

**FINAL INSPECTION REPORT**  
**Under the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010***

**Inspection Information**

**Date of Inspection:** September 11, 2023

**Name of Inspector:** Jennifer Sarkis

**Inspection Type:** Routine Inspection

**Licensee:** ACC-002904 - 1122121 Ontario Inc.

**Retirement Home:** Shorthills Villa Retirement Community

**License Number:** S0011

**About Routine Inspections**

A routine inspection, performed by an RHRA inspector, is a physical inspection of a licensed retirement home. During a routine inspection, an RHRA inspector will walk through the home, speak to residents and staff, observe care services and conditions in the home, and ensure the licensee's management and staff follow mandatory policies and practices designed to protect the welfare of residents.

Following a routine inspection, the RHRA inspector prepares a draft inspection report which is sent to the licensee. The draft report may include instances where the licensee has failed to meet the standards of the *RHA*. If included, the licensee can respond to these instances and is strongly encouraged to inform RHRA of its plans to meet the standards of the *RHA*.

Following the draft report, the RHRA inspector prepares this final inspection report, incorporating any response from the licensee with their plans to meet the standards of the *RHA*. The most recent final inspection report must be posted in the home in a visible and easily accessible location. All final inspection reports from the previous two years must also be made available in an easily accessible location in the home. The licensee must provide a copy of this report to the home's Residents' Council, if one exists.

In addition to inspection reports, RHRA may provide information to a licensee to encourage improvements of their current practices.

If the licensee repeatedly does not meet the required standards, RHRA may take further action.

**Focus Areas**

*During a routine inspection, an inspector will focus primarily on a set number of areas which have been identified as related to the health, safety and wellbeing of resident, and may take various actions to determine whether the licensee is compliant with the RHA in relating to the areas. The areas listed in this section are ones which an inspector has identified as non-compliant.*

**Focus Area #1: Abuse and Neglect**

**RHRA Inspector Findings**

The inspector reviewed the Licensee's Zero Tolerance to Abuse and Neglect policy and found several areas of non-compliance. The policy did not have a definition of financial abuse. Additionally, there is no statements related to prohibiting borrowing of any residents money or property. The policy procedures and investigation have areas that are not applicable to the legislation. The Licensee failed to ensure their Zero Tolerance to Abuse policy had all areas outlined, as required.

**Outcome**

The Licensee has demonstrated it has taken corrective action to achieve compliance.

## Focus Area #2: Complaints

### RHRA Inspector Findings

The inspector reviewed the Licensee's complaints log and found no evidence of any complaints documented. During the inspection, the inspector found 2 complaints related to missing jewelry and resident behaviours that did not have any written record of the complaints. The complaints are required to include the dates which responses were provided to the complainant and descriptions of the responses, as well as the responses made in turn by the complainant. The Licensee failed to ensure that their written record of a complaint were documented in the log and included all the required elements.

### Outcome

The Licensee has demonstrated it has taken corrective action to achieve compliance.

## Focus Area #3: Emergency Plan

### RHRA Inspector Findings

The inspector reviewed the Licensee's records of testing for their emergency plans and found that the testing for situations involving the loss of essential services, missing resident, medical emergency, violent outbursts and epidemic and pandemic testing had not been completed. Additionally, the home was unable to provide an emergency plan related to epidemic and pandemic planning. The Licensee failed to have a written plan for all required emergencies and to ensure that testing was done annually as required.

### Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by Wednesday, November 15, 2023. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

## Focus Area #4: Resident Record, Assessment, Plan of Care

### RHRA Inspector Findings

The inspector reviewed a sample of resident care files and found several areas of non-compliance. 2 residents did not have their plans of care approved appropriately, as there was no evidence that the plans had been approved by the residents or their substitute decision makers. 1 residents plan of care did not have their specialized diet identified. Several plans of care were missing care services related to medication, oxygen therapy and PASD. In addition, one of those residents required a care conference in related to their PADS in which no evidence was found to support a care conference was completed. Furthermore, 3 residents plans of care were also found to not be revised when there was a change in status related to palliative care and responsive behaviours. The Licensee failed to ensure that all resident plans of care had been approved and revised with the required information, as required.

### Outcome

The Licensee has demonstrated it has taken corrective action to achieve compliance.

## Additional Findings

*During a routine inspection, an inspector may observe areas of non-compliance that are not related to the standard focus areas. In these cases, an inspector may cite the home for these contraventions at the time of this inspection. In addition, an inspector may follow-up on findings of non-compliance from previous inspections. Where the licensee is unable to demonstrate they have come into compliance or maintained compliance, an inspector may cite the home for these repeat contraventions at the time of this inspection.*

**Not Applicable**

## Current Inspection – Citations

*Citations relating to the above Focus Areas or Additional Findings made during the current inspection are listed below.*

**The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 24. (5); Emergency plan, general  
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24. (5) The licensee shall,

**Specifically, the Licensee failed to comply with the following subsection(s):**

**s. 24. (5), (a)**

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

**s. 24. (5), (a), 1.**

(i) the loss of essential services,

**s. 24. (5), (a)**

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

**s. 24. (5), (a), 2.**

(ii) situations involving a missing resident,

**s. 24. (5), (a)**

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

**s. 24. (5), (a), 3.**

(iii) medical emergencies,

**s. 24. (5), (a)**

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

**s. 24. (5), (a), 3.1**

(iii.1) epidemics and pandemics,

**s. 24. (5), (a)**

(a) on an annual basis at least, test the emergency plan, including arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency, related to,

**s. 24. (5), (a), 4.**

(iv) violent outbursts;

**Closed Citations**

*During an inspection, an inspector may follow-up with areas of non-compliance cited during a previous inspection, or verify compliance with areas initially cited during the current inspection. The inspector has verified that at the time of this report, the licensee was able to demonstrate that the following areas have come into compliance.*

