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The Village of ERIN MEADOWS



## Message from Assistant General Manager

Simi Kaur

#### Living Our Moments Together - Celebrating the Past, Cherishing the Present, and Looking Ahead

At our home, each season is a beautiful reminder of the connections we nurture, the joy we create, and the shared moments that bring us closer. The past few weeks have been filled with celebration, appreciation, and love. As we reflect on all that's happened, we also look forward to the special memories yet to come.

We recently turned back the clock to the electric spirit of the 1980s for our Team Member Appreciation Party on May 10th. Our incredible Long-Term Care and Retirement Home Team fully embraced the decade's flair, with bold neon outfits and retro hairstyles lighting up the room. It was a lively and joyous gathering, not just a time for fun and laughter, but a moment to recognize the compassion, creativity, and dedication that our team brings to life every day.

We also took this opportunity to honour those who truly live out our core values by honouring our Success Award winners.

- **Know Me**: Marife Devera (RPN LTC)
- **Be Present**: Sherry Xue (Med- Cert RH)
- Walk in My Shoes: Jasmeen Kaur (Recreation- LTC)
- Earn Trust: Manjit Kaur Sidhu (RN- LTC)
- Follow Through: Maricel Velasco (RPN- RH)

These individuals represent the heart of our home, and we extend a warm thank-you to all the residents, families, and team members who took time to cast their votes. Your appreciation and participation help us build a stronger, more connected community.

From celebrating our team, we moved on to a touching tribute to the extraordinary women who shape our lives. Mother's Day was marked with an elegant High Tea, where sweet treats, warm conversations, and laughter created a cozy atmosphere that honored the love and strength of mothers across generations. It was a day full of heartfelt moments, made all the more special by the people who gathered to share it.

Now, with June on the horizon, our focus turns to the fathers, grandfathers, and father figures who offer quiet strength and unwavering love to their families and to our home. Their stories, wisdom, and guidance continue to inspire us. This Father's Day, we're excited to host a classic Car Show on **Saturday, June 14th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**, bringing together vintage vehicles, cherished memories, and great conversation. For those hoping to find a thoughtful gift during their visit, we're pleased to offer beautiful planters and greeting cards in the General Store—something special for every dad.

Beyond our celebrations, life in the home continues to grow and evolve in ways that enhance comfort and convenience. We're delighted to announce that our Pharmacy has officially reopened and is ready to serve the needs of our Residents. Additionally, snacks and over the counter items and articles will soon be available, offering our residents even more variety and enjoyment in their daily routines.

Through it all, we are reminded that it's the people, our residents, families, and team members, who make this place truly feel like home. Your support, warmth, and presence infuse every moment with meaning. From past joys to future plans, thank you for being part of the journey. Let's continue to make beautiful memories, together.



## Spiritual Care

Pricely Francis Spiritual Lead

#### Prayer Tools: How to Have Your Heart's Desires Delivered to Your Door Even if You Are Not Religious

That is a long title for a short article. Just writing it makes me tired, and it's just 7:56 in the morning. Okay, let me catch a breather. Here goes.

Tools are essential for accomplishing tasks. They amplify our strength, efficiency, speed, improve accuracy and quality and are sometimes needed for specialized jobs.

Huh? Someone just asked, 'What do tools have to do with prayer?' Well, I like to make concepts practical and applicable. Therefore, I will discuss the concept of answered prayer in a practical, objective manner. Feels like we are on a construction site? Crab your hard hats!

The first tool you can use to have your heart's desires delivered to your door is a request. "Ask, and you will receive." However, there is a trick that most people are unaware of as it relates to asking. We find it hiding in plain sight in a verse in one of the Gospels. "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Did you spot the trick? It's right there: "... believe that you have received it...." This tool for effective praying has a specialized application that will pop out and improve the odds if you know where to find the button.

Usually, when we ask for something, we do so out of an awareness of a need or lack we have. However, when we pray, we should not do so out of a sense of want or deprivation. We should ask as if we already have what we do not have.

Confused? Let me put it another way. When we ask, we should embody what we want, not chase after it; we should embrace our desires, not wish we had them; we should possess what we ask for, not pine for it; we should think of what we want as the truth, not a fabrication; we should feel what we want as familiar, not fantastical and beyond reach.

