

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE CITY OF KEEWATIN, MINNESOTA

AND

**THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE,
COUNTY
AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO**

LOCAL UNION NO.81

JULY 1, 2015 - JUNE 30, 2018

ESSENTIAL UNIT

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AGREEMENT

This Agreement, dated the first day of July 1, 2015, entered into between the City of Keewatin, hereinafter referred to as the EMPLOYER, and Local 81 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organization, hereinafter referred to as the UNION.

ARTICLE I
PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

Section A.

It is the intent and purpose of the parties hereto to set forth herein the basic agreement covering rates of pay, hours of work, and all other conditions of employment to be observed between the parties hereto.

Section B.

The provisions of this Agreement constitute the sole procedure for the processing and settlement of any claim by an employee or the Union of a violation by the Employer of this Agreement. As the representative of the employees, the Union may process grievances through the grievance procedure including arbitration in accordance with this agreement or adjust or settle the same.

ARTICLE II
DEFINITION OF REGULAR EMPLOYEE

Section A.

The term 'regular employee', as used in this Agreement, shall mean any employee who has been employed by the City of Keewatin or appointed to work for the City of Keewatin in the unit comprised of essential employees by an authorized supervisor or department head and who works regularly full-time or regularly part-time, and whose service exceeds fourteen (14) hours per week or 35% of the normal work week for more than 67 working days in a calendar year.

ARTICLE III
RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

Section A.

Each of the parties of this Agreement hereby acknowledges the rights and responsibilities of the other parties and agrees to discharge its responsibilities under this Agreement.

Section B.

The Employer, including its managerial, supervisory and representatives at all levels, is firmly bound to observe the conditions of this Agreement.

Section C.

The Union, including its officers and representatives, and all employees are firmly bound to observe the conditions of this Agreement.

Section D.

In addition to the responsibilities that may be provided elsewhere in this Agreement, the following shall be observed:

1. The applicable procedures of this Agreement will be followed for the settlement of all grievances.

All grievances shall be considered carefully and processed promptly in accordance with such procedure.

2. There shall be no interference with the rights of employees to become or continue as members of the Union.

ARTICLE IV
RECOGNITION

Section A.

The Employer recognizes Local Union No. 81, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, or known as AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local No. 81, as the exclusive representative for collective bargaining purposes for all essential employees of the City of Keewatin, Minnesota, excluding elected officials and officials appointed by the Employer to serve on commissions or boards or librarians. No discrimination shall be exercised against any employee because of Union membership or because of race, creed, sex, color, religious or political belief.

Section B.

The Employer shall not enter into any agreement with the employees coming under the jurisdiction of this Agreement, either individually or collectively, which in any way conflicts with the terms of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V
CHECKOFF OF UNION DUES

Section A.

The Employer agrees to deduct from the salary of each employee who has signed an authorized payroll deduction card a sum certified by the Secretary of Local 81, which are Union dues or initiation fees of the Union, such deductions to be made from the payroll period ending the first half of each month, and transmit to the Financial Secretary of Local 81 the total amount so deducted, together with a list of the names of the employees from whose pay deductions were made. An employee may terminate his payroll deductions by written notice delivered to the City Clerk, who shall forthwith transmit a copy of such termination to the Financial Secretary of Local 81.

ARTICLE VI
HOURS OF WORK

Section A.

The average work week shall consist of forty (40) hours per week. All hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours per week shall be compensated for at time and one-half (1-1/2) the regular hourly rate of pay, or the employee shall have the option of compensable time off at the rate of time and one-half (1-1/2) for the hours worked over forty (40) per week.

Section B. Compensable Time.

Each employee shall be allowed to accumulate one hundred (100) hours straight time or 66.67 hours compensable time per year. At the end of each calendar year, an employee may be allowed to carry over twenty (20) hours, the balance will be paid on the next regular pay day. The Chief of Police will be responsible to monitor the use of compensable time off to limit the amount of overtime created by employee's use of compensable time. The City Council may also monitor the use of comp time for abuse and address the issue with the Chief of Police.

Section C.

If the needs of service permit, all employees shall receive two fifteen-minute rest breaks in each eight-hour shift at times designated by their immediate supervisor, except that all employees working straight eight-hour shifts will not exceed thirty (30) minutes for lunch and coffee breaks.

Section D.

The Employer agrees that split shift work will not be scheduled for employees of any department.

