sexual preference, marital status, physical handicap, ethnic or national origin, political beliefs or family status or any other grounds set out in the Human Rights Code.
- b) In the event any carrier or the Union initiates an action under the Manitoba Human Rights Act, the Company shall be relieved of any obligation to process a grievance on that matter under this section.
- c) Carriers are free to participate in Union activities in accordance with the Manitoba Labour Relations Act.
- d) The Company and the Union agree to abide by the following harassment policy:

The Winnipeg Free Press will not tolerate any abuse of its carriers, whether the abuse be physical, verbal, mental, emotional, or of any other kind whatsoever. This prohibited abuse includes all forms of sexual harassment. The Company policy of non-tolerance of abuse extends to relations between a carrier and any other carrier, whether or not the carrier being abused is under the normal working authority of the person responsible for the abuse.

Every carrier at this newspaper should realize that anyone who practices abuse or harassment could be subject to dismissal. There are many circumstances when a second chance is not warranted and in those circumstances a second chance will not be given.

If any carrier feels that he/she has been abused by another carrier, then a confidential discussion may be held with the department head of the upset carrier, or directly with the Publisher. This matter will be fully investigated on a confidential basis, and all parties to the complaint will be advised of what the decision is.

ARTICLE 12 - DISCIPLINE

The Company may discipline only for just cause. A written reprimand, suspension or termination shall be in writing and shall contain the reasons for the written reprimand, suspension or termination and shall be given to the carrier concerned and the Union.

ARTICLE 13 - NEW EQUIPMENT

- a) The Company shall provide, at the Company's expense, the normal supplies required to perform the carrier's job, including, but not limiting to plastic newspaper bags, and elastic bands.
- b) Coincidental with the decision to purchase new equipment which will alter the work procedures of any carrier's job, the Company will notify the Union in writing.

ARTICLE 14 - BULLETIN BOARD

The Company shall provide a bulletin board in all distribution centres for the exclusive use of the Union. Job postings shall be placed on the Company's bulletin board and not on the Union bulletin board.

ARTICLE 15 - JOB POSTING

The Company will post on each distribution centre bulletin board notice of openings for employment within the Winnipeg Free Press for positions which are outside this unit as described in Certificate No. MLB-5394 for a period of five (5) working days before the position is permanently filled. Such posted notice shall contain the compensation rate and such other information which may be of assistance to carriers considering applying for the position. Current carriers may apply in writing and shall receive first consideration, prior to outside applicants, for all openings, and their applications will be reviewed. Carriers with the necessary qualifications who are not selected for the position may request an explanation of the Company's decisions and suggestions, if any, about how to improve his or her chances for future consideration.

ARTICLE 16 - MATERNITY AND PARENTAL LEAVE

Carriers will be granted maternity leave and parental leave in accordance with the provisions of The Employment Standards Code of Manitoba, as it may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE 17 - JURY DUTY

- a) Any carrier required to serve on or appear for jury duty or as a crown witness shall be excused from the total shift for any day on which they are required to report for court.

- b) The carrier shall receive from the Company the difference between jury or witness pay and the compensation that the carrier would have received had they not been required to attend court.

ARTICLE 18 - RIGHTS OF THE PUBLISHER

- a) Where it does not contravene the provisions of this collective agreement, the Union acknowledges that the Publisher's function is to manage the enterprise in which they are engaged as efficiently as possible. Maintenance of order, discipline and efficiency of the staff, the direction of the working force, the right to plan, direct and control operations, the right to make reasonable rules and regulations and to require observation of them by carriers is the Publisher's prerogative. The determination of competency, the product or products, the schedule of production and methods, processes and means of production are entirely within the sphere of the Publisher. Any enumeration of the Publisher's rights shall not be deemed to exclude other normal functions of the Publisher and the Publisher therefore retains all rights not otherwise specifically set forth in the agreement.
- b) In administering this agreement, the Company shall act reasonably, fairly, in good faith, and in a manner consistent with the Agreement as a whole.

