

District of Stewart

Canada's Most Northerly Ice-Free Port



2025 Annual Report



Stewart



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Situated across from Alaska's Misty Fiords National Park and at the end of the Portland Canal, Stewart, BC is a unique border town attracting tourists from every corner of the world.

Stewart was established in 1905 and named after the Stewart brothers who were early prospectors in the area. Stewart's boom happened in 1910 with the illusions of gold, furs and riches.

The economy of Stewart is supported by a varied range of industries including logging, mining and mining exploration and is destined to become a major port for distribution of ore and logs. Stewart offers a paved highway to major transportation routes, a salt water port which supports a barge terminal and bulk commodity loader.

The Portland Canal is a mere 80-90 miles from the Pacific Ocean allowing ships of all kinds to come from all over the world.





Mission Statement

To work with our citizens to create a healthy, vibrant and caring community through:

- Visionary leadership & accountable governance
- Citizen involvement
- Balancing the expectation for services with available resources
- Decision-making that integrates the social, economic & environmental interests of the community
- Quality in customer service



Municipal Council — 2023 to 2026



Mayor Angela Brand Danuser

(front row, center)

Councillors

(front row) David Cullinan, Nina Russell

(back row) Keenan Kennedy, Brock Nelson
Absent Patty Lynn and Eric Drew

Councillor Drew and Councillor Cullinan were elected as Councillors in two bi-elections.

Council conducts its Regular Meetings on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers located at the Municipal Hall, 705 Brightwell Street.

Public delegations and input are always welcome at Council Meetings – please contact the District office at (250) 636-2251 to schedule a delegation time in advance.

For more information on local government and the District of Stewart, visit the municipal website:

www.districtofstewart.com

Message from the Mayor

2025 was a good year for Stewart, even though it brought with it many challenges. Through those challenges, our community continued to show its strength, resilience, and commitment to one another. Stewart is a community worth celebrating, and I am proud of the way residents, businesses, staff, volunteers, and community partners continue to work together to support and strengthen the place we call home.

On behalf of Council, I would like to thank the community for your patience and understanding throughout the water main and sewer line repairs this past year. We recognize the disruption these repairs caused, and we appreciate the cooperation shown by residents and businesses as this important work was completed. Council has applied for grant funding to help offset the cost of major infrastructure repairs and will continue to pursue funding opportunities wherever possible.

In 2025, three bridges in our community were replaced. The South and North Bridges at the Rainey Creek Campground were replaced with 100% Resource Benefits Alliance funding. The Barnachez Bridge at the Transfer Station was replaced with funding from the Resource Benefit Alliance and the Regional District of Kitimat Stikine. These projects represent important investments in our local infrastructure and will benefit the community for years to come.

Repair and maintenance work was also completed on the Causeway Bridge. Replacing this bridge remains a priority for Council, with the goal of ensuring a long-term solution that can safely support the weight requirements of industrial use.

Council was pleased to host a small delegation from the Nisga'a Nation this year. This visit marked an important step in strengthening our relationship, and we look forward to continued connection and collaboration.

Council also continued to advocate strongly for 24/7 ambulance coverage in Stewart. As I am sure you are all aware, we were successful in securing this service as a one-year trial. While this is a very positive step forward, Council will continue to press BCEHS and the Minister of Health to keep ambulance coverage at this level permanently.

Throughout the year, I continue to advocate for Stewart at every opportunity. It is my goal to ensure that Stewart remains top of mind for industry, regional partners, and other levels of government as we work to secure the support, investment, and services our community needs.

Thank you to our residents, staff, volunteers, and community partners for your continued commitment to Stewart.