Section E. Shift Differential

Shift differential increments shall be \$.50 and \$.60 per hour for the afternoon shift and night shift, respectively. Whenever an employee is scheduled or called to work away from regular shifts, he shall receive the appropriate shift differential for the hours worked between 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Section F.

Any officer who gets called out shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours pay; any portion over two (2) hours shall be paid at the next highest hour.

Section G.

Part-time employment shall be limited to fifty-nine (59) working days per calendar year.

ARTICLE VII
SENIORITY

Section A.

Seniority standing shall be granted to all employees. The standing is to be determined on the basis of total length of continuous employment for the City of Keewatin. All new employees shall be on probation for a period of one (1) year, and upon successful completion of such probationary period, seniority will then revert to the first day of their employment. All such employees shall retain permanent status. During the period of probationary employment, probationary employees may be laid off or discharged as exclusively determined by the Employer, provided that this provision will not be used for purposes of discrimination because of membership in the Union, race, creed, sex, color, religious or political belief.

Section B.

An employee shall lose his seniority standing if:

1. He voluntarily resigns from employment
2. He is discharged for cause
3. He fails to report for work after layoff within fifteen (15) days after receipt of notice by registered mail. The Employer shall send this notice to return to work to the employee at his last known address
4. He is laid off for a period of more than one (1) year

Section C.

In the event of a layoff in any category of work, employees shall be laid off according to seniority in the inverse order of hiring.

Section D.

Employees shall be rehired according to seniority in the inverse order of layoffs.

Section E.

In cases of transfer from one classification of work to another, employees involved in the transfer shall not lose seniority standing.

Section F.

In cases of reduction in force or the elimination of a position, a senior employee may exert his seniority preference over a junior employee in any classification of work, provided he has the necessary qualifications to perform the duties of the job involved.

Section G.

Temporary vacancies shall be filled by the senior qualified employee. In the event said vacancy has a higher rate of pay, employee filling such a vacancy shall receive such higher rate of pay. An employee who has filled a temporary vacancy shall have the right to return to his former position.

Section H.

No employee shall be temporarily or permanently transferred to fill a vacancy without the consent of the employee.

Section I.

Notice of all vacancies and newly created positions shall be posted on employees bulletin boards, and the employees shall be given seven (7) days time in which to make application to fill said vacancy or new position. The senior employee making application shall be transferred to fill the vacancy or new position, provided he has the necessary qualifications to perform the duties of the job involved. A thirty day trial period shall be given the employee for the purpose of determining his qualifications unless he is obviously not qualified. The Employer shall make the determination as to whether or not the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications. In the event the Union does not concur in the determination, the applicant shall have the right to appeal through the normal grievance procedure. In the event the Employer and the Union agree during the trial period that the applicant does not possess the necessary qualifications, the applicant shall have the right to return to his former position and shall not be denied the right to make application for any other posting.

Section J.

The seniority of an employee shall not be terminated or broken because of absence due to illness or temporary layoff.

Section K.

The seniority of an employee who has been granted a leave of absence shall be frozen on the date the leave of absence becomes effective. The Employer has the exclusive right to determine length of leave of absence.

Section L.

The seniority list shall be brought up-to-date during January of each calendar year and posted on the employees bulletin board. A copy of the seniority list shall be sent to the President of the Union.

ARTICLE VIII
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section A.

The Employer and the Union shall attempt to adjust all grievances which may arise by virtue of this Agreement or otherwise in the following manner:

1. An effort shall be made to adjust the grievance between the employee and/or grievance committee and the immediate supervisor.
2. In the event no settlement is thereby reached, the Employer shall, upon written request of the Union, grant a formal hearing on the grievance, provided written notice is given to the Employer within fifteen (15) days following the answer given to Article VIII, Section A (1).
3. In the event no settlement is thereby reached, it shall be compulsory for the parties of this Agreement to submit the grievance to arbitration, and the decision or award made in arbitration shall be final and binding on both parties.
4. Duly authorized representatives of the Union shall have the right to accompany the Union Grievance Committee in the discussion or adjustment of Union grievances.

Section B .Method and Procedure in the Selection of an Arbitrator.

Should the grievance go to Step 3, the parties hereto agree that within ten (10) days after Step 2, either of the parties shall have the right to submit to the Director of Mediation Services a request for five names for the purpose of having the parties select one of the five names as the arbitrator. The method in choosing shall be for each of the parties hereto to eliminate one name at a time until one name remains. The remaining name shall be the arbitrator. It is hereby agreed that the cost and expense of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the parties of this Agreement. First strike shall be determined by a flip of the coin.

