

# Strathroy Dental Clinic and the Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program



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# Oral Health is a core focus of Public Health

Under the *Ontario Public Health Standards*, the Middlesex-London Health Unit (Board of Health) is required to provide:

- Oral screening, assessment and surveillance;
- Services to be offered through the Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) Program to children meeting the clinical and financial eligibility requirements of the Program; and
- Services to be offered through the Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program (OSDCP) to seniors meeting the eligibility requirements of the Program.
- Monitoring of community water fluoridation levels.

**Everyone deserves a healthy smile.**

# Oral Health Screening in the County

Location	Children requiring urgent care (filling, infection etc)	Children in need of preventative services (cleaning, sealants)
Strathroy Caradoc	9.6%	36.5%
Southwest Middlesex	16.1%	26.9%
Lucan Biddulph	4.9%	26.4%
Middlesex Centre	9.5%	29.6%
North Middlesex	11.4%	25.9%
Thames Centre	8.3%	19.7%

# Oral Health in Middlesex County

To respond to capital funding received by the Ministry of Health to expand the Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program, the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) entered into a lease at The Shops on Sydenham (51 Front St, Strathroy) for the build of a new dental clinic.

After many years of waiting, the Middlesex-London Health Unit opened the Strathroy Dental Clinic on June 26, 2023. Individuals under 18 or over 65 will be seen at this clinic through the Healthy Smiles Ontario Program and the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program.



# Strathroy Dental Clinic Progress Photos



# Strathroy Dental Clinic Build

The Middlesex-London Health Unit partnered with a few organizations to support the dental clinic build:

- Ontario Ministry of Health (funding)
- CCS Construction Group (construction of the space)
- Henry Schein (dental equipment)
- Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc (permits)
- The Shops on Sydenham (landlord)



# Strathroy Dental Clinic Grand Opening Event on June 26



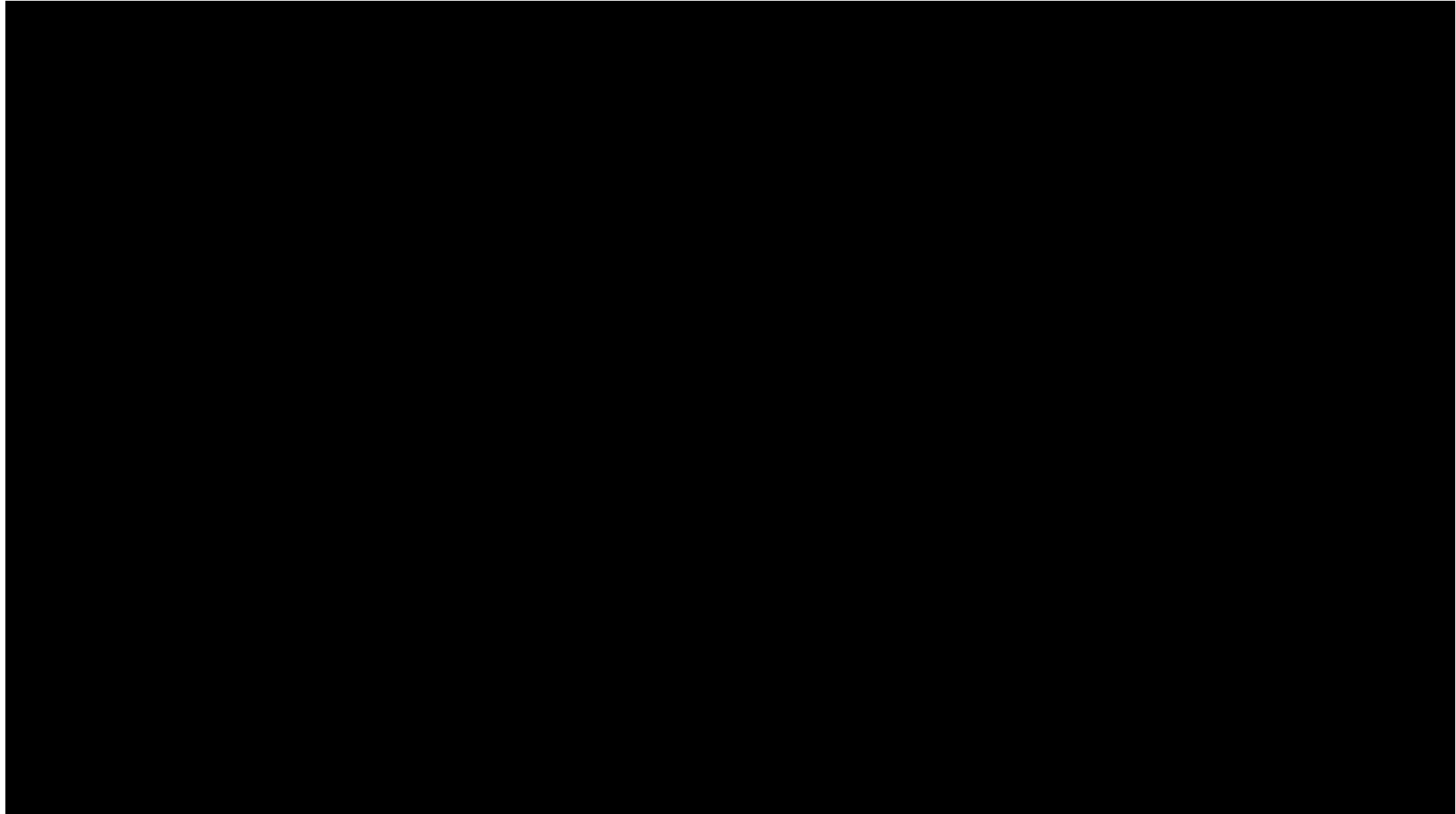
# Strathroy Dental Clinic Progress Photos