ARTICLE 19 - MERIT INCREASE

Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the Company from granting, or a carrier from receiving, compensation in excess of the amounts set forth in the compensation section of this Agreement provided the Company shall not be required to continue such compensation when in the Company's opinion, it is no longer justified.

ARTICLE 20 - SENIORITY

- a) Seniority of carriers as used in this Agreement means continuous length of service with the Company. Employment shall be deemed continuous unless interrupted by a) dismissal for just and sufficient cause; b) dismissal to reduce the work force; c) resignation; d) retirement. Senior carriers shall have first choice of use of the carrier replacement system and first choice of vacant or open routes, on the understanding that carriers shall maintain routes in one distribution centre area only.
- b) Seniority lists shall be provided to the Union on January 1st of each year, and within thirty (30) days of receiving the notice of intent to bargain. In the event the distribution centre is restructured or combined, a new seniority list shall be established and provided to the union within thirty (30) days.

ARTICLE 21 - BENEFITS

The Company shall continue to provide optional health benefit coverage to each carrier as provided for in Schedule "A", with the premiums paid by the carrier.

ARTICLE 22 - ROUTES

- a) Carriers will be given an opportunity to increase the size or makeup of their routes, such as including houses, apartment buildings and businesses in a single route, subject to the seniority provision of the collective agreement and subject to reasonable business provisions.
- b) When a vacant route occurs or a new route is created at any one of the distribution centre, the vacant or new route shall be posted in the distribution centre in which the vacancy occurs for a period of at least three (3) working days. The posting shall include the following information: size of route, kilometre allowance, and the

bonus being offered at the time of posting, if any. A new route is not created when it changes as a result of any form of reorganization, realignment or an extension of a current route.

- c) Carriers shall not be disciplined by the Company in the event that late delivery of the product to the distribution centre prevents those carriers with work-related conflicts from performing or completing their assigned routes.

ARTICLE 23 - CARRIER REPLACEMENTS

The current practice of the Winnipeg Free Press of maintaining a very small roster of emergency replacements for carriers shall continue.

ARTICLE 24 - COMPENSATION

- a) The Company may pay a route bonus to a carrier where it determines in its sole discretion that it is appropriate to do so, but the Company shall not be required to continue any such route bonus where the Company determines in its sole discretion that it is no longer justified. However, if such a route bonus is paid to a carrier as of the collection period commencing August 9, 2004 the route bonus paid to him/her will be maintained until the carrier leaves his/her route.

- b) Basic Delivery Allowance:

Effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026:

Daily & Sunday newspaper	\$0.22 per paper
Saturday delivery	\$0.3088 per paper

c) Inserts

(i)	Inserts (each)		\$.0075
(ii)	On-route:	Newspaper section	\$.055
		Magazines/Catalogues	\$.045
		Promotional Material	\$.05

d) Delivery of Samples and Bonus Newspapers

A “Sample” newspaper is a paper delivered to a customer who is not a current subscriber. A “bonus” newspaper is a paper delivered to a current subscriber who does not receive the paper six (6) days a week. It shall be considered to be a delivery of a complete newspaper when a “sample “newspaper is delivered to a potential subscriber at the request of the Free Press. In such instances, the carrier will deliver the “sample” newspaper for a compensation rate of three (3) cents above the normal profit of the newspaper. The carrier shall receive the normal profit of the paper for delivery of a “bonus” newspaper.

e) Kilometer Allowance

Carriers shall be compensated for using their own vehicle to provide service to the Company. Effective the date of ratification of this Agreement, the kilometre allowance shall be \$0.44 per kilometre and the price per litre of gasoline shall be assumed to be \$1.25 for the current quarter. At the beginning of each quarter, the price of gasoline in Winnipeg will be determined from the Weekly Pump Price Survey from the Kent Group Ltd. (Kentgroupltd.com) and where the price of gasoline exceeds \$1.159 per litre, the kilometre allowance shall be increased by \$0.004 per kilometre for every \$0.02 per litre that the price of gasoline has increased and where the price of gasoline decreases, the kilometre allowance shall be decreased by \$0.004 per kilometre for every \$0.02 per litre that the price of gasoline has decreased, except that the kilometre allowance shall not be less than \$0.44 per kilometre.

