

FEBRUARY 2025

Stewart News

District of Stewart Newsletter



Newsletter Highlights

Community Events

Council Meeting Highlights

Granduc Slide 60th

Top Dog Contest



Skating on Clements Lake

COUNCIL MEETING DATES
FEBRUARY 10TH & 24TH - 7 PM
Meetings held in Council Chambers
705 Brightwell Street

For information on upcoming Council meetings, current and past agendas and minutes, please visit www.districtofstewart.com

DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED
FEBRUARY 17TH FOR FAMILY DAY
For after hours Public Works emergencies
please call 778-794-9987

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

13 JANUARY 2025 Council Meeting – Regular

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS & PUBLIC INPUT

- Input from the Public - Age Friendly Report and Accessibility

REPORTS FROM STAFF

- BVS Ice Time Request
- Age Friendly Assessment & Action Plan 2024
- Stewart Complete Communities Report
- Granduc Slide Memorial Education Award
- Kraft Hockeyville Nomination
- Grader Repair

BYLAWS

- BYLAW No 1029 2024 Revenue Anticipation Bylaw 2025

13 JANUARY 2025 Committee of the Whole

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- RBA Funding

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REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Equipment and Vehicle Purchase
- Municipal Finance Authority Financing

13 JANUARY 2025 Council Meeting – Regular

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- Mayor Danuser attended the BC Natural Resources Forum.

Highlights from the forum:

- a) Well attended by MLAs, Ministers, and the Premier.
- b) Discussions on lengthy permitting process
- c) BC Hydro grid updates in the Nass Valley
- d) Northwest Transmission Line
- e) Bridge replacement funding from Regional District of Kitimat Stikine

REPORTS FROM STAFF

- Arena chairlift
- Age-Friendly Funding Agreement
- Community Hall
- Building Assessments Report



WHAT IS AN AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

An age-friendly community is more than just a place to live; it is a vibrant and supportive environment that celebrates the wisdom, experience, and contributions of older individuals. As we delve into the key features of age-friendly communities, we will explore how these elements come together to create a harmonious and enriching space for people of all ages.

CONNECT SENIORS TO WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: The DOS is currently working on the Community Emergency Plan; with the intention to provide seniors with information to help them to prepare their home and themselves should an emergency occur.

MENTAL HEALTH: SCCS AND DOS will collaborate with the Canadian Mental Health Association to bring an interactive mental health workshop to Stewart. The workshop will focus on senior mental health and aging in a rural community.

LIVING WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS: Our Healthy Communities Liaison for Northern Health will assist in planning the workshop and participate if available.

HEALTHY EATING: Efforts will be made to bring a dietician and resources to Stewart, allowing our seniors the opportunity to learn in a group, from each other and one-to-one with the dietician.

**“In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count, It’s the life in your years”
-Abraham Lincoln**



The District of Stewart was successful in their application for the Stream 2 Age Friendly Grant 2024.

The DOS will work in collaboration with Stewart Community Connections Society (SCCS) to offer four workshops in Stewart, on topics that seniors have brought forward. There will also be a Connect Seniors to Wellness Fair.

Please watch for specifics on workshop dates and times



February 18th, 2025, marks the 60th Anniversary of the Granduc Mine Slide Tragedy. On this day, in 1965 at 10:16am an avalanche struck the mining camp, killing 26 men. This devastating event is an important part of both Stewart's history and the history of the mining industry as a whole. Twenty-six men lost their lives and twenty-six families lost their father, husband, son, brother, uncle, and more. The District of Stewart and the Stewart Museum/Stewart Historical Society are hosting an event at Al Lawrence Memorial Arena to commemorate the 60th anniversary of this tragic part of Stewart's past. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The event will occur over two days, beginning on the evening of February 17th and continuing throughout the day on February 18th.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SEARCH AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION ADVENTURE SMART EXPERT WEBINAR SERIES

BC Search and Rescue Association offers free online webinars on a variety of topics related to winter recreation safety.

One upcoming February webinar is:

No Ice is Without Some Risk

Because no ice surface is without some risk, ensure you become ice aware and take all necessary precautions before you venture out.

If not, you could literally find yourself on thin ice!

Join the experts from the Lifesaving Society BC & Yukon Branch to learn more and become ice-smart!

- **Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025**
- **Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm PST**
- **Location: Online**

To register, please visit <https://bcsara.com/outdoor-education/events/>



Photo Credit: Andrea Thomsen

The month of December had far less snow accumulation than is usual in Stewart.

The low snow, combined with periods of light rain and temperatures well below freezing, created the perfect recipe for a phenom that very few long-time residents could recall happening previously. Bear Lake became the perfect outdoor skating rink!