ARTICLE IX
TRANSFERS, DEMOTIONS, SUSPENSIONS AND DISCHARGES

Section A .Transfers and Demotions

Demotions or transfers to a lower classification shall be made only for just cause. The Union Grievance Committee Chairman and the employee affected shall receive prior notice, in writing, of any such action. If the Union feels the action was taken without just cause, the employee shall have the right to appeal through the normal grievance procedure. In the case where a demotion or transfer has been proved unjustified and the employee returned to his former status, the loss of pay involved shall be restored.

Section B .Suspensions

Any employee may be temporarily suspended for just cause. The employee shall be notified of the reasons for his suspension in writing at the time thereof. If the employee feels he has been suspended without just cause, or that the period of suspension is unwarranted, the employee shall have the right of appeal by invoking the normal grievance procedure within five (5) days of the date of suspension. If it is determined that the suspension was made without just cause, the employee shall be reinstated immediately and shall receive full pay for any time lost as a result of the suspension.

Section C .Discharges

Discharge shall be made only for just cause. An action to discharge an employee shall be taken by the Employer only after a hearing following due notice of written charges. The statement of charges and the notice of hearing shall be filed with the employee and the Union at least ten (10) days in advance of the hearing. Either party may request recording of such hearing to be recorded by court reporter or tape recording for which the costs shall be divided between the parties at fifty-fifty. The employee and the Union shall have the right to present witnesses, introduce evidence, and to examine witnesses and evidence presented against him.

During the pendency of such proceedings, the employee's pay shall be suspended, but his name shall remain on the payroll. In case he is reinstated after the hearing, he may be paid the amount withheld during the period of suspension less whatever amount the Employer may decide to withhold as a disciplinary measure.

Section D .Layoffs

In the event a general layoff is contemplated, the Employer agrees to call in the Union Grievance Committee and to discuss the problem with them before any action is taken.

ARTICLE X
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section A.

The Employer agrees to permit the Negotiating or Grievance Committee to appear at all negotiations or grievance meetings with department heads or the Employer in negotiations or disputes without the loss of pay.

Section B.

There shall be no replacement of regularly employed employees by relief workers or any recipients of public Assistance, nor shall relief workers be placed in any classified position.

Section C.

Representatives of the AFSCME, AFL-CIO, shall have access to the premises of the City of Keewatin at reasonable times to investigate grievances and other problems with which they are concerned.

Section D.

The Employer will erect and maintain bulletin boards of reasonable size, which bulletin boards shall be for the use of the Union to post any notices or documents relating to Union affairs.

Section E.

All matters not covered by this Agreement shall be settled by negotiations between the Employer and the Union.

Section F.

The management of the City of Keewatin, and the direction of the working forces, the operation of the said departments including the hiring, promoting and retiring of employees, the suspending, discharging or otherwise disciplining of employees in connection with reduction or increase in the working forces, the scheduling of work and the control and regulation of the use of all equipment and other property of the City are the exclusive functions of the Employer; provided, however, that in the exercise of such functions, the Employer shall not alter any of the provisions of this Agreement.

Section G.

When a termination notice has been presented to the Employer, the Employer shall immediately post notice of a vacancy.

Section H.

The Union shall notify, by certified letter, the Employer of the names and addresses of the elected officers and grievance committeemen following the annual election of the local union.

Section I.

Whenever an employee of the Employer is selected as a jurist or is served a subpoena as a result of employment with the City, such employee shall be compensated the difference in such daily wage by the Employer, not to exceed a maximum day's wages, including the compensation received by him while serving for the above reasons. Any reimbursements for mileage, miles or lodging received by such employee shall not be considered any part of the daily wage.

Section J.

Any Article, clause or statement herein contained that in any way violates the laws of the State of Minnesota shall be disregarded, and the laws of the State of Minnesota and opinions of the Supreme Court, Attorney General, policies and rules and regulations of the State Department that are applicable hereto shall apply and become binding on both parties.

Section K.

Whenever an employee is engaged in working and extenuating circumstances prevail where an employee's clothing is either damaged or destroyed in such line of duty, upon proper request and verification from such employee, the Employer will replace or reimburse such employee for the loss of his clothing. The Employer's decision as to what constitutes extenuating circumstances shall be final.

Section L.

On the effective date of this Agreement, and each three (3) months thereafter, the Employer shall post on employees bulletin boards from the Employer's record the number of days each employee has accumulated sick leave and the number of days he has earned and used during that period.