Payment of new rates shall be applied and is applicable to the next full billing cycle.

Union representatives will receive an email link to enable access to the quarterly gas report.

f) Subscriber Notices

Carriers shall deliver a notice or invoice to subscribers in the event of a missed or failed delivery when required by the Company and shall deliver a notice or invoice to a subscriber on the seventh (7th) day and the final day before the carrier stops delivery of the newspaper because of the subscriber's failure to pay. The Company will pay a carrier fifty cents (\$0.50) for each such notice or invoice the carrier delivers to a subscriber at the request of the Company.

ARTICLE 25 - HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Union may designate one (1) carrier to attend meetings of the Company's Workplace Safety and Health Committee, notwithstanding that carriers are contractors and not employees of the Company, provided that it does not result in the Workplace Safety and Health Committee being comprised of more than the maximum number of members allowed under The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba). The designated carrier shall maintain his/her status as a contractor notwithstanding his/her involvement with the Workplace Safety and Health Committee. In order to facilitate the designated carrier's attendance at Workplace Safety and Health Committee meetings, the Company will provide a substitute carrier for the designated carrier's routes on all days on which the designated carrier attends a Workplace Safety and Health Committee meeting and the designated carrier will be compensated in the same manner as employee members of the Workplace Safety and Health Committee who are compensated under section 40(11) of The Workplace Safety and Health Act (Manitoba).

ARTICLE 26 - GENERAL HOLIDAYS

- a) The following days shall be recognized as general holidays:

New Year's Day	Labour Day
Louis Riel Day	Thanksgiving Day
Good Friday	Remembrance Day
Victoria Day	Christmas Day
Canada Day	Boxing Day
August Civic Holiday	Truth and Reconciliation

- b) A carrier who is not required to report to work on a general holiday under Article 27 a) shall be paid his or her regular Basic Delivery Allowance, together with any applicable route bonus, insert payment and on route payment, for the general holiday and the regular sample delivery rate under Article 25 g) for the sample newspapers which the carrier would have delivered at the request of the Company on the general holiday.
- c) A carrier who works on a general holiday under Article 27 a) shall be paid not less than his or her regular compensation, consisting of his or her Basic Delivery Allowance, insert payment and any applicable route bonus and on route payment, for the general holiday, and, in addition, general holiday pay at the rate of one and one-half times the Basic Delivery Allowance, insert payment and any applicable route bonus and on route payment, earned by the carrier on the day of the general holiday. If a carrier uses his or her own vehicle on the general holiday to provide service to the Company, the carrier shall receive a kilometre allowance in accordance with Article 25 h).

Re: Carrier Compensation on General Holidays

To clarify the payment to carriers for General Holidays, the parties agree to the following:

1. Under Article 27 (b), when a carrier is not required to report to work on a General Holiday as defined by Article 27 (a), the Company shall pay each carrier his or her regular Basic Delivery Allowance (per paper profit) and route bonus (if any on that route) as defined by Article 25. The Company shall also pay each carrier the regular sample delivery rate under Article 25 (g) for the sample newspapers which the carrier would have delivered at the request of the Company on the General Holiday.

The Company shall also pay to each carrier an amount, as payment for inserts and any on-route products (including the TV Book), which shall be calculated as follows:

The Company will calculate the exact average earnings of each carrier for the number of inserts and on-route products to be paid for the Statutory Holiday, as defined by Article 25, based on the number of inserts and on-route products delivered by the carrier in the billing invoice period immediately prior to the Statutory Holiday.

2. Under Article 27 (c), when a carrier is required to report to work on a General Holiday as defined by Article 27 (a), the Company shall pay to each carrier his or her regular Basic Delivery Allowance (per paper profit), and route bonus (if any on that route) as defined by Article 25. The Company shall also pay to each carrier an amount, as payment for inserts and any on-route products (including the TV Book), which shall be calculated as follows:

The Company will calculate the exact average earnings of each carrier for the number of inserts and on-route products to be paid for the Statutory Holiday, as defined by Article 25, based on the number of inserts and on-route products delivered by the carrier in the billing invoice period immediately prior to the Statutory Holiday.