Now for a tour...



## **Inside the Strathroy Dental Clinic (Video 2:30)**



# What will happen at the Strathroy Dental Clinic

At the Strathroy Dental Clinic, there will be:

- A full time Dentist
- Dental Hygienists working on site each day along with Dental Assistants
- Services to provide children experiencing dental pain the ability to book appointments for emergency screenings in Strathroy (as well as at Citi Plaza)
- Appointments available for children in Strathroy for preventative services such as cleanings and sealants (as well as at Citi Plaza)
- Dental care to older adults with OSDCP coverage
- A staff member available to assist walk in clients with questions about our programs or requiring assistance with applying for coverage

# Oral Health Team at MLHU





# Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program

The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program provides high quality dental care to all seniors who qualify. Seniors are more prone to dental decay, gum disease and oral cancer than other groups, so it is important to have regular dental checkups.

**Untreated dental issues can lead to more problems in the future, including chronic disease.**



Ontario Seniors  
Dental Care Program (OSDCP)

# Who is eligible for Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program?

## Who is eligible?

You may be eligible if you:

- Are 65 or older
- Are a resident of Ontario
- Have an annual net income of \$22,200 or less for a single person or a combined annual net income of \$37,100 or less for a couple
- Have no access to any other form of dental benefits (e.g. private insurance or other government program)

## What services are covered?

- Examinations and assessments
- Preventive services
- Restorative services to repair broken teeth and cavities
- X-rays
- Oral surgery to remove teeth or abnormal tissue
- Anesthesia
- Endodontic services to treat infection and pain
- Periodontal services to treat gum conditions and diseases
- Prosthodontic services, including dentures, are partially covered

# Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program



The Oral Health Team at the Middlesex-London Health Unit works closely with its partners; The Wright Clinic (TWC) and the Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre (SOAHAC) and entered into a variety of partnership agreements with additional Dental Practitioners to help expand services and reduce wait times.



## **Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program - Funding**

The Ontario Seniors' Dental Care Program is a provincially funded program through the Ministry of Health. The Ministry has provided the Middlesex-London Health Unit \$1,050,000 from the Ministry of Health for capital funding of the dental clinic build in Strathroy.

Funds from the Ministry of Health for operating funds for the clinic are pending at this time.

## **For more information**

Oral Health at MLHU

[www.healthunit.com/dental-health](http://www.healthunit.com/dental-health)

Ontario Seniors' Dental (MLHU)

[www.healthunit.com/ontario-seniors-dental-care](http://www.healthunit.com/ontario-seniors-dental-care)

Ontario Seniors' Dental (MoH)

[www.ontario.ca/page/dental-care-low-income-seniors](http://www.ontario.ca/page/dental-care-low-income-seniors)

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