I am running out of space, so there will have to be a part 2, perhaps a part 3, and, who knows, a part 4 to this article. The title may not be as long as I feared.

Anyway, an Old Testament verse of scripture illustrates embodying, embracing, possessing and seeing what we ask for as reality. "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." Get it? Ask as if you have nothing lacking in your life. Ask as if what you desire is already at your door. Talk about Heaven Prime! Better than Amazon!

Have you ever had to use a tool you've never handled before? Things can get a bit clumsy with it until a friend shows you how to use it, and then you feel silly. It was so obvious! Well, the tool "Ask" can be like a new tool we have not yet mastered. When we use it, we ask out of a sense of lack, need, desperation, scarcity, deprivation, deficiency, an attitude of "I don't have this yet," "Oh, poor is me!" Why? We did not know the prayer tool "Ask" had a specialized application called "I've already received it."

Here is one more clarifying verse from the holy writ: "Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear." See? When you ask, your desire is already sitting outside your door.

# at Schlegel



#### Athlete of the Month

The PAL team would like to congratulate Gursharn Sekhon as Athlete of the Month!
Gursharn is an active participant in the PAL program and physiotherapy. She enthusiastically uses the NuStep for 20 minute sessions, and consistently achieves over 1000 steps each time.
Gursharn is also a frequent attendee of group classes such as fun fitness, strength training, and football club.

From,
The PAL Team – Edward,
Ammarah, Harneet, Vipul, and
Muhammad

## Hello Erin Meadows!

#### National Safety Month

The month of June is recognized as National Safety Month. Safety is more than just avoiding accidents; it's about taking steps each day to protect your health and well-being. Here are some tips to help you stay safe:

- Using your brakes
  - Always put the brakes on your walker or wheelchair when you are standing up or sitting down. This prevents you from slipping and keeps you steady.
- Tidying up
  - A clean space is a safe space. Keep the floor clear of clutter that could cause a trip or fall
- Wearing proper footwear
  - Wear shoes that fit your feet properly and have a nonslip sole.

The first week of June is also National Kinesiology Week. Kinesiology is the science of human movement and exercise. Staying active is one of the best ways to maintain your health while also being proactive about your safety. Here are some easy ways to stay moving safely:

- Try doing heel/toe raises while you're watching TV
- Stretch out your arms before heading to sleep.

Let us all do our best to be active as the warm summer months

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approach us. Happy June!

Ammarah Ahmed

Student Kinesiologist



# Wishing you a Happy Birthday! LTC

#### Dundas

#### Sheridan

Shanli Lin	June 03
Charlie D	June 18
Australia etta T	I 40

Sheila S June 04
Elsa K June 27
Jean T June 29

#### Meadowvale

#### Howland

Vera S	June 02
Christine G	June 17
Nina R	June 20
Andrew Q	June 20
John B	June 27
John B	June 27

June 02
June 03
June 10
June 25
June 27
June 28

## Trafalgar

#### Derry

Elizabeth R June 07
Donna C June 10

Andreas G June 26
Susana L June 29



Our Mission is to provide holistic health care in a home environment located within an internal neighbourhood design that promotes a caring community, with emphasis on optimal health and life purpose for each resident.

# Village Life (LTC)

















## Village Life (LTC)

# Concerts in Care

BRINGING LIVE MUSIC TO SENIORS IN CARE























## Trip to Terra Greenhouse Tuesday, June 3 1-4 PM

Join us on a trip to Terra as we shop for our greenhouse using the funds raised from our plant sale!

Please sign up with the recreation team

## Family Council Update (LTC)

The Village of Erin Meadows Community Connection -- Monthly Long-Term Care Family Council Announcement 🥬

#### Dear Families and Friends,

We are excited to invite you to join us for our Monthly Family Council Meeting, held every 1st Saturday of the month here at The Village of Erin Meadows.

- Tocation: Council Chamber Room, Main Floor
- Time: 10:00 AM
- Every 1st Saturday of the Month Next Meeting: June 7, 2025

These monthly meetings are a wonderful apportunity to come together—not just as caregivers and staff, but as one extended family - united in our shared goal of enhancing the quality of life for our loved ones.