In addition, as per Article 27 (c), the Company shall pay at the rate of one and one half times (1.5) the Basic Delivery Allowance (per paper profit), route bonus (if any on that route), payment for inserts, and payment for on-route product(s) earned by the carrier on the General Holiday. If samples are delivered on a General Holiday, carriers shall be paid in accordance with Article 25 (g). The carriers will also be paid their kilometer allowance as per Article 25 (h).

3. When a carrier is required to deliver a newspaper to a Saturday-only customer on another day of the week for any reason including a General Holiday falling on a Saturday, the Company shall pay the carrier the Saturday delivery rate as per Article 25 for those Saturday-only customers.

ARTICLE 27 - DELIVERY REPRESENTATIVE AGREEMENT

Those provisions of the “Delivery Representative Agreement with the Winnipeg Free Press” (a copy of the Delivery Representative Agreement is attached hereto as Schedule “B”) which do not conflict with any of the provisions of this Collective Agreement shall continue in full force and effect. In the event of any conflict between the said Delivery Representative Agreement and the terms and conditions of this Collective Agreement, the terms and conditions of this Collective Agreement shall apply.

ARTICLE 28 – CARRIER REPLACEMENTS & CHARGE BACKS

The Free Press shall provide a carrier replacement in the event of absence due to illness or injury for non-probationary carriers. The cost of providing such replacement coverage shall not be charged back to the carrier in an amount any greater than the amount of compensation the carrier would have received for delivering the route or routes.

ARTICLE 29 – REPLACEMENT ALLOWANCE

The Company shall pay to each carrier with at least one year of service, the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each year, to cover the cost of a replacement carrier. Carriers are not required to account to the Company as to whether or not such replacement service was used.

ARTICLE 30 – ABSENCES

a) Upon request, the Company shall grant a leave of absence and will charge back Unifor Local 191 for a carrier to attend Union meetings, conventions or Union business, provided that no more than three (3) carriers may be absent at any one time.

b) Two carriers at any one time will be granted a leave of absence for the purpose of contract negotiations between the Carriers and the Winnipeg Free Press. The Company will charge back Unifor Local 191 for said absences.

ARTICLE 31 – REPLACEMENT CARRIERS

There shall be no chargebacks to the carrier of record for work performed by a replacement carrier when such replacement carrier is paid directly by the Company.

ARTICLE 32 – CONTRACTING OUT

The Company agrees that before it makes any decision on getting out of newspaper/flyer distribution it will meet with the Union to determine if there are ways to maintain the current carrier force. The Company retains the right to make any and all final decisions.

ARTICLE 33 – BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

The current practice shall continue whereby a carrier may apply for Bereavement Leave and such application will be considered on its merit by management and if granted, and then the carrier will be excused from executing their Delivery Representative Agreement without loss of compensation for the period of leave. Each period of leave shall in no case exceed 3 days,

The carrier will provide obituary notice if requested by the Company, if available and valid concern is raised.

ARTICLE 34 – UNIFOR SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

The Social Justice Fund is an independent non-profit corporation and is an officially registered charitable foundation under the Income Tax Act. The Unifor Social Justice Fund is designed to aid in international development, through the relief of hunger, rebuilding, improved education, and social infrastructures as well as to encourage self-sufficiency.

The Company agrees to submit to the Unifor Social Justice Fund \$0.35 for each invoice period by all employees in the bargaining unit. However, for the purpose of deduction from the company's payroll the union will set a nominal monthly amount to be deducted from employees and remitted to the union.

The amount shall be submitted no later than the 15th day of the month following the month in which the hours were worked.

The Union will provide a letter on quarterly remittance.

