

Renfrew County and District Health Unit "Optimal Health for All in Renfrew County and District"

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## New Public Health Dental Clinic - Barry's Bay Area

Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) is pleased to announce a new senior's dental treatment clinic coming to Barry's Bay in the spring of 2020. Through funding by the Ontario Ministry of Health and working in partnership with Rainbow Valley Community Health Centre, the clinic will be situated at St. Francis Memorial Hospital (SFMH).

"We are excited about this new public health dental treatment clinic and having services available locally, to eligible seniors who live in Barry's Bay, Killaloe and the surrounding areas," states Dr. Robert Cushman, Acting Medical Officer of Health. "We anticipate the clinic to be operational in early Spring 2020."

Through the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP), RCDHU will offer routine dental care for eligible low-income seniors. Ontarians aged 65 and over; with an annual net income of \$19,300 or less, or couples with a combined annual net income of \$32,300 or less; who do not have dental benefits, will qualify for the OSDCP. The OSDCP includes a range of routine dental care such as cleanings, fillings, extractions and more. For information about the OSDCP services visit <u>https://www.ontario.ca/page/dental-care-low-income-seniors</u>

"The establishment of the new Public Health Dental Clinic in Barry's Bay at SFMH will enhance the services offered to low income seniors, at a location which serves as a healthcare hub of wraparound services for the community," states Randy Penny, Chief Executive Officer at SFMH.

Seniors can apply for the program online at <u>https://seniors.accerta.ca/application/en</u>, or by picking up an application form from Renfrew County and District Health Unit or Rainbow Valley Community Health Centre.

For more information please contact RCDHU by calling 613-735-8661 or 1-800-267-1097, extension 661 or visit RCDHU's website at <u>www.rcdhu.com</u>.

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