Sincerely,
Mayor Angela Brand Danuser



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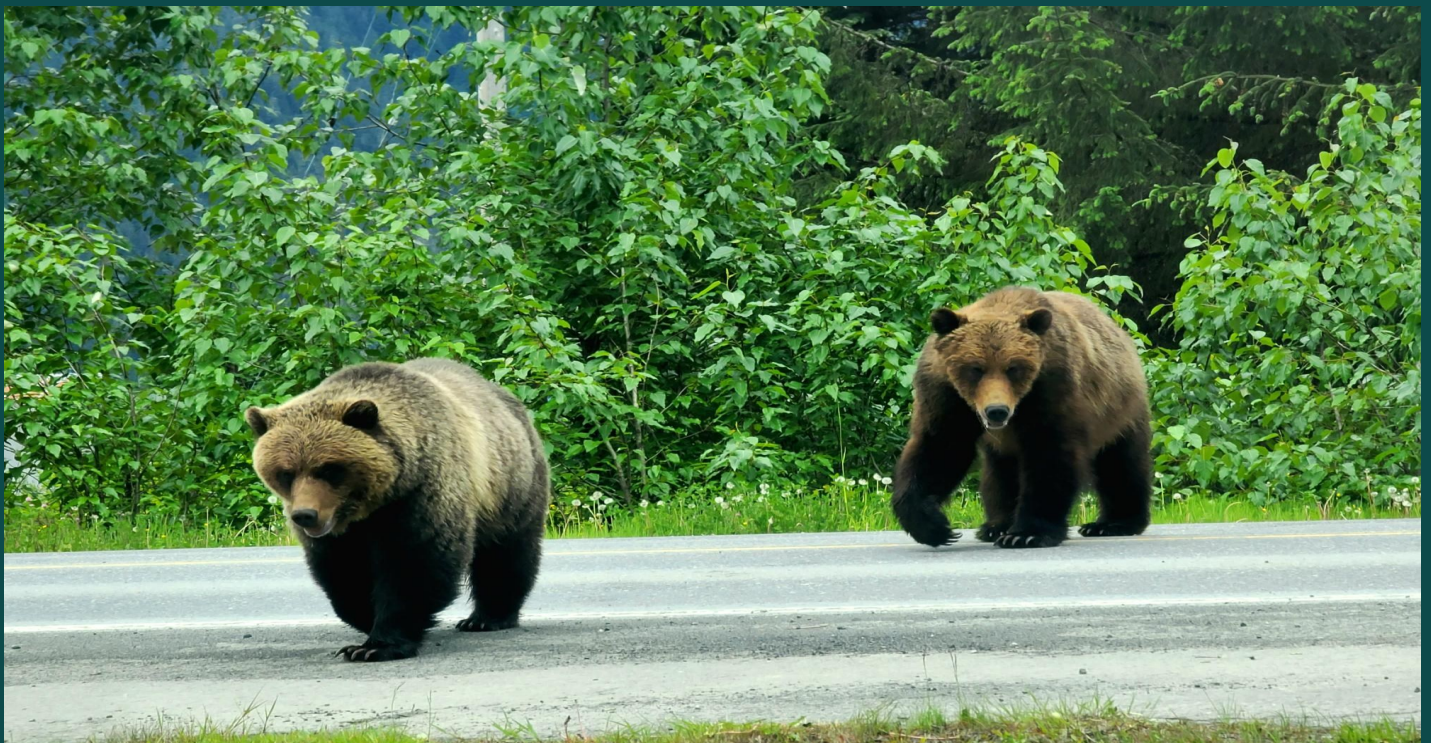
Community Profile

Find yourself.

At the head of the awe-inspiring 90-mile-long Portland Canal, surrounded by rich forestry, Cambria ice fields, and incredible wildlife.

Reliving the history that is Stewart BC, Canada's most Northerly, ice-free port; situated across from Alaska's Misty Fjords National Park and the end of the Portland Canal.

Exploring this unique border town that attracts tourists from every corner of the world!



Community Profile

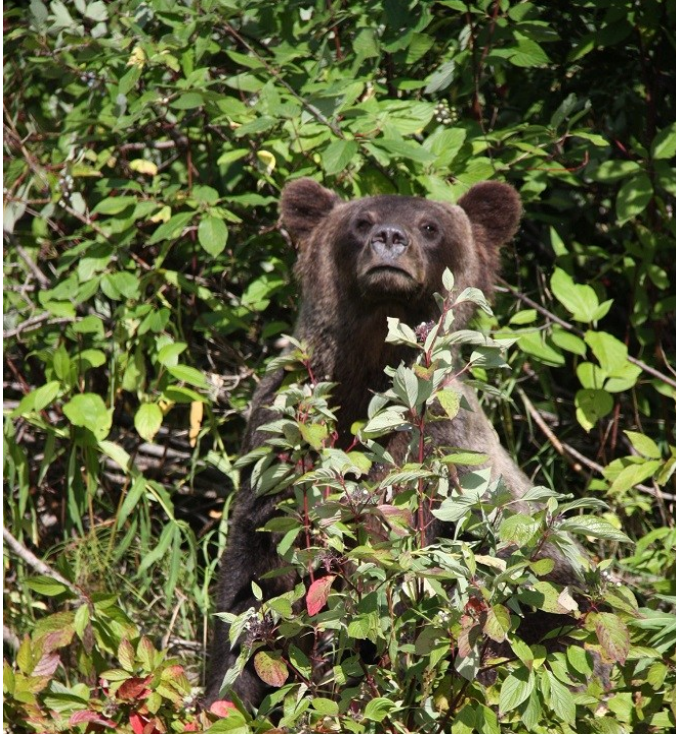


Find yourself.

Hiking In the surrounding mountain ranges on a variety of maintained trails boasting breathtaking views.