#### Everyone is Welcome!

Whether you are a resident, spouse, child, sibling, grandchild, or friend—your presence is valued. Family members are always welcome to attend and participate as volunteers during these gatherings. Your insights, stories, and support make a real difference.

#### What to Expect Each Month:

- √ A space to connect and support one another.
- ✓ Colobrating quality improvement successes
- ✓ Open discussions on areas of focus and new ideas
- ✓ Collaborative problem-solving between families and staff
- ✓ A stronger, more vibrant Village of Erin Meadows community.

#### Special Guest Speakers:

June – PAL Coordinator: Edward Macias

Gain insight into person-centered care and Fitness programs in Village.

July: Malvina Goral DQI & Nory Fernando Continence/Wound Care and Restraint An informative session on holistic health, prevention, and comfort strategies.

#### For questions, contact:

Chi Awadh, Resident Support Coordinator 📞 905-569-7155 ext. 7129

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## Volunteer Central

Norelle Cuevas Volunteer & Student Coordinator



#### Thank You to Our Incredible Volunteers!

On May 4th, we had the pleasure of hosting our Volunteer Appreciation Party to celebrate YOU, our volunteers. It was a joyful and memorable event filled with laughter, great food, music and heartfelt moments of gratitude.

From everyone at The Village of Erin Meadows, we want to thank you again for your kindness, your commitment and for making a difference in our community. We couldn't do it without you!













## LTC Events @ a Glance

Elder Wisdom The Story of Green Bench	Monday, June 2 2 PM
Trip to Terra's Greenhouse	Tuesday, June 3 1-3
Sunday Social with David Steven	Sunday, June 8 2 PM
Celebrating Eid al-Adha	Monday, June 9 2 PM
Wings Over The Rainforest (Howland Neighborhood)	Wednesday, June 11 2 PM
Father's Day Car Show	Saturday, June 14 11-3 PM
Father's Day Social with Jeff Giles	Sunday, June 15 2 PM
Entertainment with Matt & Heather	Tuesday, June 17 2 PM
Glorious Singers	Saturday, June 21 2 PM
Birthday Bash with Tristan Alexander	Tuesday, June 24 2 PM
Pub Night with Filipa & Teria	Friday, June 27 2 PM

Residents Council Meeting Wednesday, June 11, 2 PM in the Community Centre

Family Council Meeting, Saturday, June 7, 10 AM in the Council Chamber

## Caregivers Week

This past month, we had the pleasure of celebrating **Caregivers Week** and showing appreciation for the incredible compassion, dedication, and hard work of our amazing team members.

To recognize everything they do, we treated our caregivers to a week full of appreciation and fun! One of the highlights was a **Leadership Team Car Wash**, where members of our leadership team rolled up their sleeves to wash cars as a small token of thanks. To all our team members: **thank you** for the heart, patience, and care you bring to our community.















# Village EVENTS

#### RETIREMENT

#### **Entertainment:**

Afternoon Music with Tristan June 22nd, Sunday 2:30 pm, Main Street

Birthday Celebration with Shannon June 27th, Friday 2:30 pm, Main Street

#### **Outings:**

French Club Restaurant Outing June 6th Friday, 11:00 am

Erin Mills Town Centre June 20th, Friday, 10:30 am

Taps Public House Outing June 26th, Thursday, 10:30 am

## Vendors on Main Street @10:00am:

Village Traditions -Wednesday June 4th JBS Clothing - Saturday June 7th Mobile Seniors - Wednesday, June 11th Afy Shoes - Wednesday, June 18th Bellas Boutique - Saturday, June 21st Traditions Alive -Wednesday, June 25th Comfort Shoes - Saturday, June 28th

#### June Bulletin:

Elder Wisdom 10th year Anniversary Virtual Celebration June 2nd, Monday 2:00 pm, Town Hall

