

MARCH 2026

# Stewart News

District of Stewart Newsletter



## Newsletter Highlights

Stewart Ranger Eric Drew  
Order of Military Merit

Council Meeting  
Highlights

Business Facade Grant

Community Events

DOS & LiUNA 1611  
Granduc Memorial  
Education Award

Freshwater Fishing Licence



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**DO YOU KNOW THE BIRD SPECIES?**  
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### Bird Watching in Stewart

Stewart is a birdwatcher's paradise, offering a diverse range of habitats and bird species. Our unique geography, including mountains, forests, wetlands, estuaries and coastlines, creates a variety of habitats that support a rich diversity of bird species. Birdwatchers in Stewart can expect to see a wide array of avian species, from majestic eagles and hawks to tiny hummingbirds, sparrows, and kingfishers.

Bird migration is a significant event in Northern BC, and we will soon have spectacular bird-watching opportunities as the Spring migration begins.

Just getting started?

Field Guides, Birdwatching Apps, or an experienced birder are great resources to help in identifying the birds observed during your birdwatching experience!

Don't forget to set your clocks (for the last time)

Daylight Savings begins at 2am on March 8th;  
the last daylight savings change in British Columbia.



# COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## 09 FEBRUARY 2026 COUNCIL MEETING - REGULAR

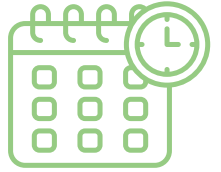
- Delegation - Peter Furlong;  
Biomass Heating System
- 2026 NCLGA Convention
- 2026 Minerals North Conference
- ParticipACTION Grant 2026
- Community Hall Project  
Funding Update
- Wastewater Treatment Grant  
Funding Update



## UPCOMING

COUNCIL MEETING DATES:  
MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7 PM

Meetings held in  
Council Chambers  
705 Brightwell Street



For information on upcoming  
Council meetings, and current or  
past agendas and minutes  
please visit:  
[www.districtofstewart.com](http://www.districtofstewart.com)

## MARCH PUBLIC SKATE & PRIVATE ICE RENTALS



### PUBLIC SKATE SCHEDULE:

Friday, March 06 4:30pm - 7:00 pm  
Friday, March 13 4:30pm - 7:00 pm **Themed Skate**

### PRIVATE ICE RENTALS:

\$40/hour (Plus GST & Event Insurance)  
(Additional \$100 for cleaning if kitchen is used).

For inquiries or bookings, please email  
[recreation@districtofstewart.com](mailto:recreation@districtofstewart.com) or call 778-794-9955

# Thank you

THANK YOU TO SEABRIDGE GOLD FOR THE  
GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP OF PUBLIC SKATING  
FOR THE 2025/2026 SEASON! WITH THEIR  
SUPPORT THE DISTRICT WAS ABLE TO OFFER  
EVERY PUBLIC SKATE EVENT FREE OF CHARGE!

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## FRESHWATER FISHING LICENCE UPDATE

Freshwater fishing licences are moving to the WILD licensing system for the 2026-27 season. Anglers will need to register for a free Fish and Wildlife ID (FWID), which will be used to purchase licences and serve as proof of authorization in most cases. Pre-sales begin in early March, with the new licence year starting on April 1. For more information visit:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/wild-system>



## BUSINESS FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Businesses located in the District of Stewart seeking to renovate, restore or redesign can receive a grant up to 50% of the cost of eligible improvements, to a maximum \$5,000 per project.

Funding is provided by the Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT).

Applications will be accepted until March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Please visit [www.districtofstewart.com](http://www.districtofstewart.com) or phone the Municipal office 250-636-2251 for details on how to apply.

# Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in Winterfest 2026!

Special thanks to Stewart Community Connections Society, Old Timers Hockey, Mount Raine Figure Skating Club, Canal Rock & Broom Club, Stewart Volunteer Fire Department, Skeena Gold + Sliver, Living Hope Fellowship, and the Portland Canal Education Society. Each of these groups made this wonderful event possible and organized an exciting few days for our community to come together and break up the winter



## District of Stewart & LiUNA Local 1611 Granduc Mine Disaster Memorial Educational Award 2026



Applications to the 2026 Granduc Mine Disaster Memorial Education Award are now available for graduating students of Bear Valley School. The District of Stewart with LiUNA Local 1611 bestows an annual educational award to a graduating student to further his or her education and/or training. The District is committed to honouring the individuals who shaped Stewart's past and to supporting the youth who will build Stewart's future.