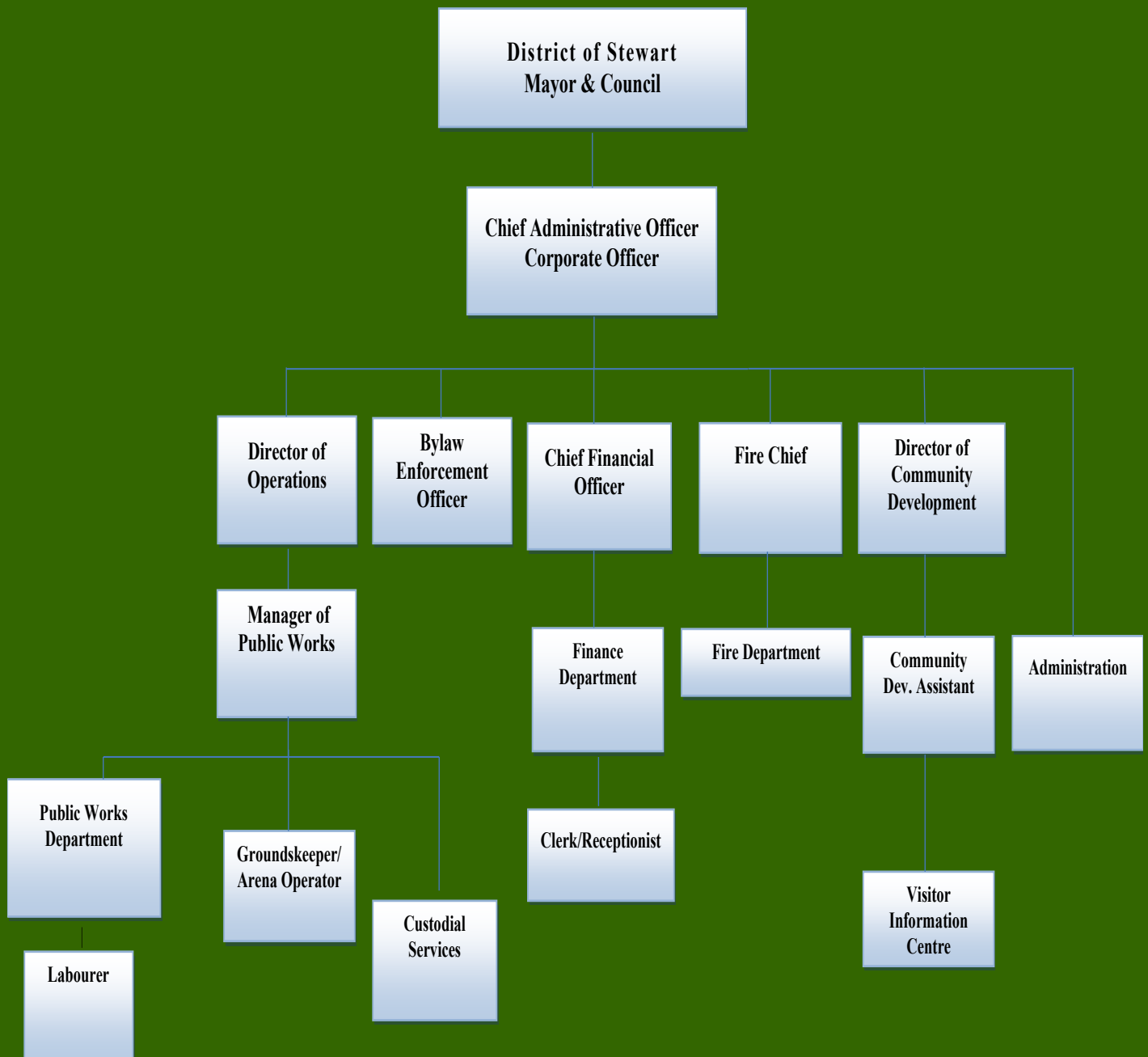
Capturing photos of the flora and fauna as you stroll along the boardwalk; reaching 805 meters across the tide flats.

Kayaking lakes and navigating the Canal with eagles overhead and orcas & seals swimming within view.



Organizational Structure

DISTRICT OF STEWART Organizational Chart – 2025



Services Provided To Residents

- Garbage Collection
- Administration
- Aerodrome maintenance
- Landscape Maintenance
- Arena Operation
- Fire Rescue Protection
- Bylaw Compliance
- Cemetery Operation
- Legislative (*bylaw/policy adoption, approval of development permits*)
- Community Services
- Parks & Recreation & Community Development
- Recreation Programs, facilities & Operation maintenance
- Sanitary sewer collection system operation
- Water system operation
- Road maintenance
- Building infrastructure maintenance
- Parks Maintenance & Operation
- Community Gardens
- Taxation collection service
- Emergency Management



