

# FINAL INSPECTION REPORT Under the Retirement Homes Act, 2010

**Inspection Information** 

Date of Inspection: November 26, 2024 Name of Inspector: Georges Gauthier

**Inspection Type: Routine Inspection** 

Licensee: ACC-002515 - 995496 Ontario Inc.

Retirement Home: Greenlife Retirement Residence Trenton Inc.

**License Number: N0153** 

# **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**

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, medical emergencies, epidemics and pandemics, missing residents, and violent outbursts had not been completed within the previous 12 months. The Licensee failed to ensure the required testing had occurred within the previous 12 months.

#### **Outcome**

The Licensee provided information indicating that corrective action was being taken, however, further action must be taken to achieve compliance with all areas outlined in the finding. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

#### Focus Area #2: Infection Prevention and Control

## **RHRA Inspector Findings**

On the day of inspection, the inspector requested records to show consultation had occurred with Public Health within the previous 12 months in relation to infection prevention and control, was advised they were in the possession of the Licensee and would be produced the following day which they were not. There was no evidence to show the Licensee was compliant with the requirements to reduce the incidence of infectious disease outbreaks in the home.

#### Outcome

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

#### Focus Area #3: Maintenance

# **RHRA Inspector Findings**

On the day of inspection the inspector made observations at the home and found an unused suite had work being done as a result of water damage and smelled bad. Further, a blanket was draped across a hall and the inspector was informed it was in place to reduce odours and a draft. In addition, a light switch used by the inspector did not have a cover leaving bare electrical contacts. A review of the maintenance log showed maintenance task were last completed by a departed maintenance staff member on August 21, 2024. Furthermore, several hazardous chemicals were found to be accessible to residents. The Licensee failed to ensure the listed maintenance provision and the hazardous chemicals requirements had been met.

#### Outcome

The Licensee provided information indicating that corrective action was being taken, however, further action must be taken to achieve compliance with all areas outlined in the finding. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

# Focus Area #4: Staff Training

#### **RHRA Inspector Findings**

On the day of inspection the inspector requested training evidence for existing staff and training evidence in relation to medication administration for staff who were administering medications. Online training records showed five staff members had not completed the required training and the Licensee was unable to produce training records to show all staff who administer medications had received the necessary training. The Licensee failed to fully address the training requirements.

#### Outcome

The Licensee must take 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: Food Preparation and Provision

#### **RHRA Inspector Findings**

On the day of inspection, a whiteboard used to inform residents of their daily menu options was dated two days prior and the residents were not being informed of their weekly menu options. The Licensee failed to ensure residents were informed of their daily and weekly menu options.

#### Outcome

The Licensee must take 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.

# The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 14. (1); Staff training

#### s. 14. (1); Staff training

14. (1) For the purposes of clause 65 (2) (j) of the Act, every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that all staff who work in the home receive training in the procedure described in subsection 73 (1) of the Act for a person to complain to the licensee.

#### The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 14. (3); Staff training

# s. 14. (3); Staff training

14. (3) For the purposes of paragraph 5 of subsection 65 (5) of the Act, every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that every staff member who provides a care service to a resident has received or receives training in,

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

# s. 14. (3), (b)

(b) each care service offered in the home so that the staff member is able to understand the general nature of each of those services, the standards applicable under the Act to each of those services and the aspects of each of those services that may be relevant to the staff member's own duties in the home.

# The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 19. (1); Maintenance

# s. 19. (1); Maintenance

19. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that a maintenance program is in place to ensure that the building forming the retirement home, including both interior and exterior areas and its operational systems, are maintained in good repair.

# The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 21. (2); Hazardous substances

## s. 21. (2); Hazardous substances

21. (2) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that all hazardous substances used by staff of the home or under their control are labelled properly and are kept inaccessible to residents at all times.

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

# s. 24. (5); Emergency plan, general

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;

#### The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 27. (9); Infection prevention and control program

# s. 27. (9); Infection prevention and control program

27. (9) The licensee shall ensure that each staff member who works in the retirement home receives training on how to reduce the incidence of infectious disease transmission, including,

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

# s. 27. (9), (a)

(a) the need for and method of maintaining proper hand hygiene and method of preventing cross contamination, including proper handling of soiled linens, the protection of uniforms, and the separation of clean and dirty items;

#### s. 27. (9), (b)

(b) the need for and process of reporting, providing surveillance of and documenting incidents of infectious illness.