## Congratulations to long-time Stewart resident and Stewart Patrol Ranger Eric Drew



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In a ceremony, held at Rideau Hall in Ottawa, Sergeant Eric Drew of the Stewart Canadian Rangers Patrol, was inducted into the Order of Military Merit. During the ceremony, Sergeant Drew was recognized by the Governor General of Canada, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Mary Simon, for exceptional service and conspicuous merit, one of the highest honours a member of the Canadian Armed Forces can receive. This appointment recognizes a career-long commitment to service and the Canadian Armed Forces.

*"While it was a deeply personal milestone to receive this honour from the Governor General, it truly reflects the incredible fellow Canadian Rangers and mentors I've had the privilege of working with over the years. I am humbled to bring this recognition back home to our community",* stated Eric.

**Highest temperature**  
  
**4.9 Celsius**  
**February 10th**

# FEBRUARY WEATHER REPORT

**Lowest Temperature:**  
**February 19th**  
**-13.9 Celsius**



**RAINFALL**  
**163 MM**  
**(6.4 INCHES)**



**SNOWFALL**  
**34.2 CM**  
**(1.03 FEET)**

**Most Snowfall:**  
**Feb 24th**  
**20.0 cm**  
**(0.66 feet)**



# MARCH EVENTS

**4 & 11 YOUTH ZONE**  
**AGES 12-18 - 5PM-7PM**  
 Hosted by Stewart Public Library

**6 LEGO CLUB**  
**3:30PM-4:30PM**  
 Hosted by Stewart Public Library

**7 LIFE OF A SKATER**  
**Figure Skating Carnival**  
**7PM - Al Lawrence Arena**  
 Hosted by Mount Raine Figure Skating Club

**13 BOOK CLUB**  
**5:30PM-6:30PM**  
 Hosted by Stewart Public Library

**13 LAST PUBLIC SKATE OF THE SEASON**  
**4:30PM-7:00PM**  
 Hosted by District of Stewart

**14 CRAFTERS CORNER**  
**1:00PM-3:00PM**  
 Hosted by Stewart Public Library

**19 SENIORS LUNCH**  
**11:00AM-12:30PM**  
**Fall Prevention and Foot Care**  
 Hosted by Stewart Public Library  
 Presented by Northern Health

**26 SENIORS LUNCH**  
**11:00AM-12:30PM**  
**Aging In the Community; Supporting Independence and Well-Being**  
 Hosted by Stewart Public Library  
 Presented by Northern Health

**27 COOK BOOK CLUB**  
**5:30PM-7:00PM**  
 Hosted by Stewart Public Library

**31 SENIORS BINGO**  
**11:00AM-12:30PM**  
 Hosted by Stewart Public Library


**SCAN FOR AN UP-TO-DATE EVENTS CALENDAR**



**MOUNT RAINE FIGURE SKATING CLUB PRESENTS**

## THE LIFE OF A SKATER

**MARCH 7, 2026**  
**7:00 PM**  
**AL LAWRENCE MEMORIAL ARENA**



**ADMISSION BY DONATION**

Congratulations to CoCo and his owners on winning the DOS Top Dog Contest. You can be a top dog owner too! Remember to purchase your 2026 dog license!



## Community Services - Hours of Operation

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

**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

**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

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

**STEWART PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
 (501 5th Ave)  
 Monday to Friday: 1PM - 5PM  
 250-636-2380

**LIVING HOPE FELLOWSHIP WEEKLY SERVICES**  
 SUNDAYS  
 Pre-Service Prayer - 10:30AM  
 Worship Service - 11AM  
 Held at 709 Eagle Street  
 Sunday School available for all ages  
 Home Group - Thursdays 6pm  
 Randy: 250-615-2370

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE GYM**  
 (613 6th Ave)  
 Goldentrianglegym@outlook.com  
 Open 365 days 24/7

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

**STEWART MUSEUM/ STEWART HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
 (703 Brightwell Street)  
 Off Season Hours  
 Please Call for Operating Hours  
 250-636-2229