> Men's Breakfast June 3rd, Tuesday 9:15 am, The Ruby

Food Forum June 5th, Thursday 10:00 am, Town Hall

Eid al-Adha Celebration June 9th, Monday 2:00 pm, Town Hall

Residents' Council Meeting June 12th, Thursday 10:30 am, Town Hall

Father's Day Celebration - Car Show June 14th, Saturday 11:00 - 3:00 pm Front Parking Lot

> Ladies Breakfast June 17th, Tuesday 9:15 am, The Ruby

New Residents Welcome Committee Meeting June 24th, Tuesday 10:00 am, Library

> Poker with Desi June 30th, Monday 7:00 pm, Town Hall



Birthday Celebration with Shannon Friday June 27th 2:30 pm, Main Street



#### THE VILLAGE OF ERIN MEADOWS RETIREMENT

#### Month of June

#### Feel the Beat this June!

As the sunshine rolls in, we're turning up the energy with a special 30-minute Seated Zumba class on June 10, 2025, at 11 AM in the Town Hall.

Whether you're a Zumba regular or giving it a try for the first time, this is the perfect way to celebrate the season with music, movement, and community.

Mark your calendar! we can't wait to dance with you!



#### Joyful June, Let's Move!

New to The Village of Erin Meadows or looking to get more active?

Join us this June for fun and engaging 30-minute classes through the Program for Active Living (PAL Program)! Our friendly, welcoming environment is perfect for all fitness levels.

#### This month's classes include:

- Flexibility and Stretching Improve your range of motion with gentle, repetitive movements designed to increase mobility and ease tension.
- Seated Yoga and Mindfulness Relax and recharge through calming breathwork and soothing seated poses that nurture both body and mind.
- Upper Body with Weights Build strength in your arms and core with guided dumbbell exercises suitable for all abilities.

No matter your experience or mobility, everyone is welcome! Whether your goal is to build strength, improve balance, or simply enjoy moving with others, PAL program offers something for you.

- (i) Check out the PAL June Calendar for all class times and locations.
- Don't miss our Special Event: Balloon

  Badminton on June 7th and 21st at 3 PM. Great
  way to get active and socialize!

Sarina (Retirement PAL Coordinator)



## Neighbourhood Corner

Arissa Niyamuddin - Becker & Ailsa Craig NC

(RH)

#### **Navigating Your Care Journey at Erin Meadows**

As we age, our care needs evolve, and the decision to transition from independent living to assisted living can be a difficult yet necessary step. Here at Erin Meadows, we want our residents to be able to age in place, allowing themselves to stay as independent as possible for as long as possible. We offer a wide range of services to accommodate these ever-changing needs and whether you require some assistance with daily activities or more hands-on care, we are here to provide support, comfort, and security.

The first step is the most challenging – recognizing the need for assistance. If you notice changes in your or your loved one's health, such as a decline in cognition or mobility, it's important to act early and seek the appropriate assistance. A good first step is to contact your Neighbourhood Coordinator – your main point of contact within Erin Meadows.

Once the need for extra support is recognized, your Neighbourhood Coordinator will work with you to set up a care conference. The care conference process involves a meeting between the resident, their loved ones (if applicable), and the Neighbourhood Coordinator. During this meeting, the coordinator will ask questions about your health, mobility, cognitive abilities, and any difficulties you're experiencing with daily activities. This information will help your coordinator determine what type of care is needed and a score will be calculated to help us determine what additional service level you need, we call these "Living Choices". During this stage, you and your loved ones can ask questions about the available services, explore options for different levels of care, and discuss the financial aspects. It is also a good time to discuss whether a different neighbourhood may be better suited to your specific needs. If so, we will add you to our internal list for when a suite in that neighbourhood becomes available.

Depending on the outcome of the assessment, your Neighbourhood Coordinator may recommend you to explore external support organizations for specialized care. These could include: Ontario Health at Home (OHaH), Alzheimer's Society, a Geriatrician, etc. These external resources are meant to provide additional support when needed, helping to ensure that all aspects of your health and well-being are covered.

Your Neighbourhood Coordinator will help you set up your care plan, specifically tailored to your needs and preferences. These can include specific services such as assistance with personal care (dressing, grooming, bathing, continence care, etc.), medication administration, meal support or dietary adjustments, mobility assistance and many more. Once the care plan is in place, the coordinator will schedule the appropriate services and ensure that staff are there to assist you with your specific needs. This process ensures that you receive the support you need while maintaining your independence as much as possible.

