

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

Inspection Information	
Date of Inspection: 2024-10-16	Name of Inspector: Tej Kathirvel, RPN
Inspection Type: Routine Inspection	
Licensee: ACC-002587 - 10505447 Canada Inc.	
Retirement Home: Applefest Lodge	
License Number: N0575	

About Routine Inspections
<p>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.</p> <p>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 <i>RHA</i>. 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 <i>RHA</i>.</p> <p>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 <i>RHA</i>. 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.</p> <p>In addition to inspection reports, RHRA may provide information to a licensee to encourage improvements of their current practices.</p> <p>If the licensee repeatedly does not meet the required standards, RHRA may take further action.</p>

Focus Areas
<p><i>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.</i></p> <p>Focus Area #1: Abuse and Neglect</p>

RHRA Inspector Findings
<p>The inspectors reviewed a sample of internal documents including incident reports. The inspectors found an allegation of suspected resident-to-resident sexual abuse which was witnessed by a staff</p>

member in the home. The home was not able to demonstrate that they had completed a full investigation into the incident in alignment with their Zero Tolerance of Abuse policy. The home had not spoken to the alleged resident victim, nor had they notified the substitute decision makers of both residents. In addition, the incident was not reported to the police or the RHRA. The home was not able to demonstrate that they followed all aspects of their Zero Tolerance of Abuse policy in response to the incident.

Outcome

The Licensee has advised it has taken corrective action to achieve compliance. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

Focus Area #2: Resident Record, Assessment, Plan of Care

RHRA Inspector Findings

The inspector reviewed a sample of resident care files including Plans of Care (POC) and found that several POCs had not been revised within the prescribed timeframe of minimally every 6 months. Additionally, the reviewed POCs were not approved by the Resident or Substitute Decisions Maker.

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.

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. 67. (4); Policy to promote zero tolerance

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67. (4) Without in any way restricting the generality of the duties described in subsections (1) and (2), the licensee shall ensure that there is a written policy to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents and shall ensure that the policy is complied with.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 75. (1); Reporting certain matters to Registrar

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75. (1) A person who has reasonable grounds to suspect that any of the following has occurred or may occur shall immediately report the suspicion and the information upon which it is based to the Registrar:

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

s. 75. (1), para. 2

2. Abuse of a resident by anyone or neglect of a resident by the licensee or the staff of the retirement home of the resident if it results in harm or a risk of harm to the resident.

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.

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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. (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.

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>Tej Kathiruel, RPM</i>	November 28, 2024