ARTICLE 35 – THIRD PARTY NEWSPAPER DELIVERY

The Company and the Union hereby agree as follows with respect to Third Party Newspaper Delivery:

1. Article 35 of the Collective Agreement between the Company and the Union is amended to read as follows:

e) Inserts

(i) Inserts (each) \$.005

(ii) On-route:

Third Party Newspaper	
Delivery Allowance:	
Sunday to Friday Newspaper Delivery Allowance	\$.2029
Saturday Newspaper Delivery Allowance	\$.3088
Newspaper section	\$.0550
Magazines/Catalogues	\$.0450
Promotional Material	\$.0500

2. for the purposes of this Agreement and Article 35 of the Collective Agreement, a Third Party Newspaper is defined as a subscriber based newspaper that is not owned by or associated or affiliated with FP Canadian Newspapers Limited Partnership;

3. carriers shall deliver a notice to subscribers in the event of a missed or failed delivery when required by the Company and shall deliver a notice to a subscriber on the seventh (7th) day and the final day before the carrier stops delivery of the Third Party Newspaper because of the subscriber's failure to pay. The Company will pay a carrier fifty cents (\$0.50) for each such notice the carrier delivers to a subscriber at the request of the Company; and

4. the same standards which apply to the delivery of the Winnipeg Free Press also apply to the delivery of Third Party Newspapers.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING - 1

Between:

Winnipeg Free Press

Company

And

Unifor Local 191

Union

RE: Route Smart and Kilometre Allowance

The Company and the Union hereby agree that Carriers who deliver the Winnipeg Free Press and related products under the Collective Agreement between the Company and the Union effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 (the “Collective Agreement”) shall have the ability to challenge the number of kilometres for which they are paid the kilometre allowance under Article 25(f) of the Collective Agreement under the following terms and conditions:

1. the Company shall recalculate route distances for all routes once every quarter, except that newly merged routes shall be calculated as soon as reasonably practicable. The Company shall also recalculate route distances affected by the closure, consolidation and/or expansion of depots;
2. the Company shall notify Carriers of changes in their total route distance calculation by posting notice of the change and the billing period in which the change will take effect. A Carrier shall have thirty (30) days from the date of the posting of the notification to file a challenge to his/her total route distance calculation;
3. once a challenge has been raised by the Union or a Carrier, the Company shall consult with the Carrier regarding route flow and shall, within thirty (30) days from the date the challenge is raised, drive the Carrier’s route with the carrier present, in order to determine whether a route flow that diverges from the route determined by Route Smart is reasonably necessary to effect proper delivery and to confirm the distance calculation for that route;
4. In respect to that Carrier, should the Company’s determination under paragraph 4 above differ from the Route Smart distance calculation, the distance calculation determined under paragraph 4 above shall be manually entered into the Carrier’s invoice and the Carrier’s kilometre compensation under Article 25(f) shall be based

on that, retroactive to the date the challenged Route Smart distance calculation took effect;

5. for the purposes of this Agreement, route distance means the distance a Carrier travels in his/her vehicle from the distribution centre, through to the final delivery stop of his/her route(s).

If a carrier is required by the Company to return to the depot for any business related reason they shall be compensated for that mileage in accordance with Article 25 (f); and

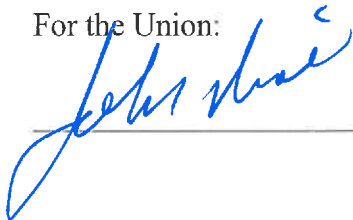
6. the Union reserves its right to grieve a route distance determined by the Company under paragraph 3 above.

Dated this 10 day of May, 2024, at City of Winnipeg in the Province of Manitoba.

For the Company:



For the Union:



LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING -2

Between:

Winnipeg Free Press

Company

And

UNIFOR Local 191

Union

RE: Route Smart and Kilometre Allowance Amendment to Letter of Understanding - 1

1. The Company shall pay for exact distance travelled as calculated by Route Smart subject to this letter, the LOU – 1 and the Collective Agreement;
2. Whenever a new carrier starts or an existing carrier takes over another route, the Company shall provide a new Route Smart list for a minimum of four (4) weeks.
3. The Company shall continue to provide a Route Smart list when requested to carriers for each route they deliver. Whenever a new carrier starts or an existing carrier takes over another route, the Company shall provide a new Route Smart list.
4. A carrier will submit a Kilometre Variance Report to the Company whenever their route distance varies from Route Smart due to construction, weather, emergency services or other unforeseen circumstances. The varied kilometers shall be adjusted to the carrier's invoice for the period indicated once the distance is validated by the Company. If the Company has not validated the adjustment within ten (10) business days, the adjustment will be automatic.