# The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 29.; Administration of drugs or other substances

# s. 29.; Administration of drugs or other substances

29. If one of the care services that the licensee or the staff of a retirement home provide to a resident of the home is the administration of a drug or other substance, the licensee shall ensure that,

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

## s. 29. (c)

(c) neither the licensee nor a staff member administers a drug to a resident in the home unless the licensee or the staff member has received training in the procedures applicable to the administration of the drug;

#### s. 29. (e)

(e) if the licensee or a staff member is involved in the administration of the drug or other substance at the home, that the licensee or staff member is trained in,

# s. 29. (e), 1.

(i) ways of reducing the incidence of infectious disease, including maintaining proper hand hygiene,

# s. 29. (e)

(e) if the licensee or a staff member is involved in the administration of the drug or other substance at the home, that the licensee or staff member is trained in,

# s. 29. (e), 2.

(ii) the safe disposal of syringes and other sharps,

#### s. 29. (e)

(e) if the licensee or a staff member is involved in the administration of the drug or other substance at the home, that the licensee or staff member is trained in,

# s. 29. (e), 3.

(iii) recognizing an adverse drug reaction and taking appropriate action;

# The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 40.; Provision of a meal

#### s. 40.: Provision of a meal

40. If one of the care services that the licensee or the staff of a retirement home provide to a resident of the home is the provision of a meal, the licensee shall ensure that,

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

# s. 40. (g)

(g) the resident is informed of his or her daily and weekly menu options;

#### The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 55. (5); Contents of records

# s. 55. (5): Contents of records

55. (5) A licensee of a retirement home shall keep records proving compliance with the Act and this Regulation in relation to,

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

#### s. 55. (5), (c)

(c) the skills, qualifications and training of the staff who work in the home;

# The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 65. (2); Training

## s. 65. (2); Training

65. (2) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that no staff work in the home unless they have received training in,

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

# s. 65. (2), (a)

(a) the Residents' Bill of Rights;

## s. 65. (2), (b)

(b) the licensee's policy mentioned in subsection 67 (4) to promote zero tolerance of abuse and neglect of residents;

#### s. 65. (2), (c)

(c) the protection afforded for whistle-blowing described in section 115;

## s. 65. (2), (d)

(d) the licensee's policy mentioned in subsection 68 (3) regarding the use of personal assistance services devices for residents;

#### s. 65. (2), (f)

(f) fire prevention and safety;

#### s. 65. (2), (q)

(g) the licensee's emergency evacuation plan for the home mentioned in subsection 60 (3);

## s. 65. (2), (h)

(h) the emergency plan and the infection prevention and control program of the licensee for the home mentioned in subsection 60 (4);

#### s. 65. (2), (i)

(i) all Acts, regulations, policies of the Authority and similar documents, including policies of the licensee, that are relevant to the person's duties;

#### The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 65. (5); Additional training for direct care staff

## s. 65. (5); Additional training for direct care staff

65. (5) The licensee shall ensure that all staff who provide care services to residents receive training in the following matters and at the times required by the regulations, as a condition of continuing to have contact with residents, in addition to the other training that they are required to receive under this section:

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

## s. 65. (5), para. 3

3. Behaviour management.

#### **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. 16. (1); Temperature control

16. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that there are procedures in place for responding to extreme hot and cold weather conditions, including detailed practices for addressing failures of any temperature control systems in the home.

## s. 18. (1); Pest control

18. (1) Every licensee of a retirement home shall ensure that there are procedures in place to keep the home free from pests and to deal with pests in the home.

# s. 18. (2); Pest control

18. (2) The licensee shall document the procedures implemented.

## s. 18. (3); Pest control

18. (3) The licensee shall ensure that timely action is taken to deal with pests in the retirement home.

## s. 27. (2); Infection prevention and control program

27. (2) The licensee shall consult on an ongoing basis and not less than once a year with the local medical officer of health or designate about identifying and addressing health care issues in the retirement home in order to reduce the incidence of infectious disease outbreaks in the home.

# s. 27. (3); Infection prevention and control program

27. (3) The licensee shall keep a written record of the consultation required under subsection (2) that shall include a record of when the consultation took place, what was discussed and any recommendations that the local medical officer of health or designate made.

#### s. 5.1. (2.1); Extra expense insurance

5.1 (2.1) For the purposes of subsection 60 (3) of the Act, every licensee of a retirement home shall at all times maintain in full force and effect extra expense insurance from an authorized insurer.

#### 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. (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. 2

2. The complaint shall be resolved if possible, and a response that complies with paragraph 4 provided within 10 business days of the receipt of the complaint.

# 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. 3

3. For those complaints that cannot be investigated and resolved within 10 business days, an acknowledgement of receipt of the complaint shall be provided within 10 business days of receipt of the complaint, including the date by which the complainant can reasonably expect a resolution, and a follow-up response that complies with paragraph 4 shall be provided as soon as possible in the circumstances.

## 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. 4

4. A response shall be made to the person who made the complaint, indicating,

# s. 59. (1), para. 4, 1.

i. what the licensee has done to resolve the complaint,

## 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. 4

4. A response shall be made to the person who made the complaint, indicating,

#### s. 59. (1), para. 4, 2.

ii. that the licensee believes the complaint to be unfounded and the reasons for the belief.

#### 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 <a href="http://www.rhra.ca/en/retirement-home-database">http://www.rhra.ca/en/retirement-home-database</a>.

Signature of Inspector	Date
	December 17, 2024