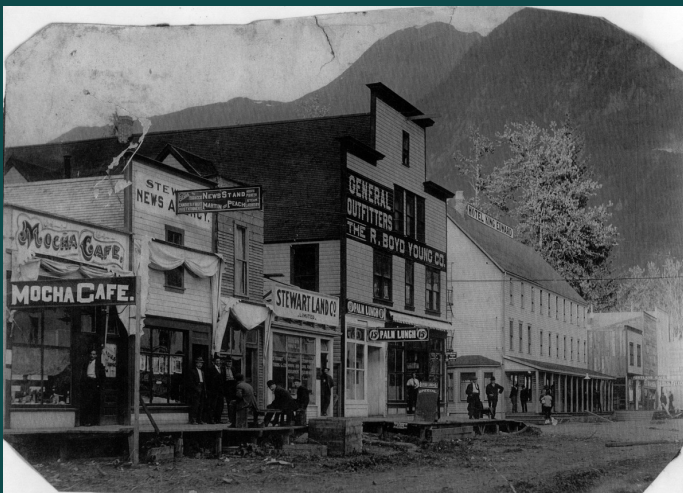
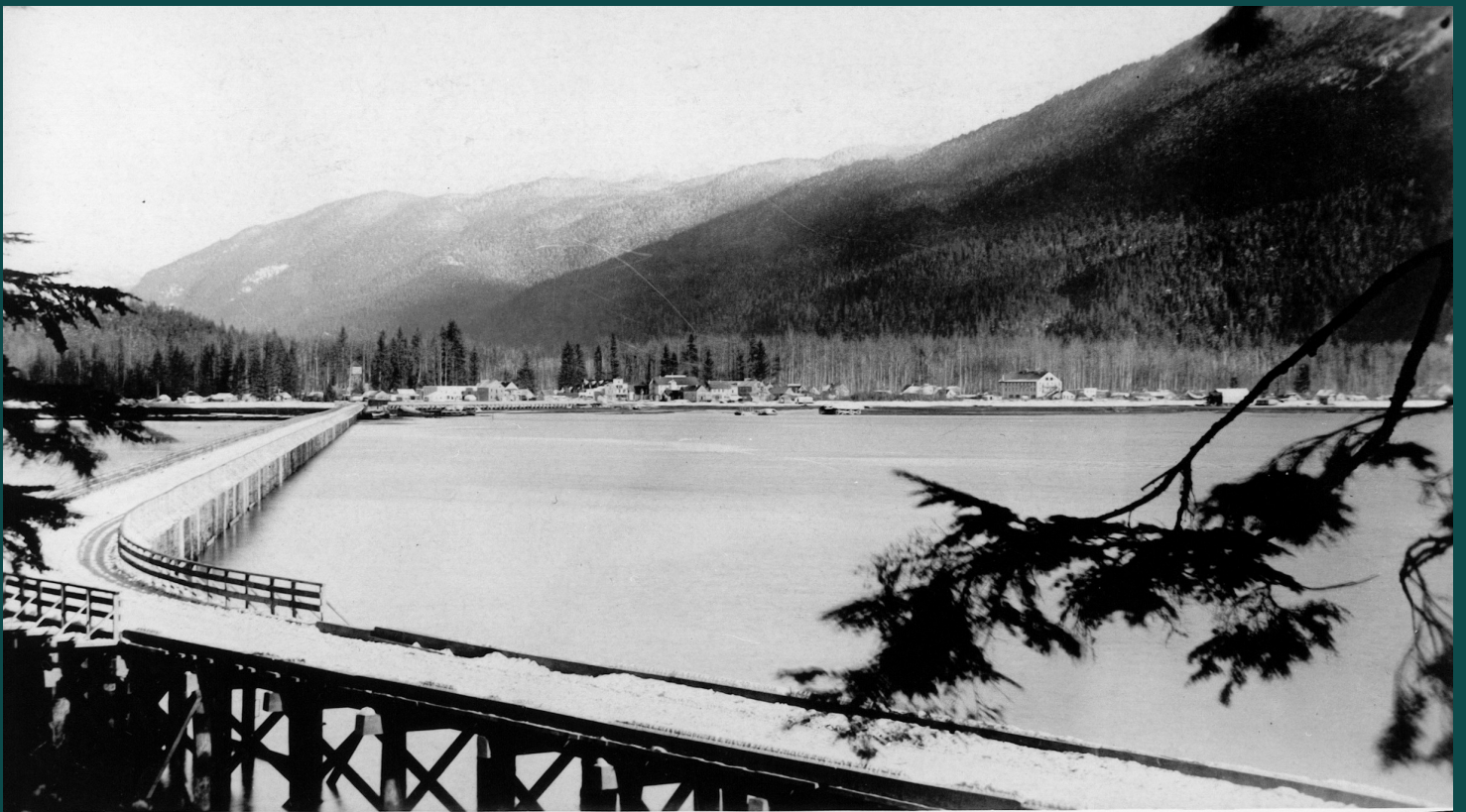
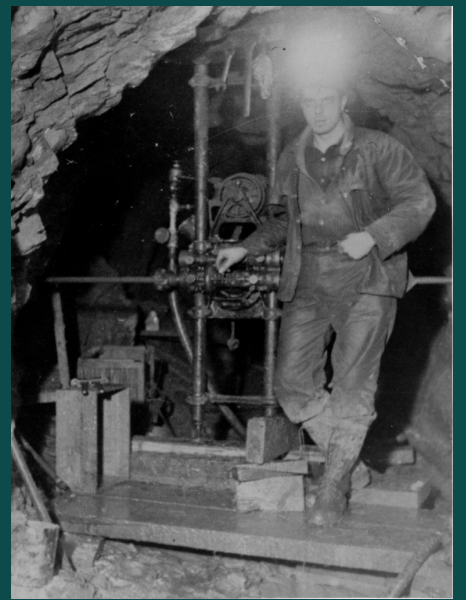
Council's Strategic Plan