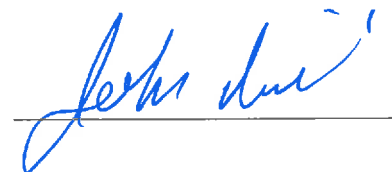
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Dated this 10 day of May, 2024, at City of Winnipeg in the Province of Manitoba.

For the Company:



For the Union:



**WINNIPEG FREE PRESS
NON-DISCRIMINATION/NON-SEXUAL
HARASSMENT POLICY**

POLICY

The Company and the Union agree to abide by the Harassment Policy re-issued by the Publisher on July 1, 2023 and its updates.

Carriers have the right to expect an environment free from discrimination and harassment. It is expected that the behaviour of carriers in the workplace will meet generally acceptable social standards. Carriers, in their relations with each other persons in the workplace, are to treat each other with respect and dignity. Carriers shall not engage in sexual harassment or any other form of personal harassment.

Winnipeg Free Press is committed to treating all carriers fairly and to maintaining a work environment that supports the dignity and self-respect of all carriers. This means that discriminatory practice based on race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, creed, sex, sexual orientation, age marital status, family status or handicap will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment will also not be tolerated.

The Canadian Human Rights Commission considers harassment to include but is not limited to:

- Unwelcome remarks, jokes, innuendo or taunting about a person's body, attire, age, marital status, ethnic or religious origins.
- Displaying offensive or derogatory pictures.
- Practical jokes which cause awkwardness or embarrassment.
- Unwelcome invitations or requests.
- Leering or other gestures.
- Condescension or paternalism which undermines self-respect.
- Any unwelcome physical, visual or verbal conduct.

Winnipeg Free Press accepts this definition and will be guided by it in dealing with allegations of harassment of discrimination. Sexual harassment will be considered to have taken place if a reasonable person ought to have known that such behaviour was unwelcome, or when such behaviour poisons the work environment.

Any carrier whose actions are inconsistent with our policy of non-discrimination/non-harassment will be subject to discipline, up to and including termination of employment, depending on the seriousness of the situation.

When allegations prove frivolous, or completely without foundation, or are made with malicious intent, the complainant will also be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination of employment.

PROCEDURE

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM:

Carriers who believe they are being harassed and/or discriminated of another carrier should take the following steps.

1. Tell the individual very clearly that his/her behaviour is offensive and tell him/her *to stop*. This can be done by speaking to the person or in writing. If possible, get another person to witness this action. Let fellow carriers know the behaviour is unwelcome. Peer pressure can be an effective deterrent and your colleagues can provide you with support.
2. Inform management of the nature and circumstances of the harassment. If however, you are fearful of reprisals or have been threatened, you should not confront the harasser first but take your concerns directly to management.
3. If your superior is harassing you or for any reason you feel uncomfortable discussing the problem with your District Manager, you should contact either/or
 - Director of Operations, Winnipeg Free Press or
 - Director of Human Resources
4. a.) With the knowledge of the complainant, management will conduct an investigation surrounding the allegation(s).

b.) In addition to the above, carriers who have provisions in their collective agreement may refer their complaint accordingly. The name of the complainant or the circumstances of the complaint will not be disclosed to any person except where disclosure is necessary for the purpose of investigation of the complaint.
5. Keep written notes about what happened when the harassment occurred and what was done about it. Dates, times, witnesses would be helpful.
6. As allegations of harassment have the potential to be damaging to the personal reputations of the parties involved, every effort will be made to ensure confidentiality of the parties and any witnesses. However, any accused has the right to know and address allegations made to his/her detriment.

Following the investigation, management will review the matter and relevant facts, giving consideration to the merits of the case, company policy, the law and any other factors which may be pertinent to the complaint. They will render a decision in writing within ten working days of the date of the complaint was filed to management, unless circumstances

require a longer period of time. At the conclusion of the investigation, all relevant persons involved in the investigation will be informed of the outcome.

