

FINAL INSPECTION REPORT

Under the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010*

Inspection Information	
Date of Inspection: March 28, 2025	Name of Inspector: Angela Newman
Inspection Type: Routine Inspection	
Licensee: ACC-002621 - Oxford SC Walford Thunder Bay LP	
Retirement Home: The Walford Thunder Bay	
License Number: N0497	

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

As part of the routine inspection, the inspector reviewed the home's emergency resources, supplies and equipment vital for an emergency response. The inspector found the equipment failed to be checked

annually and tested appropriately. The Licensee failed to ensure that testing was conducted annually as required.

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

As part of the routine inspection, the inspector reviewed a sample of resident plans of care. There is a requirement that resident plans of care are reviewed and revised at least every six months and as care needs change. The inspector found two plans of care had not been reviewed within six months and one plan of care had not been updated as the resident's care needs changed in relation to behaviour management. In addition, one resident did not have an initial assessment, initial care plan, or full care plan completed within the required timeframe. Finally, two plans of care were not approved by the resident, or their substitute decision maker and two plans of care were not approved by the appropriate staff person. The Licensee failed to ensure resident plans of care were in compliance with the legislation.

Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by April 23, 2025. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

Focus Area #3: Staff Training

RHRA Inspector Findings

As part of the routine inspection, the inspector reviewed a sample of orientation and annual training records in the areas of zero tolerance of abuse, resident bill of rights, infection control, whistle blower protection, personal assistance services devices, fire prevention and safety, emergency plan, complaints, and behaviour management. The inspector found one staff had not received orientation training prior to working at the home. The Licensee was not able to demonstrate that orientation training was completed in alignment with the regulations.

Outcome

The Licensee submitted a plan to achieve compliance by April 23, 2025. RHRA to confirm compliance by following up with the Licensee or by inspection.

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. 62. (1); Plan of care

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62. (1) When a resident commences his or her residency in a retirement home, the licensee shall, within the prescribed times, ensure that the resident is assessed and that a plan of care is developed based on the assessment and in accordance with this section and the regulations.

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. 62. (6); Assessment of resident

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62. (6) The licensee shall ensure that the plan of care is based on an assessment of the resident and the needs and preferences of the resident.

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (12); Reassessment and revision

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,

The Licensee failed to comply with the RHA s. 62. (9); Persons who approve plans of care

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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:

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

s. 62. (9), para. 1

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

s. 62. (9), para. 2

2. The prescribed person if there is a person prescribed for the purpose of this paragraph.

The Licensee failed to comply with the O. Reg. 166/11 s. 47. (2); Development of plan of care

s. 47. (2); Development of plan of care

47. (2) No later than 21 days after a resident commences residency in a retirement home, the licensee of the home shall develop a complete plan of care for the resident based on the full assessment of the resident's care needs and preferences conducted under section 44 that takes into account all of the matters that must be considered in a full assessment.

The Licensee failed to comply with the O. Reg. 166/11 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 O. Reg. 166/11 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 O. Reg. 166/11 s. 25. (3); Emergency plan, retirement home with more than 10 residents

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

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

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.

The Licensee failed to comply with the O. Reg. 166/11 s. 43. (1); Initial assessment of care needs

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43. (1) Subject to section 45, no later than two days after a resident commences residency in a retirement home, the licensee of the home shall ensure that an initial assessment of the resident's immediate care needs is conducted.

The Licensee failed to comply with the O. Reg. 166/11 s. 47. (1); Development of plan of care

s. 47. (1); Development of plan of care

47. (1) Subject to subsection (4), as soon as possible and not later than two days after a resident commences residency in a retirement home, the licensee of a retirement home shall develop an initial plan of care for the resident based on the initial assessment of the resident's immediate care needs conducted under section 43 that includes all of the information listed in subsection 62 (4) of the Act that is relevant to the resident's immediate care needs.

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.

Not Applicable

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
Angela Newman

Date
April 17, 2025