2025



Summary of Strategic Priorities 2025

Strategic Priority Area	Goals/Action Required to Achieve Vision	Successful Outcome
Economic Development		
Airport Development	Conduct a Feasibility Study	
Enhance the Vitality of the Downtown	Increase community livability Attract more tourists Create more jobs	Business Façade Grant Applications and project completions: RTC Electric Granmac Services
Livable Community		
Recreation & Tourism Promotion & Development	Provide year-round tourism	Consistent and frequent post on Social Media platforms during the shoulder season to increase visibility.
Implement the Trails Master Plan	Provide a healthy lifestyle	Trails Master Plan completed
Review 2020 Housing Needs Assessment	Ensure housing for everyone	
Health care (Seniors & Hospice)	Access out-of-community health care	Advocating for NH Transportation Bus
Update and Implement the District of Stewart Emergency Plan	Provide a safe and self-reliant community	Updates initiated and ongoing
Address Transient Workforce	Attract Permanent workers	
Organizational Development		
Partnerships (First Nations, Regional District, Industry)	Growth and establishment of new and existing synergies	Facilitated Community to Community Forum
Increase Public Communication	- consider live streaming Council meetings - Public awareness of Council initiatives	Monthly Community Newsletter Regular updates on Social Media, Website and community mailouts
Succession Planning	- Develop an internal program to ensure staff continuity	Enhance staff performance versatility
Organizational Review	- Records Management - Performance Management - Compensation Review	Records Management Plan training and plan initiated Staff review initiated
Assets & Infrastructure		
Asset Management (address aging infrastructure)	Complete & implement the Asset Management Plan	Asset Management Plan initiated



District of Stewart Additions to the Fleet



2025 F-350 Ford



2025 F-150 Ford



2025 CAT Loader



2025 Achievements

Both North and South Bridges at Rainey Creek Campground required replacement .

This was made possible through funding received from [The Resource Benefit Alliance](#).



North Rainey Creek Bridge



South Rainey Creek Bridge



2025 Achievements

Barnachez Bridge Replacement

The Barnachez Bridge that provides access to the District Transfer Station and Wastewater Treatment Infrastructure was also replaced in 2025.

This was made possible through funding received from [The Resource Benefit Alliance](#) and the [Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine](#).



2025 Volunteer Fire Department Achievements

The Stewart Volunteer Fire Department is a vital part to our community. Our volunteers are a dedicated group of men and women that spend a considerable amount of hours training each year to ensure their skills are maintained.

Fire Rescue remains a top priority in the District of Stewart.



Training and Readiness

Training remains an important part of keeping members prepared and confident in their roles.

- **Technical Rope Rescue Refresher**

Members participated in a refresher course on technical low-angle rope rescue. This training reviewed the use of main lines and safety lines, basket stretcher assembly, and techniques for safely moving patients through difficult or uneven terrain.



2025 Volunteer Fire Department Achievements Continued

- **Wildland Fire Training**

Members completed wildland fire training focused on the basic skills needed to respond safely and effectively during wildfire-related incidents. Training included an introduction to structure protection, operating pumps to establish and maintain water supply, and deploying and using wildland hose lines in the field.

- **Auto Extrication Refresher**

Members completed a refresher course on auto extrication, reviewing proper techniques for safely accessing and removing patients from vehicles. The training helped reinforce safe, coordinated procedures when responding to motor vehicle incidents



2025 Stats

Call Summary

This year, the Department responded to the following calls:

Call Type	Number of Calls
Fire	6
Rescue	11
Medical	9
Administration / Other	12
Total	38



Permissive Tax Exemptions—2025

The following land, being an area surrounding a building set apart and in use for public worship, is exempt from taxation for the year 2025 under section 224(2)(f) of the *Community Charter*:

Lands and improvements registered under the name of North American Baptist Conference – Association of BC Churches, as follows: Roll 196.000, Lot 8-9, Block 18, D.L. 466, Plan 1191 PID: 012-979-457 & 012-979-465

Lands and improvements registered under the name of North American Baptist Conference – Association of BC Churches, as follows: Roll 194.100, Lot 6-7, Block 18, D.L. 466, Plan 1191 PID: 012-981-303 & 012-981-281