No documentation of unsubstantiated claims will be maintained in individual personnel files.

IF YOU KNOW OF OR WITNESS HARASSMENT OF ANOTHER CARRIER:

- offer support to the victim
- offer to be a witness on their behalf
- if appropriate, approach the harasser and let him/her know behaviour is inappropriate
- if the harassment continues, discuss your observations with the harasser's superior

IF YOU ARE A DISTRICT MANAGER:

You are legally responsible for creating and maintaining a working environment that is free from harassment. That means being sensitive to the climate in your work group and addressing potential problems before they become serious.

If you are aware of, or ought reasonably to have been aware of, harassment in your department, you are responsible and must act to stop it. Also, if harassment is going on and you DO NOT ACT TO STOP IT, risk being disciplined. In addition, you may be named as a co-respondent in the event the complaint is filed with the Human Rights Commission and subject to any fine determined by the Commission.

If you receive a complaint, immediately inform management. You will be expected to assist in and document a thorough and confidential investigation.

CLIENTS AND HARASSMENT:

There may be occasion where a carrier feels that he/she is being subjected to behaviour from a client that falls under the definition of harassment.

Although we cannot deal with a client in quite the same manner as a carrier, any harassment of a carrier by a client must be addressed by management.

If you feel you are being harassed by a client, follow these steps:

1. Advise the client that his/her behaviour is inappropriate and unwelcome.
2. If you feel you need assistance with the problem and cannot deal with the client on your own, advise your District Manager in writing, with a copy to the Director of Operations.
3. If the harassment continues, report this immediately to management.

Management will investigate your complaint and take appropriate action.

Effective Date: July 1, 2023

PROTOCOL to the WINNIPEG FREE PRESS HARASSMENT POLICY

Preamble

A carrier may at any time approach his/her District Manager or management to raise a concern which might be better addressed outside the Harassment Policy. Management agrees to review any such concerns and to respond in a timely way.

Threshold for harassment in a supervisory context

1. District Managers and carriers under their supervision will treat each other with respect and dignity.
2. As part of their duties, District Managers are required to correct carrier behavior, coach carriers on job performance, impose discipline and engage in other job-related interaction with carriers. These supervisory functions do not, in and of themselves, constitute harassment; even where the affected carriers may feel slighted by criticism of his/her job performance.
3. District Managers may not, in carrying out the above functions, engage in conduct or make comments which violate the provisions of the Manitoba *Human Rights Code*. This will be considered harassment under the Policy. Moreover, District Managers may not demean or abuse a carrier in personal terms while carrying out the above functions. If repeated, this will also be considered harassment under the Policy.

Investigation following a complaint of harassment

4. The Company will commence the process of investigation as soon as possible after receiving a complaint of harassment, and in any event not later than five (5) working days after receipt.
5. All required interviews will take place as soon as reasonably possible considering the nature and scope of the investigation. The timing and location of interviews will be arranged so as to maximize the preservation of confidentiality.
6. The complainant will be kept reasonably informed of progress as the investigation proceeds.
7. Time limits may be extended by agreement of the complainant or where urgent circumstances warrant.

Response to the complaint

8. Within five (5) working days of completing the investigation, the Company will communicate a written response to the complainant and the respondent(s). A response will include a statement of the allegations, a summary of the investigation undertaken and the Company's conclusion. Upon the complainant's request, an in-person meeting will be held between the complainant and the investigator to review the response.

Complaints which fail to meet the threshold

9. If the Company determines at any time that, in its opinion, the complaint does not reach the threshold for harassment under the Policy, it will so advise the complainant and the respondent(s). The complainant will then have two options.

10. First, the complainant may request that notwithstanding the Company's opinion, the full investigation be completed. In such case, the Company will advise the complainant of the potential adverse consequences which may result from an allegation which is frivolous, completely without foundation, or made with malicious intent, in accordance with the Policy. The Company will then complete a full investigation.

