#### **RSMC**

### Minutes of the

# National Joint Uniform Committee between Canada Post Corporation (CPC) and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) for Rural and Suburban Mail Carrier (RSMC)

March 5, 2018 @ 11:30am ( N0060i)

Meeting #11

In Attendance:

**CUPW** Marc Roussel

Carl Girouard (Absent)

Chris Pleasants

**Canada Post** Luc Lafrance

Josée Louisseize Nicole Arbic Glenys Peters

DESCRIPTION	ACTION
RED POLO CUPW 15.06.01	
The Union received complaints concerning certain garments	Luc Lafrance/ Josée Louisseize
provided to the RSMC's. Specifically, the union stated that there	Josee Louisseize
are concerns regarding the red polo. For instance, the Union	
mentioned that the RSMC employees are complaining about the	
color red and the material. The polo is really hot when worn	
during the summer and the fabric is made of 100% polyester.	
The Union indicated that some areas, such as the Ontario and	
Prairie regions, have mentioned these concerns several times in	
the past.	
The Corporation confirmed that the material in the red polo was	
identical to the polo created for urban employees.	Luc Lafrance / Josée Louisseize

## **CUPW 15.09.01**

CPC informed the union that we are in the process of re-visiting the polo shirt and looking at making it High Visibility as per the CSA standards. CPC also advised that the current red polo will remain until further notice.

The union suggested the possibility to provide the urban blue polo shirt while we deplete the red polo.

CPC advised that we will review and follow-up at our next meeting, or if we have an answer prior to the meeting, we will share our decision. Luc Lafrance / Josée Louisseize

#### **CUPW 15.12.01**

CPC informed the union that we are still working on a High Visibility Polo shirt, CPC also mentioned that they are looking to modernize and revamp the uniform garments. CPC will be working on providing less sizes, therefore skus. CPC will involve the union once progress has been made.

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# **CUPW 16.02.01**

CPC informed the union that we will be introducing male and female versions of garments including the polo shirt.

CPC to provide CUPW with a breakdown between female and male versions that will be available.

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# **CUPW 16.05.01**

CPC advised the union that there are 2,364 men and 4,567 women RSMC employees. CPC will provide a sample of the male/female polo shirt once they have a copy.

CPC informed the union that they are waiting on H&S and CSA group company to determine which class CPC uniforms falls under.

Luc Lafrance / Josée Louisseize The union asked to have a H&S representative at the next uniform committee meeting in order to explain the differences between the clothing standards.

The union wants to be involved in the styling of the CPC High Visibility Polo.

# **CUPW 16.09.01**

The CUPW asked the Corporation to explain its opinion on the class required for high-visibility clothing.

The CPC said the CSA had published a new standard for highvisibility clothing in December 2015. Many other employers were currently adding reflective elements to employee clothing.

The CUPW asked for a copy of the CSA tool for deciding the level of reflectivity required for clothing.

The CUPW would get a copy of the grid.

The CUPW asked if our choices needed to be confirmed by the CSA.

The CPC said no, the CSA did not confirm whether the uniforms are compliant. The CPC was responsible for its decisions based on CSA standards. The CPC had not made a final decision on the type of visibility required for Corporation clothing.

The parties suggested this item (visibility class 1, 2 and 3) be discussed at National Joint Health & Safety Committee meetings.

# **CUPW 16.11.01**

The parties will have a discussion on December 6 at the National Joint Health and Safety Committee meeting regarding this topic.

#### **CUPW 17.03.01**

CPC advised CUPW that we are having a meeting on Thursday March 23rd with our supplier, Health & Safety and Branding to discuss further on the High Visibility Polo shirt. CPC confirmed

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Luc Lafrance / Josée Louisseize that the polo shirt will be CSA class 2 – level 2. Health & Safety wants Canada Post to do a weartest this summer probably late August with 100 RSMC employees, although it might not be realistic as this is a complicated garment to produce.

CPC have mentioned that we have been working on this project for the last 2 years and many different options were created and introduced but to no avail. CPC informed the union that we will send pictures of the polo shirt after our meeting with the supplier. Once we know which options we want, our supplier will create 3 options, H&S will then show upper management for their decision. The union wants to understand the specs and the rationale behind the decision of CSA Class 2 – level 2, CPC will forward the question to H&S. The union is concerned that the garment will be too warm, and they are having issues with compliance due to employees complaining that the HV vest is too warm on top of their garment. CPC informed CUPW that the trial polo will probably not be the final design.

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The union questioned about the rational and why a different color from urban. CPC informed that RSMC are a different workforce and bargaining unit from CUPW-Urban employees. The union does not agree. The union stated that the RSMC's do the same work as urban LC's, therefore the polo should be of the same color.

#### **CPC 17.07.01**

CPC showed the sample polo to the union. The target date for the wear test will be end of August/September if everything goes well. 100 RSMC's have been chosen to trial the long sleeve and short sleeve shirt. Kim Gould from H&S explained that the polo shirt is class 2, level 2.

The union asked if the polo is the same material as the previous polo and CPC responded that it is the same material, 100% polyester. CPC mentioned that after the weartest, we will look into trying to find an alternative material to the polyester but due to the high visibility yellow, it might not be something that can be done. Only the polyester fabric will stick properly to the reflective strips.

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After the trial, we will advise our supplier that the pocket should be the same as the existing polo shirt if it will fit. Luc Lafrance / Josee Louisseize

CPC informed the union that the buttons are also high visibility.

If all goes well, the polo shirt will be introduced next summer.

## **CPC 17.11.01**

Wear test for short sleeves ended November 1st,
Wear test for long sleeves ended November 7th.
Results will be provided once complete. Based on initial feedback it has been determined that the pocket will be changed from vertical to horizontal, and meshed fabric will be added underneath the armpits.

#### **CPC 18.03.01**

We have changed the pocket and we have added mesh fabric underneath and around the armpits. Distribution should start this summer, we will start with 2 short sleeve shirts per employee until the production is up and running.

Once CPC has samples for the union, they will be shipped.

# RSMC BASEBALL CAP CUPW 16.09.06

CPC informed CUPW that we are in the process of changing the material and style of the baseball cap due to too many complaints that the hat is too warm. The color will remain red for RSMC's.

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CPC will keep the union informed of the progress.

### **CUPW 17.03.06**

CPC informed the union that the baseball cap will have mesh reflectivity on the side of the hat.

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# **CUPW 17.07.06**

The trial will be done in July/August with 100 RSMC employees. The list of employees has been sent to the union.

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# **CUPW 17.11.06**

Baseball caps were shipped to the union the week of August 18th, the trial has ended on October 31st.

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The survey was sent to the union on November 27th.

## **CUPW 18.03.06**

As per the surveys, the response was very positive, although we have to add 2 inches deeper as the hat comes short on the head.

**ITEM CLOSED** 

The baseball caps will be available this summer.	

# **NEXT SUGGESTED DATE:**

May 28, 2018 @ 10am September 24, 2018 @ 10am December 10, 2018 @ 10am