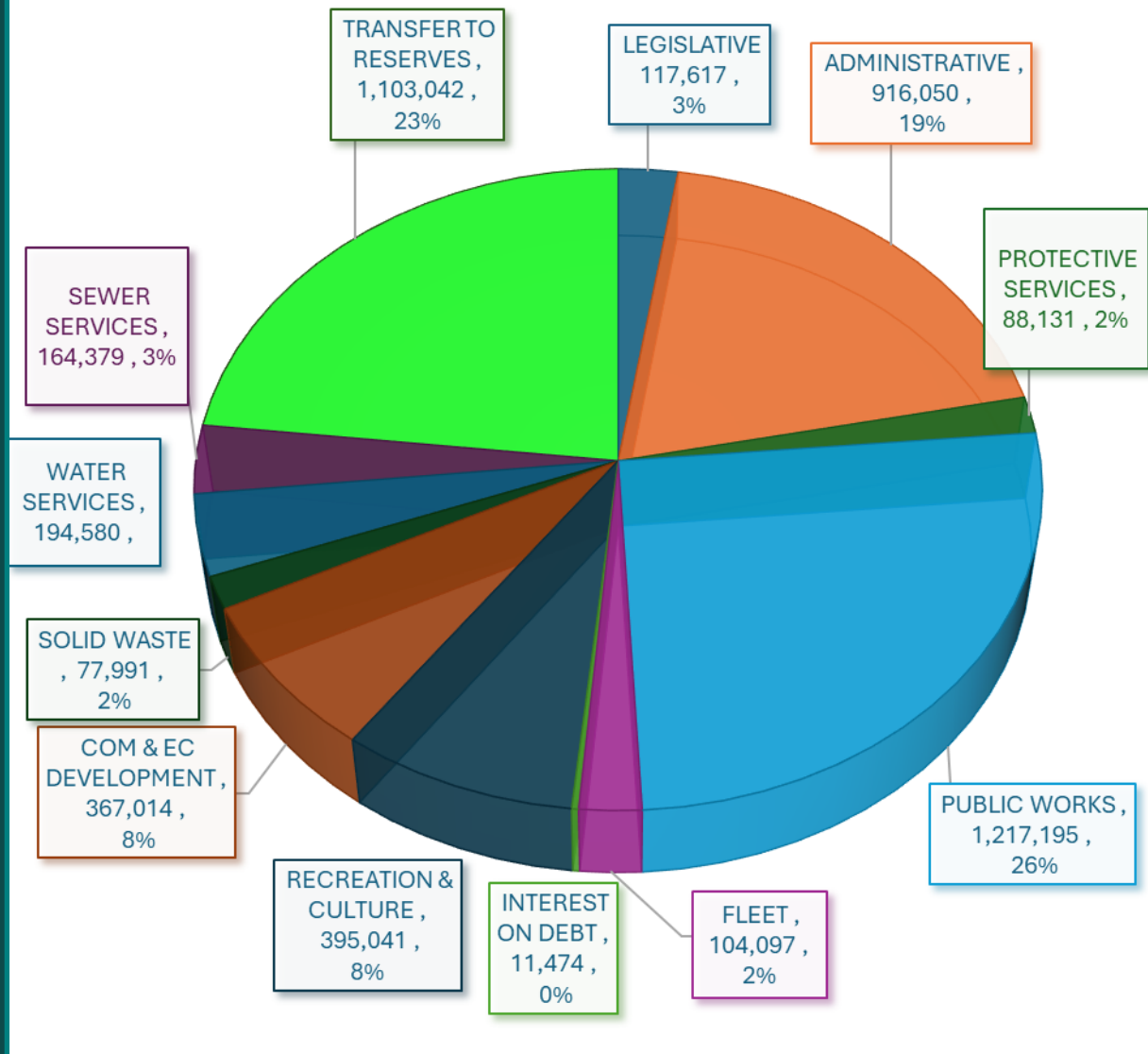
Lands and improvements registered under the name of Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp of Prince Rupert as follows: Roll 202.005, Lot 21, Block 19, D.L. 466, Plan 1191 PID: 012-966-665