Section M.

Employees shall be granted three (3) personal leave days annually, non-accumulative, and they shall not be used for the purposes of extending vacations or holidays. If an employee is unable to schedule all personal leave days off, they shall be compensated for one (1) day at their regular daily rate of pay. The department will not replace an officer with a casual on a personal leave day.

Section N.

Each employee shall be allowed an annual clothing allowance of \$500.00. Upon receipt for purchases of work related apparel, the City shall remit payment up to the annual maximum allowance of \$500.00. The Employer agrees to issue the payment without challenge for valid receipts. Employees are entitled to reimbursement only while employed as an "active, working employee". Employees on LTD, approved leaves of absence, workers compensation leave, are not entitled to any reimbursement during period of leave.

Section O.

The City shall purchase any newly hired full-time officer a firearm and an original uniform, along with original personal seasonal equipment the officer may need, and approved by the Chief.

ARTICLE XI
SICK LEAVE

Section A.

All regular employees shall earn sick leave at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) working days for each month of service, accumulative to one hundred sixty (160) working days. Any employee who accumulates the maximum 160 days of sick leave shall then accumulate one-half (1/2) day for each month that the employee maintains the 160 days of accumulated sick leave. On the last pay period of each year, the employee shall be reimbursed at their current hourly rate for each half day they have accumulated. A maximum of six (6) days may be accumulated and paid for each year. There shall be no penalty on sick leave bonus for absence due to funeral leave.

Sick leave shall be granted to an employee for illness, injury or pregnancy related conditions of the employee, and care for a sick child, in accordance with the Minnesota Sick or Injured Child Care Leave Law. Sick leave may be used for medical or dental appointments when such appointments cannot be scheduled on a day off. The Employer retains the right to request a medical release if an absence is for three (3) consecutive days or more.

Section B.

If an employee misses three (3) consecutive scheduled days of work due to an illness or an injury the Employer requires the employee to provide a statement from said employee's attending physician to confirm the medical condition and receive sick leave pay.

Section B-1. Verification of Illness or Injury Release .

A return to work release may be required prior to returning to duty after illness or injury. The release shall state that the employee may return to his/her position without limitations or shall identify existing limitations. Employees found to have abused sick leave shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Section C.

The Employer and the Union agree to comply with the following Workmen's Compensation regulations: It is agreed that if an employee of the City of Keewatin shall receive a compensable injury and have accrued benefits under either sick leave or vacation plans, the Employer shall pay the difference between the compensation received by the employee and his regular monthly pay rate, same to be deducted from said accrued vacation or sick leave benefits; the Employer will provide for the payments described in this Section during the period of disability. It is understood that the additional payments made to the employee over and above that paid by Workmen's Compensation shall not exceed the amount of credits which an employee is entitled to from such accrued vacation or sick leave benefits.

Section C-1. Leave Without Pay

An employee shall not accrue sick leave, COLA or longevity while in a leave without pay status.

ARTICLE XII
DEATH IN THE FAMILY

Three (3) days absence without the loss of pay shall be allowed an employee in the case of death in the immediate family. Immediate family shall be defined as a brother, sister, son, daughter, father, mother, wife or husband, and grandchildren or grandparents of either the employee or his spouse. Two (2) additional days shall be allowed in the event a minimum of 200 miles of travel is necessary. Such days shall be deducted from employee's sick leave accumulation.

ARTICLE XIII
HOLIDAYS

Section A.

All regular employees shall receive the following paid holidays:

New Year's Day	Labor Day	Friday after Thanksgiving
Good Friday	Thanksgiving Day	Christmas Day
Memorial Day	Veterans Day	Employee's Birthday
Fourth of July	Columbus Day	Presidents Day

Section B.

All regular employees who are required to work on any of the above-mentioned holidays shall be compensated at one and one-half (1-1/2) times their regular rate of pay for their work that day in addition to their regular pay.

Section C.

The birthday of an employee is to be included as a holiday off with pay and shall be taken on the employee's actual birthday, except when it falls on a Saturday or Sunday, at which time it shall be taken on either Friday or Monday, respectively.

ARTICLE XIV
VACATIONS

Section A.

All full-time employees shall receive paid vacation as follows:

<u>Weeks of Vacation</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
One	after One
Two	• Two
Three	• Five
Four	• Ten
Five	• Fifteen
Six	• Twenty
Seven	• Twenty-five

Regular employees working less than full time shall receive vacation benefits on a pro rata basis. Any employee hired after November 1, 2002, shall be limited to a maximum of six (6) weeks vacation accrual, regardless of years of service.