Health and care needs can change over time, and it's important to reassess your care plan periodically to ensure it remains aligned with your needs. Our leadership team will work with you to evaluate your care every six months, or more frequently if required. Changes in health, mobility, or cognition can often lead to a need for adjustments in care. Whether you need more support or if certain services are no longer necessary, we will be there to help you navigate these changes.

Receiving the right care in a retirement home is an essential part of ensuring comfort, safety, and quality of life as you age. By following these steps, you can ensure that your needs are met at every stage of the process. Remember that your Leadership Team is available to answer questions, guide you through the process, and provide continuous support. By staying proactive and engaged in your care journey, you can continue to enjoy your time at the Erin Meadows with the peace of mind that you are receiving the best possible support.

## Village Life

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#### Whiskey Tasting









Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Partnership with MediSystem Pharmacy













## **Erin Meadows Long Term Care Directory**

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Meadowvale 8017	Sheridan 8044		Howland 8050

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Egerton Med Cert		8217	
Emma's Med Cert		8244	
The Ruby Restaurant		8126	
Pharmacy & General Store		8128	
Hair Salon		8130	

## Father's Day Word Search

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FATHER GIFT HOLIDAY JUNE LOVING PARENT



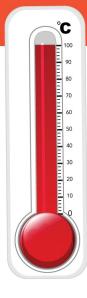
## **Heat-related illness**

## Prevention and management

As warmer weather approaches, we want to provide a safe and comfortable environment for all residents.

Heat-related illnesses are a group of serious and escalating medical conditions which include heat rash, heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke, and can have a significant impact on the health of our residents.

Our heat related illness prevention and management plan will be implemented annually, beginning May 1st to September 30th, as well as any other time when the temperature is forecasted externally, or reaches internally 26 degrees.





The signs and symptoms of heat related illness can occur quite quickly with little to no warning. Residents are assessed for heat risk annually and strategies developed. The following tips are general in nature.



#### Staying cool

- With safety in mind, use a battery powered or hand-held fan to provide some breeze during warm weather.
- Keep cool cloths handy to apply to the face, neck, and arms.
- Cloths can be wrapped around ice cubes for quick cooling and a small water spray mist bottle can help cool individuals rapidly.



#### Clothing

- Wear loose, lightweight, light-coloured clothing.
- A wide brimmed hat will help protect the head and face and sunglasses will help protect the eyes.



#### Skin protection

- Stay out of direct sunlight by using shade trees, covered awnings or patio umbrellas.
- Sunscreen should always be applied, even in the shade. Remember to reapply as needed.



#### Nourishment

- Frequent, smaller meals may be more easily tolerated during hot weather.
- Avoid dehydration by consuming fluids before, during and after meals, as appropriate.
- Hydrate with water and other cooling choices such as Popsicles and watermelon between meals.
- Alcohol may cause dehydration and should be avoided.



#### Physical activity

- Keep outdoor physical activity to a minimum and take frequent rest periods.
- Attempt to stay indoors during the warmest part of the day.





2930 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga (Winston Churchill at Erin Centre)





## The Village of Erin Meadows offers a full continuum of care:

#### AILSA CRAIG – Independent Living

- full kitchen (stove, dishwasher, microwave, full size fridge)
- in suite washer and dryer
- weekly housekeeping with linen laundry wash/change
- meal plans and or care services can be added
- starting at \$5,166/month (2nd occupant add \$500)

#### BECKER – Retirement Apartments

- kitchenette (with full size fridge and microwave)
- lunch and dinner daily
- weekly housekeeping with linen laundry wash/change
- in suite washer and dryer
- breakfast and or care services can be added
- starting at \$3,991/month (2nd occupant add \$950)

#### WILLIAMSBURG – Full Service Retirement

- three meals daily
- medication administration
- daily bed making
- weekly housekeeping with linen laundry wash/change
- weekly assisted bath or shower
- extra care and support can be added
- starting at \$5,165/month (2nd occupant add \$1,250)