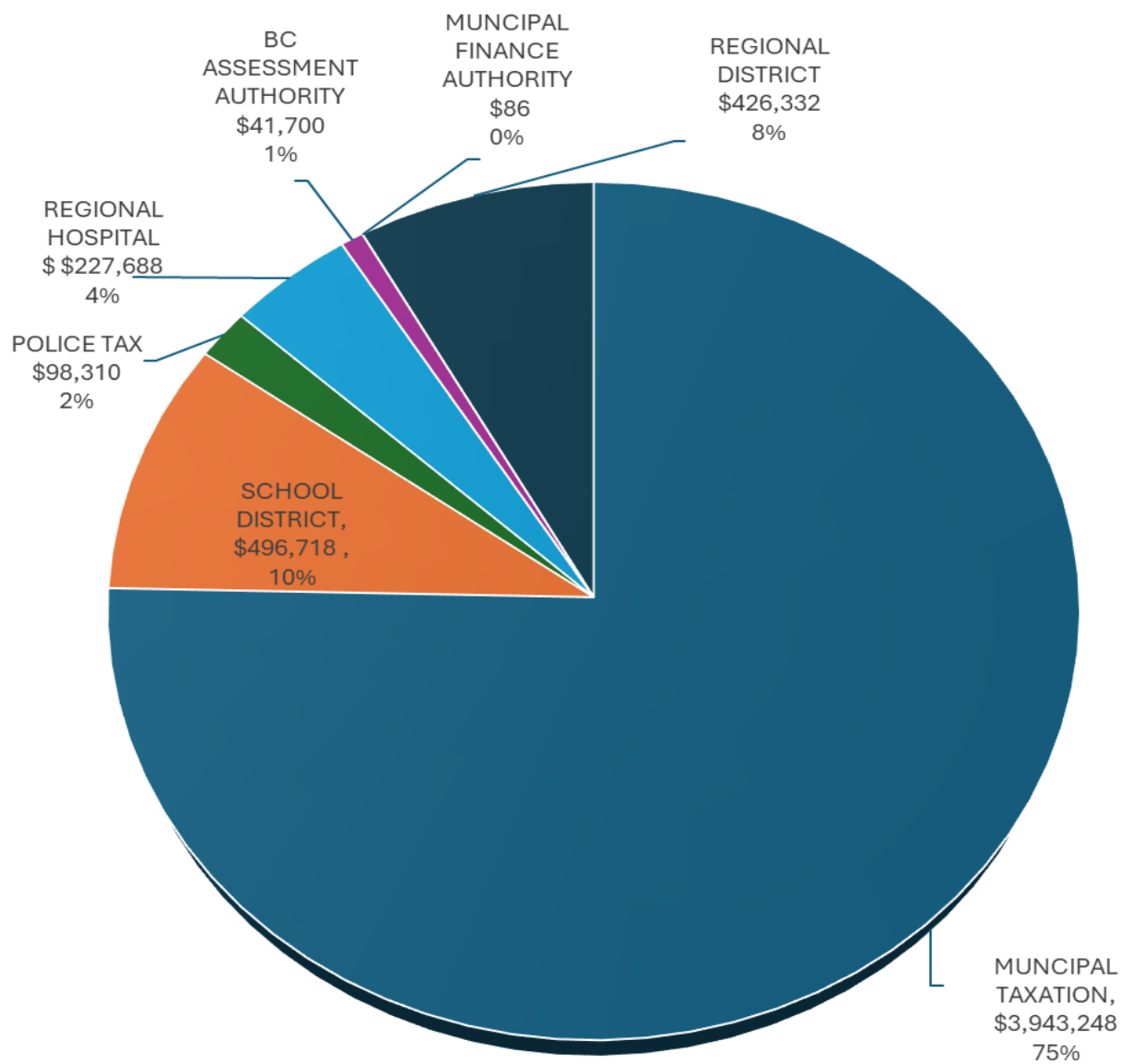
	Address	Roll #	Assessed Value	Tax Rate	Municipal Taxes
North American Baptist Conference	615-6th Ave	196000	\$ 27,500	14.8939	\$ 409.58
North American Baptist Conference	617-6th Ave	194100	\$150,500	14.8939	\$ 2,241.53
Roman Catholic Episcopal Corp of PR	418-8th Ave	202005	\$ 62,300	11.0598	\$ 689.02
Anglican Synod Diocese of Caledonia	403-9th Ave	374010	\$ 81,100	11.0598	\$ 896.95
Total:					\$ 4237.08

Financial Statistics

2025 EXPENDITURES

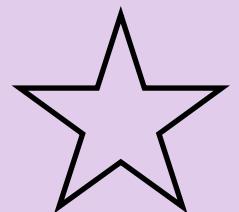
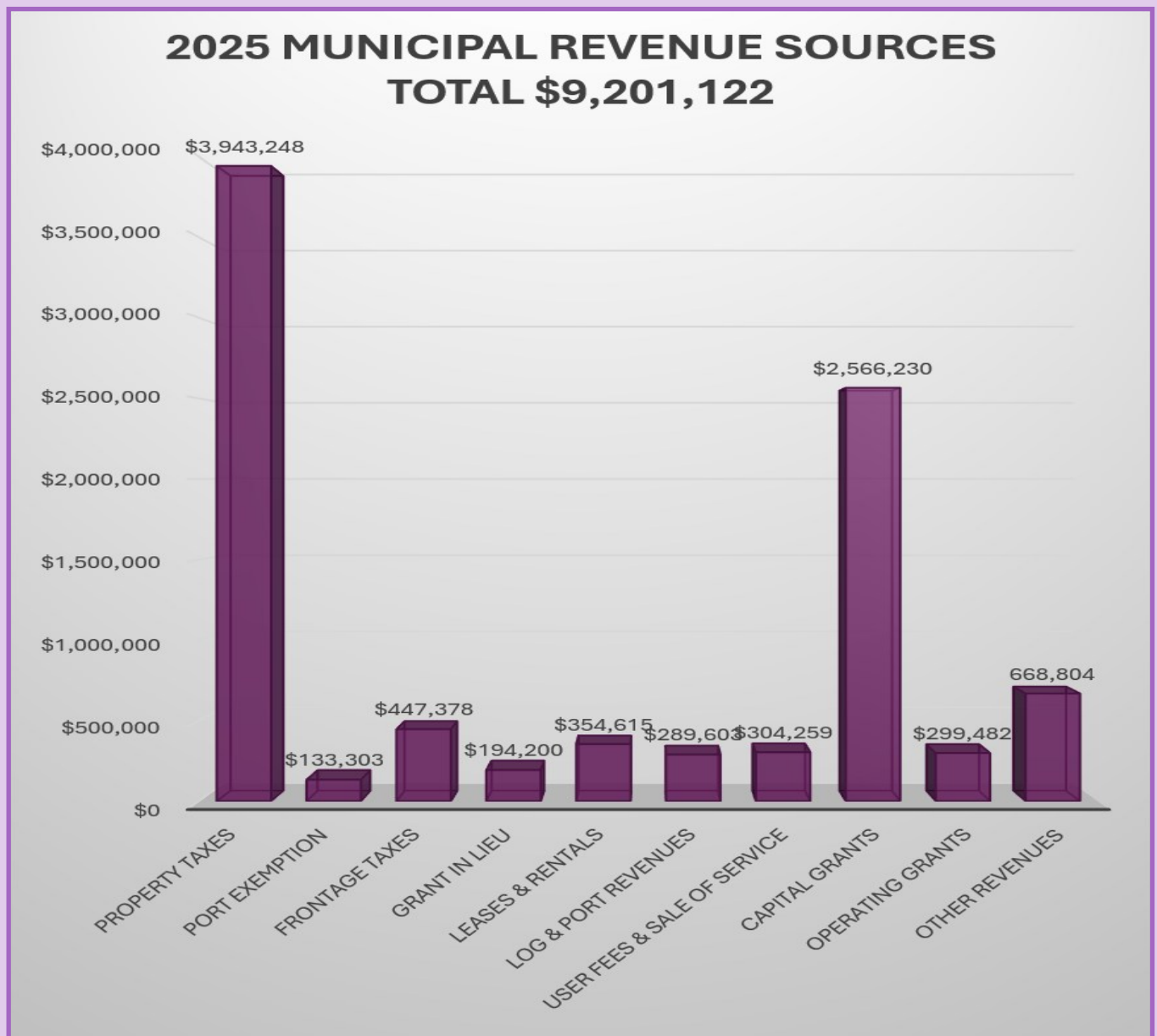