Section B.

In determining vacation periods, the wishes of the employees will be respected as to the time of taking vacation, insofar as the needs of the service will permit, it being understood that the rights of the senior employee will prevail in the selection of vacation time when an agreement cannot be reached among the employees.

Section C.

The vacation period of any employee shall not be split, except by mutual agreement of the Employer and the employee. Employees shall be allowed to split one (1) week into one-day increments, provided sufficient notice has been given to the Employer so that a part-time patrolman can be utilized for said vacation day, and provided further that it does not interrupt the normal scheduled shifts.

Section D.

Upon termination of employment, after having given four (4) weeks notice or by Employer request, employees shall be paid for any accumulated vacation credit. Accumulated vacation shall mean vacation earned by such employee according to years of service, times that portion of the year worked at the time of the termination of the employee.

Section E.

Vacation time shall not accumulate from one year to another, unless other arrangements are mutually agreed upon by the Employer, the employee, and the Union.

Section F.

No two (2) employees in the same department shall take vacation at the same time.

Section G.

All department's vacation pay shall be based on a regular five (5) day work week.

Section H.

An employee shall be allowed to transfer all or a portion of their annual vacation into sick leave fund if declared by October 1st of each year. Said days shall not allow in excess of 150 days in such sick leave account.

ARTICLE XV
COST OF LIVING

Effective January 1, 2006, cost of living adjustments shall be made on the following basis. For each point of increase in the C.P.I. (U.S. Cities Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers), a \$.040 per hour adjustment shall be made, and the starting point shall be November, 2005, all items figure, Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. The adjustment for the first payment shall be made to the March of 2006 figure on the above formula. Further adjustments shall then be made in March, June and September, 2006, from the previous quarter's figure.

Effective January 1, 2007, cost of living adjustments shall be made on the following basis. For each point of increase in the C.P.I. (U.S. Cities Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers), a \$.040 per hour adjustment shall be made, and the starting point shall be November, 2006, all items figure, Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers. The adjustment for the first payment shall be made to the March of 2007 figure on the above formula. Further adjustments shall then be made in March, June and September, 2007, from the previous quarter's figure.

Effective January 1, 2008, cost of living adjustments shall be made on the following basis. For each point of increase in the C.P.I. (U.S. Cities Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers), a \$.040 per hour adjustment shall be made, and the starting point shall be November, 2007, all items figure, Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Works. The adjustment for the first payment shall be made to the March of 2008 figure on the above formula. Further adjustments shall then be made in March, June and September, 2008, from the previous quarter's figure.

ARTICLE XVI
DURATION OF AGREEMENT

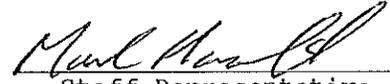
Except as otherwise provided, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until June 30, 2018. Either of the parties shall be required to submit written notice at least sixty (60) days prior to the termination of the Agreement for the purpose of negotiating a new agreement. If settlement on a new agreement cannot be reached within the provided sixty (60) days, the present agreement shall remain in effect until a new settlement has been reached.

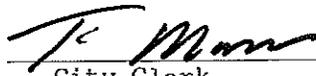
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals on the date last below written.

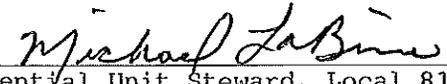
KEEWATIN CITY COUNCIL
KEEWATIN, MINNESOTA

LOCAL 81, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF
STATE, COUNTY & MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES
AFL-CIO, MINNESOTA COUNCIL 65

By 
Mayor

By 
Staff Representative

By 
City Clerk

By 
Essential Unit Steward, Local 81

By _____
Witness

By _____
Witness

6-22-15
Signature Date

APPENDIX "A"
SALARY SCHEDULE

Section A. Salary Schedule:

Position		Start	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	6 Years
PATROL OFFICER								
7/1/15	3%	21.55	22.51	23.91	24.85	25.36	25.94	
7/1/16	2%	21.98	22.96	24.39	25.35	25.87	26.46	
7/1/17	1%	22.20	23.19	24.88	25.60	26.13	26.72	
CHIEF OF POLICE								
7/1/15	3%	21.30	23.28	24.61	25.54	26.30	26.58	28.24
7/1/16	2%	21.73	23.75	25.10	26.06	26.83	27.11	28.80
7/1/17	1%	21.95	23.99	25.35	26.32	27.10	27.38	29.08

Section C.