#### EGERTON – Assisted Care

- three meals daily
- medication administration
- support with personal care and activities of daily living
- daily bed making
- weekly housekeeping with linen laundry wash/change
- weekly assisted bath or shower
- extra care and support can be added
- starting at \$6,325/month (2nd occupant add \$2,035)

#### EMMA'S – Memory Care

- safe, secure neighbourhood designed to support residents living with dementia
- three meals daily
- medication administration
- support with personal care and activities of daily living
- daily bed making
- weekly housekeeping with linen laundry wash/change
- · weekly assisted bath or shower
- extra care and support can be added
- starting at \$6,580/month (2nd occupant add \$2,172)

## Schlegel Villages – CONNECTIONS





# CELEBRATION

We are honouring ten years of **#ElderWisdom**, a program dedicated to challenging the stigma and ageism that older adults often face in our society.

For the past 10 years, we have celebrated **Senior's Month** each June with our #ElderWisdom campaign, and for our 10th Anniversary, we're excited by the events we have coming up.

A key component of the campaign is always the **Green Bench movement**, where residents from Schlegel Villages sit on a signature green bench in public spaces to share their life experiences and insights with the community. This initiative fosters meaningful conversations between older and younger generations, helping to challenge stereotypes about aging and we're excited about each of the events the Villages are hosting this month.

This year, however, we are expanding the impact by incorporating a new, exciting element to our campaign: **the Green Bench travels.** Selected residents will have the opportunity later this summer to return to places of personal significance—whether it be their hometowns or dream destinations, such as Newfoundland, Ottawa, and London, England.

We intend to document these adventures through storytelling in our Village Voice and through a documentary we hope to showcase at film festivals and within the senior's care sector.

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## Schlegel Villages – CONNECTIONS

Many years ago, Ron Schlegel challenged our teams to find meaningful ways to showcase the amazing wealth of knowledge older adults harbour, suggesting that "the greatest untapped resource in Canada, if not the world, is the collective wisdom of our elders."

**#ElderWisdom** is dedicated to challenging the stigma and ageism that older adults often face in our society. It reminds us of the wealth of wisdom that seniors offer and helps restore them to a place of reverence and respect. We're grateful for everyone who helps make these events such a success!

To learn more about the program, find a local event and/or take the #ElderWisdom pledge, scan the QR code or visit elderwisdom.ca



# PRIDE MONTH We stand with our 2SLGBTQIA+ team and family.



#### Meet Aaron Jones, RIA's Newest Researcher

Earlier this year, the Schlegel-UW Research Institute for Aging (RIA) welcomed Aaron Jones to their worldclass research team, as the Schlegel Chair in Clinical Epidemiology and Aging. Let's get to know the newest member of the RIA's researcher team.

Question: Tells us about you and your work?

Answer: I am a health services researcher and biostatistician with expertise in the use of health administrative data and data science methodologies. My research focuses on the health service use of older adults with ongoing care needs, with the aim of discovering how to better organize, manage, and deliver the care older adults need in their preferred location. This could mean improving care in the emergency department to better support people with higher needs, making sure older adults with trouble reaching a family doctor can access effective primary care, and striving for more efficient and clear communication among health care professionals.

Question: What inspired you to pursue research in the field of aging?

Answer: I didn't start out with a specific interest in aging. Originally, I was more drawn to the science of statistics but moved away from the theoretical to the practical because I wanted to have a real-world impact. I was working in health analytics for the government of Ontario when I realized that our our health care system was not designed or set up to best meet the



needs of older adults, particularly those with greater care needs such as people living with dementia. This realization inspired me to pursue a career in health research to address this gap.

Question: What is the primary focus of your current research?

Answer: My primary focus is investigating ways we can better organize, manage, and care for older adults. Currently, my two main focus areas are:

- Geriatric care in the emergency department. I'm exploring the availability and effectiveness of geriatric-trained nurses to improve patient experiences and outcomes in the emergency department.
- Primary care for older adults with functional impairment. I'm looking at various models of primary care for older adults who have difficulty visiting a doctor or medical office, including home visits and virtual visits.

To read more about Aaron Jones and his work, visit the-ria.ca.



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