

FINAL INSPECTION REPORT

Under the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010*

Inspection Information	
Date of Inspection: February 26, 2025	Name of Inspector: Georges Gauthier
Inspection Type: Responsive Inspection – Mandatory Report	
Licensee: ACC-003243 - 10592293 Canada Corporation	
Retirement Home: Hillside Haven	
License Number: T0553	

About Responsive Inspections

A responsive inspection, performed by an RHRA inspector, is a physical inspection of a licensed retirement home. A responsive inspection is conducted when RHRA receives information that the licensee may have failed to meet the standards of the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010* or its regulations (the “RHA”). An inspection being conducted does not imply that an allegation is substantiated or that a contravention of the RHA has occurred. A licensee is required to report to RHRA if they suspect harm or risk of harm to a resident. During a responsive inspection, an RHRA inspector may observe the operations of the home, interview relevant individuals, review records and other documentation, and determine whether the licensee’s management and staff have followed mandatory policies and practices designed to protect the welfare of residents.

Following a responsive 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 there is a serious incident or the licensee repeatedly does not meet the required standards, RHRA may take further action.

Concern(s)

During a responsive inspection, an inspector will focus primarily on the concern(s) which prompted the

inspection and may take various actions to determine whether the licensee is compliant with the RHA in relation to the concern(s). Any findings of non-compliance identified in relation to these concerns are listed below.

Concern #1: CON-4291-Staffing and Financial Issues

RHRA Inspector Findings

A report was made to RHRA which included potential staffing and financial issues. As part of the inspection in response to the report, the inspector reviewed staff records and interviewed relevant persons. The evidence did not demonstrate the training and retraining requirements had been met for the listed items. Further, the evidence did not show a background check had been conducted for some staff and that some of the background checks did not include a vulnerable sector search. The Licensee failed to ensure that the training and retraining requirements had been met and that the background checks had been fully addressed.

Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by April 25, 2025. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

Concern #2: CON-4468-Maintenance and Complaints

RHRA Inspector Findings

A report was made to RHRA which indicated a leaking roof and water damage. As part of the inspection in response to the report, the inspector made observations of the affected units, reviewed complaint records, requested a required maintenance policy, and interviewed staff and residents. The inspector confirmed that the Licensee failed to have a maintenance policy as required and that the complaints requirements had not 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.

Additional Findings

During a responsive inspection, an inspector may observe areas of non-compliance that are not related to the concern(s) which prompted the inspection. 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: CON-4469-Medication Storage

RHRA Inspector Findings

While conducting this inspection, the inspector made a finding unrelated to the purpose of the inspection. The inspector observed that medications were stored in a food fridge and were insecure. The Licensee failed to ensure that the medication storage requirements had been met.

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.

Current Inspection – Citations

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

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 13. (2); Hiring staff and volunteers

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13. (2) The police background check shall include a vulnerable sector screen to determine the person's suitability to be a staff member or volunteer in a retirement home and to protect residents from abuse and neglect.

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

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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. (2); Staff training

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14. (2) For the purposes of subsection 65 (4) of the Act, the licensee shall ensure that the persons who are required to receive training under subsection 65 (2) of the Act receive the training at least annually.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 14. (5); Staff training

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14. (5) The licensee shall ensure that the persons who are required to receive the training described in subsection 65 (5) of the Act receive that training on an ongoing basis, namely at least annually after receiving the training described in subsection (4).

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

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

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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

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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. 30.; Storage of drugs or other substances

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30. If drugs or other substances are stored in a retirement home on behalf of a resident, the licensee of the home shall ensure that,

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

s. 30. (a)

(a) the drugs or other substances are stored in an area or a medication cart that,

s. 30. (a), 1.

(i) is used exclusively for drugs or other substances and for supplies related to drugs or other substances,

s. 30. (a)

(a) the drugs or other substances are stored in an area or a medication cart that,

s. 30. (a), 2.

(ii) is locked and secure,

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

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

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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:

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

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), 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), 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), 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), 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.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 59. (2); Procedure for complaints to licensee

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

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

s. 59. (2), (a)

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

s. 59. (2), (b)

(b) the date that the complaint was received;

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), (d)

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

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), (f)

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

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 64. (2); Police background checks

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64. (2) The screening measures shall include a police background check as defined in the regulations, unless the person being screened is under 18 years of age.

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

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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), (e)

(e) injury prevention;

s. 65. (2), (f)

(f) fire prevention and safety;

s. 65. (2), (g)

(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);

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 65. (4); On-going training

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65. (4) The licensee shall ensure that the persons who are required to receive the training described in subsection (2) receive on-going training as described in that subsection at the times required by the regulations.

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. 24. (5); Emergency plan, general

24. (5) The licensee shall,

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); Emergency plan, general

24. (5) The licensee shall,

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); Emergency plan, general

24. (5) The licensee shall,

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); Emergency plan, general

24. (5) The licensee shall,

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;

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 March 26, 2025
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