Employees shall receive monthly longevity increments of:

After 10 years of service	-	\$47.50 per month
After 15 years of service	.	60.00 per month
After 20 years of service	-	72.50 per month
After 25 years of service	-	87.50 per month
After 30 years of service	-	95.00 per month

Section D. Seniority List:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Date of Employment</u>
Paul Fairbanks	July 1, 1991
Christopher Whitney	October 1, 2001
James Breeden	October 1, 2008

Note of Information:

Calculations for conversion of monthly salary to hourly rates were computed as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Monthly salary} \times 12 \text{ months}}{2,080 \text{ hour}} = \text{hourly rate}$$

APPENDIX "B"

ACTIVE/RETIRES EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE BENEFITS

Section A.

(1) The Employer will provide and pay the entire premium for the present group life insurance in the amount of \$5,000.00 for each eligible employee under sixty-five (65) years of age. Said insurance includes a double indemnity clause for accidental death and dismemberment clause. Active employees 65 years of age and over and employees under the age of 65 who apply and qualify for early retirement and receive pension annuities shall be entitled to \$1,500.00 of coverage with no premium applicable to the Employer or the employee.

(2) Active employees under the age of 65 may elect to purchase additional insurance coverage in \$5,000.00 blocks, providing that fifty-one percent (51%) of each group applies for the additional insurance coverage. The optional coverage shall terminate on the date of retirement.

Section B. ACTIVE EMPLOYEES INSURANCE BENEFITS

Effective July 1, 2006, the Employer will provide and pay 90% of the premium for both single and family contracts of hospital and medical plans, and the employee shall pay 10% of the premium for both single and family contracts of hospital and medical plans, at the current level of benefits listed below: (see attachment)

- (1) Blue Cross/Blue Shield Pro Care Pool
Small Group Benefit Plan or equivalent plan with same benefits

The City will institute a "Flex Benefit" or "125" Plan that would allow for these payments to be made pre-tax.

Section C. RETIREE INSURANCE BENEFITS

All employees who have reached age 50 and have at least twenty-five (25) years of service with the City of Keewatin shall be entitled to retirement medical benefits as follows:

1. The City shall provide a fully paid Single premium for hospital/medical and dental benefits equal to the active employee benefits until age 65. The employee may elect to purchase dependent coverage's but will be responsible for any cost above the single premium benefit provided by the City.
2. Severance from any accumulated sick leave to a maximum of 70 days severance pay. Severance can be taken in cash or used to pay the cost of dependent coverage benefits until exhausted.
3. At age 65, the employee shall be provided with a single benefit supplemental policy, paid for by the City. The

employee must enroll for Medicaid/Medicare benefits by their 65th birthday. The benefits shall be the same as those provided to the active employees. The employee may elect to purchase dependent benefit coverage but will be required to pay the cost of said dependent benefits above and beyond the City's cost of the supplemental single plan benefit.

The Employer has the option of utilizing the remaining accumulated sick leave toward payment of the medical/dental premiums until said fund is exhausted. The aforementioned coverage shall continue for the employee's/retiree's spouse and minor children in the case of the retiree's death, until the retiree's accumulated sick leave is exhausted.

Section D.

Life insurance, hospital and medical coverage shall be provided by the Employer during sick leave and vacation. The Employer agrees to pay the entire premium cost on group life insurance, hospitalization and medical coverage for all employees who perform work during any month or are on paid sick leave, vacation, or who are unable to work due to a compensable injury.

Section E.

Effective March 1, 2000, all employees covered by this Contract shall be entitled to a Dental Insurance Plan, and the premium for said plan shall be paid for by the City. Said plan shall provide for an annual benefit of \$2,000.00 per person.

Section F.

The Employer shall provide a policy for all employees to provide long term disability protection. Said policy shall provide up to 66-2/3% of the employee's monthly gross income, commencing 90 days after any extended illness or injury (non-Workmen's Comp) until age 65. Employees shall be required to apply for Social Security and PERA disability benefits when eligible. During the first two (2) years of any disability, the Employer shall continue to provide hospital/medical and dental benefits as when the employee was working. After the two (2) year period, the Employer shall provide a single policy benefit for hospital/medical and dental insurance coverage. Said policy shall be mandatory for all eligible employees and the employee shall contribute 10% of the monthly premium.