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MANITOBA LABOUR BOARD INFORMATION BULLETIN NO. 16 APPOINTMENT OF ARBITRATORS

This bulletin is intended to inform the labour relations community of a process that has been implemented in respect of the appointment of Arbitrators to Expedited Arbitration Referrals under Section 130 of *The Labour Relations Act* as well as Board Appointments of Arbitrators, Chairpersons, and/or Nominees, as contemplated by Part VII of *The Labour Relations Act*.

In circumstances where the Collective agreement between the parties contains a list of accepted Arbitrators, such appointment shall be made based on the list as contained in the Collective Agreement, limited to those named individuals who form part of the list of Arbitrators established by the Manitoba Labour Board. In the event that none of the Arbitrators listed in the Collective Agreement are available to accept the appointment, the Board shall proceed to appoint an Arbitrator from the list of arbitrators established by the Board.

The Board will continue to allow each party one Veto per referral. Once the veto has been made known to the board officer, an arbitrator will be selected on the basis of who is available next. Please note that the veto ONLY applies to Expedited Arbitration referrals and does not apply to other Arbitrators or Chairpersons of arbitration boards appointed by the Board in other contexts or under other statutes (eg. The appointment of a Chairperson to an interest arbitration board under *The Public Schools Act*, C.C.S.M. c. P250, where parties have been unable to agree).

Having regard to the above, the parties are reminded that information provided to the Board, both in #10 of Form XV (Expedited Arbitration Referral Form) and/or in support of any request for the appointment of an Arbitrator, Chairperson to a conventional Arbitration, should be accurate and complete.

Copies of *The Labour Relations Act*, C.C.S.M. c. L10, and the *Manitoba Labour Board Rules of Procedure, Regulation* 184/87 R, may be obtained from King's Printer. Please call ahead at 204-945-3103 or send an email to kingsprinter@gov.mb.ca