**Retirement Homes Act, 2010:**

**s. 62. (12); Reassessment and revision**

62. (12) The licensee shall ensure that the resident is reassessed and the plan of care reviewed and revised at least every six months and at any other time if, in the opinion of the licensee or the resident,

**s. 62. (12), (a)**

(a) a goal in the plan is met;

**s. 62. (4); Contents of plan**

62. (4) The licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that there is a written plan of care for each resident of the home that sets out,

**s. 62. (4), (a)**

(a) the care services that are part of a package of care services that the resident is entitled to receive under the resident's agreement with the licensee, whether or not the resident receives the services;

**s. 62. (4); Contents of plan**

62. (4) The licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that there is a written plan of care for each resident of the home that sets out,

**s. 62. (4), (b)**

(b) the planned care services for the resident that the licensee will provide, including,

**s. 62. (4), (b), 1.**

(i) the details of the services,

**s. 62. (4); Contents of plan**

62. (4) The licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that there is a written plan of care for each resident of the home that sets out,

**s. 62. (4), (b)**

(b) the planned care services for the resident that the licensee will provide, including,

**s. 62. (4), (b), 2.**

(ii) the goals that the services are intended to achieve,

**s. 62. (4); Contents of plan**

62. (4) The licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that there is a written plan of care for each resident of the home that sets out,

**s. 62. (4), (b)**

(b) the planned care services for the resident that the licensee will provide, including,

**s. 62. (4), (b), 3.**

(iii) clear directions to the licensee's staff who provide direct care to the resident;

**s. 62. (9); Persons who approve plans of care**

62. (9) The licensee shall ensure that the following persons have approved the plan of care, including any revisions to it, and that a copy is provided to them:

**s. 62. (9), para. 1**

1. The resident or the resident's substitute decision-maker.

**s. 67. (5); Contents**

67. (5) At a minimum, the policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents shall,

**s. 67. (5), (a)**

(a) clearly set out what constitutes abuse and neglect;

**Ontario Regulation 166/11:**

**s. 15. (3); Policy of zero tolerance of abuse and neglect**

15. (3) The policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents described in subsection 67 (4) of the Act shall,

**s. 15. (3), (a)**

(a) contain procedures and interventions to assist and support residents who have been abused or neglected or allegedly abused or neglected;

**s. 15. (3); Policy of zero tolerance of abuse and neglect**

15. (3) The policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents described in subsection 67 (4) of the Act shall,

**s. 15. (3), (a.1)**

(a.1) contain an explanation of the prohibition on borrowing, receiving or holding a resident's money or other property, as set out in section 57.1;

**s. 15. (3); Policy of zero tolerance of abuse and neglect**

15. (3) The policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents described in subsection 67 (4) of the Act shall,

**s. 15. (3), (b)**

(b) contain procedures and interventions to deal with persons who have abused or neglected or allegedly abused or neglected residents, as appropriate;

**s. 24. (4); Emergency plan, general**

24. (4) The licensee shall keep current all arrangements with community agencies, partner facilities and resources that will be involved in responding to an emergency.

**s. 25. (3); Emergency plan, retirement home with more than 10 residents**

25. (3) The licensee shall ensure that the emergency plan provides for the following:

**s. 25. (3), para. 1**

1. Dealing with,

**s. 25. (3), para. 1, 5.1**

v.1 epidemics and pandemics,

**s. 47. (5); Development of plan of care**

47. (5) If an assessment of a resident indicates that the resident's care needs may include dementia care, skin and wound care or the use of a personal assistance services device, the licensee shall ensure that an interdisciplinary care conference is held as part of the development of the resident's plan of care and that the resident's plan of care takes into account the results of the care conference.

**s. 47. (7); Development of plan of care**

47. (7) If one of the care services that the licensee provides to a resident is the provision of a meal, the resident's plan of care is only complete if it includes a description of the food restrictions, food allergies and food sensitivities of the resident that are known.

**s. 59. (1); Procedure for complaints to licensee**

59. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that every written or verbal complaint made to the licensee or a staff member concerning the care of a resident or operation of the home is dealt with as follows:

**s. 59. (1), para. 1**

1. The complaint shall be investigated. If the complaint alleges harm or risk of harm to one or more residents, the investigation shall be commenced immediately.

**s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee**

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

**s. 59. (2), (a)**

(a) the nature of each verbal or written complaint;

**s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee**

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

**s. 59. (2), (b)**

(b) the date that the complaint was received;

**s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee**

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

**s. 59. (2), (c)**

(c) the type of action taken to resolve the complaint, including the date of the action, time frames for actions to be taken and any follow-up action required;

**s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee**

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

**s. 59. (2), (d)**

(d) the final resolution, if any, of the complaint;

**s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee**

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

**s. 59. (2), (e)**

(e) every date on which any response was provided to the complainant and a description of the response;

**s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee**

59. (2) The licensee shall ensure that a written record is kept in the retirement home that includes,

**s. 59. (2), (f)**

(f) any response made in turn by the complainant.

## NOTICE

The Final Inspection Report is being provided to the Licensee, the Registrar of the RHRA and the home's Residents' Council, if any.

Section 55 of the *RHA* requires that the Final Inspection Report be posted in the home in a conspicuous and easily accessible location. In addition, the Licensee must ensure that copies of every Final Inspection Report from the previous two (2) years are made available in the Home, in an easily accessible location.

The Registrar's copy of the Final Inspection Report, as it appears here, will be included on the RHRA Retirement Home Database available online at <http://www.rhra.ca/en/retirement-home-database>.

Signature of Inspector 	Date November 9, 2023
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