Many community members took advantage of the conditions; with some lacing their skates and others spectating by the cozy wood stove in the new covered gazebo.

Community Services - Hours of Operation

****Hours are subject to change****

Stewart Public Library
(501 5th Ave)

Monday to Friday: 1PM - 5PM
Closed February 17th for Family Day
250-636-2380

Transfer Station (1140 Sluice Box Road)

Tuesday & Thursday: 12 PM - 6 PM
Saturday: 12 PM - 4 PM
See www.rdks.bc.ca for holiday hours

Home Group Bible Study

Thursdays: 7PM
Hosted by Stewart Christian Community Church
Randy: 250-615-2370

Stewart Museum / Stewart Historical Society
(703 Brightwell Street)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
1PM - 4PM
250-636-2229

Border Town Residents Society
(Thrift Store)

720 King St (Old Pool Building)
Thursday: 5 PM - 7 PM
Saturday: 1 PM - 3 PM
Pat: 250-636-2767
patriciagrue@hotmail.com

Border Town Recycling
(Old Pool Building)

Thursday: 5 PM - 7 PM
Pat: 250-636-2767
patriciagrue@hotmail.com

Food Bank Contact

To receive a monthly or emergency food box, please contact: Pat at 250-636-2767

STEWART CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH
WEEKLY SERVICES

Sundays
Pre Service Prayer - 10:30AM
Worship Service - 11AM
Stewart Christian Community Church
Currently held at Prospectors Pub
Randy: 250-615-2370

Stewart Community Connections Society
(613 6th Ave)

Community Meals Program
twice monthly meals/soups (or as needed)
Please call 250-802-3549 for more information
Home Support - Please call 778-794-9853

Golden Triangle Gym (613 6th Ave)
Open 365 days 24/7

WINTER FEST

Mark your calendars!

February 14th - 17th @ Al Lawrence Memorial Arena

Come out for a great weekend with events for the entire family:

- Hockey Games Friday and Sunday
- Curling Saturday - Register your team with Sharon
- Dance Recital by Stewart Studio of Dance Saturday
- Fun Skating on Friday and Sunday
- Lounge will be open Friday, Saturday & Sunday (19+)
- Friday and Saturday Travel Club Food Booth
- Sunday - Seniors and Family info session (Age Friendly Report) and light Dinner for the Community

Stay tuned for more info

Valentines Day,
come to the arena,
have a drink made
special for lovers
and cheer on the
hockey players!

Organized by Stewart Community Connections, Stewart Historical Society, Stewart Oldtimers Hockey,
Canal Rock & Broom, Bear Valley School Travel Club

Thank you to the District of Stewart for use of the Al Lawrence Memorial Arena

MONTHLY SNOW REPORT

JANUARY

86.1 CM
(33.9 INCHES OR 2.8 FEET)



MOBILE CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES

Taking appointments for
February 2nd, 3rd, and 10th

For an appointment:

Phone: 250-423-0999

Email: hinterlandhealth@gmail.com



Congratulations to
the winner of the
Top Dog Contest!

The lucky pup and
his owner took home

a basket of pup approved goodies, along
with their 2025 Dog License Tag.

Thank you to all of the pet owners that
entered. If you have not purchased your
pet's 2025 license, please do so soon!

February Events

LEGO CLUB - FRIDAYS

Hosted by Stewart Public Library 330PM - 430PM

PUBLIC SKATE - FRIDAYS

Hosted by District of Stewart & Seabridge Gold
4:30PM - 7PM

OLD TIMERS DROP IN HOCKEY

Fridays: 8PM & Sundays/Wednesdays: 7:30PM

6 BOOK CLUB

Hosted by Stewart Public Library 5PM

7 VALENTINES CARD MAKING FOR KIDS

Hosted by Stewart Public Library 330PM - 430PM

13 GALENTINES DAY

Hosted by Stewart Public Library 6PM

14 DOS THEMED SKATE - VALENTINES

Hosted by District of Stewart 4:30PM - 7PM

14-17 WINTERFEST

See the poster for details

Hosted by Stewart Community Connections Society

17 FAMILY DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL & SKATING

Stewart Museum & Historical Society 1PM - 4PM

17 GRANDUC SLIDE 60TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION EVENT

Hosted by District of Stewart &
Stewart Museum/Stewart Historical Society 5:30PM - 8PM

18 GRANDUC SLIDE 60TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION EVENT

Hosted by District of Stewart, LiUNA 1611 &
Stewart Museum/Stewart Historical Society 9:30PM - 5:30PM

18, 19, 20 SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Hosted by BVS 2:30PM - 4PM in the School Library

20 STEWART PUBLIC LIBRARY AGM

Hosted by Stewart Public Library 6PM