

FINAL INSPECTION REPORT

Under the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010*

Inspection Information

Date of Inspection: October 29, 2024

Name of Inspector: Julie Hebert

Inspection Type: Routine Inspection

Licensee: ACC-008172 - Great Northern Retirement Home Inc.

Retirement Home: Great Northern Retirement Home

License Number: N0585

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: Emergency Plan

RHRA Inspector Findings

There is a requirement that resources, supplies, and equipment vital for the emergency response be set aside and readily available at the retirement home and regular testing is completed of all such resources, supplies, and equipment to ensure that they are in working order. The inspector discovered that although the home had set aside all reasonable supplies however, they had not been tested annually to ensure they were in working order as required. The Licensee failed to ensure that testing of the supplies was done annually as required.

Outcome

At the time of the inspection, the Licensee was not in compliance. The home has since 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.

Additional Finding#1: Falls Prevention**RHRA Inspector Findings**

The inspection revealed that the home had not fully followed their falls prevention policy and procedures as they failed to complete an annual analysis of the resident falls in the home.

Outcome

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

Current Inspection – Citations

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

Not Applicable

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.

Ontario Regulation 166/11:**s. 22. (1); Risk of falls**

22. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall develop, document and implement strategies to reduce or mitigate the risk of falls in common areas of the home.

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. 3

3. Resources, supplies and equipment vital for the emergency response being set aside and readily available at the retirement home and regular testing of all such resources, supplies and equipment to ensure that they are in working order.

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
<i>Julie Hebert</i>	November 1, 2024