11. Second, the complainant may terminate the complaint, in which case no further action shall be taken under the Policy. If a condition exists which requires the attention of the Company, the investigation may continue outside the ambit of the Policy, at the Company's discretion.

SCHEDULE "A" - BENEFITS

Life Insurance	\$20,000
Accidental Death	\$25,000
Double Dismemberment	\$30,000
Single Dismemberment	\$25,000
Quadriplegia	\$30,000
Paraplegia	\$30,000
Hemiplegia	\$30,000
Double Indemnity	\$50,000
Permanent Total Disability	\$50,000
Accident Disability Benefit	90% of earnings up to \$250.00 per week, 52 week maximum*
Accident Hospital Expense Benefit	Semi-private
Dental Accident Expense	Unlimited 1 st 156 wks
Accidental Medical Reimbursement	\$500 max
Accident Prosthetic Appliance Expense Benefit	\$6,000
Accident Rehabilitation Expense Benefit	\$16,000
Repatriation Benefit	\$6,000
Physician Validation Expense Benefit	\$50
Dread Disease Benefit	\$5,000
Substitutes (Part 1 only)	Covered on-route
Excess Hospital/Medical Reimbursement	\$5,000
Fracture Schedule	\$15 to \$500

SCHEDULE "B"
DELIVERY REPRESENTATIVE AGREEMENT
WITH THE WINNIPEG FREE PRESS

ROUTE NO. ROUTE I.D. ADULT - ☐ Inside Perimeter

DISTRICT ☐ Outside Perimeter
(exception St. Norbert)

I,, agree to act as an independent representative/salesperson for the Winnipeg Free Press, delivering a complete newspaper in good readable condition, to the subscriber's designated location on a daily basis in my appointed district, namely Route, commencing.....

I further agree to the following conditions:

- 1) To pick up my route newspapers at the designated location of
at the designated time of: Mon-Fri by Sat/Sun by
- 2) To have all my deliveries completed Mon-Fri by Sat/Sun by
- 3) To provide a reliable trained substitute to complete my duties in the event I am unable to complete them for any reason.
- 4) To pay my account in full by cheque at the carrier wholesale rate as set from time to time by the Winnipeg Free Press.
- 5) To remit the Goods and Services Tax on my sales, should my gross business income from all sources exceed \$30,000.
- 6) To give the Winnipeg Free Press a minimum of two weeks notice in writing, which must be at the end of a billing period, before giving up my route.
- 7) To remit promptly, all monies owing to the Winnipeg Free Press, and collection books/keys, on termination of this Agreement.
- 8) To provide a reliable vehicle and all Fother tools and equipment to complete my duties, and to pay all costs therefore.
- 9) The independent delivery representative/salesperson represents and warrants that they possess appropriate licensing under the motor vehicle laws, and adequate liability insurance, and covenants to maintain such licensing and insurance during the term of this contract.
- 10) The independent delivery representative/salesperson hereby indemnifies and saves harmless, the Winnipeg Free Press, its officers, agents, employees and licensees from all claims, debts, demands, suits, actions and causes of action for loss, damage, liability, insurance, death or cause made or brought by any person against the Winnipeg Free Press caused by or indirectly arising from or out of the services provided by the independent delivery representative/salesperson hereunder or the operation of the independent delivery representative/salesperson's vehicle, or any other person acting for the independent representative/sales person in his employ.

The Winnipeg Free Press reserves the right to make changes to these conditions within the Agreement upon notice of at least two weeks. The Winnipeg Free Press may terminate this Agreement at any time with no notice required, should the Winnipeg Free Press determine that the independent representative/salesperson failed to adequately provide the service agreed to herein. The Winnipeg Free Press will provide reasons for the termination of this Agreement.

Delivery Representative Signature:

Address:

Postal Code: Telephone:

Date: Accepted by:

(District Manager)

White – Office

Yellow – Delivery Representative

Pink – District Manager

This collective agreement shall be in effect as herein described from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

SIGNED ON THIS 10 DAY OF May, 2024.

FOR THE UNION

John Smith
Antoine
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FOR THE COMPANY

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Bentley
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