Financial Statistics



2025 TAX COLLECTION \$5,234,082

Financial Statistics



Grant Projects 2025

CANADA SUMMER JOBS

- ♦ Canada summer jobs is a government initiative aimed at providing quality summer employment opportunities for young Canadians. It offers a wage subsidy to employers from various sectors. 2025 the District qualified for and was able to provide full time summer employment for 5 youths from our community.

PARTICIPATION 2025 : \$1,200

2025 Summer Fun Sports Day

- ♦ Fun filled day of activities for all ages with a final event of a final event of a community baseball game with free burgers and refreshments .
- ♦ The goal is to include the entire community and get everyone participating.

UBCM \$10,115.94

Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

- ♦ Emergency Operations Centre Equipment and Training Funding

Grant Projects 2025

NDIT Business Façade Grant

50% funded by NDIT and 50% funded by business owner to a maximum of \$5,000

- ◆ Through funding provided by Northern Development Initiative Trust, the District of Stewart supports local business improvements within the District of Stewart Boundaries to enhance the aesthetics and visual appeal of Stewart
- ◆ Providing financial support to local businesses encourages investment in their façade which enhances the vibrancy and economic viability of the downtown core.
- ◆ The District had two successful applicant in 2025



Grant Projects 2025

- ♦ Bear River Planning & Approval Grant
- ♦ Trails Master Plan
- ♦ Indigenous Tourism Grant
- ♦ Active Transportation Grant
- ♦ Community to Community

District of Stewart Funded Projects

- ♦ Causeway Bridge Deck Replacement and Maintenance
 - ♦ Office Renovations and Furniture
 - ♦ Lift Station #3 Repairs
 - ♦ Granduc Road Improvements
 - ♦ Water Main Repair
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Finance Items Completed

- ♦ Established Reserve and Long Term Development Plan for RBA Funding
- ♦ Established Log Handling Reserve
- ♦ Renewed Service Agreement with Stewart Community Connections and Stewart Historical Society
- ♦ New lease agreement for the Dunwell Log Yard

2025 STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS, GOALS, AND PRIORITY ACT

Council identified four strategic focus areas for the 2025-2026 year of office. These are areas the Council considers priorities for the near and longer term. Each of the strategic focus areas is detailed along with goals and priority actions.

1. Economic Development

The District will attract and support new business investment and partnership opportunities that will provide employment and encourage growth by recruitment and retention of workers, address transient workforce, airport development and enhance the vitality of the

2. Livable Community

The District will maintain and develop recreational, emergency management and health care services to support an enhanced lifestyle and healthy community by Recreation & Tourism promotion and development, Trails Master Plan, review 2020 Housing Needs Assessment,

3. Organizational Excellence

The District will work towards leadership and organizational stability through partnerships (First Nations, Regional District, Industry), increase public communication, Staff training, and organizational review.

4. Assets and Infrastructure

The District will pursue financial stability through sound planning, replacement and development by addressing aging infrastructure



Next Steps

Getting to 2025

This strategic plan sets out the “what” and staff will develop the “how”. It provides direction to staff on Council’s 2025 priorities. Staff will develop work plans that address the priorities over the next year. Many of these priority actions will be completed using existing resources while others will come to Council as new projects with requests to dedicate new resources.

Staff will develop regular updates throughout the term of Council to update Council and the public with respect to progress on the various priority actions.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2025



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