

FEBRUARY 2023

Stewart News

District of Stewart Newsletter



Destination BC Supports Community-Based Indigenous Learning & Projects for BC's Visitor Centres

We are excited to announce that Stewart Visitor Centre has received \$1,500 from Destination BC to support building a relationship with the Nisga'a Nation and foster a deeper understanding of Indigenous culture, history and tourism products.

Destination BC is providing \$200,000 to 47 community Visitor Centres across British Columbia through a new Indigenous Learning & Projects Grant for Visitor Services. Working together with over 50 First Nations, Visitor Centre projects range from Indigenous-led training programs for staff, Indigenous welcome and land acknowledgement signage, interpretive kiosks, digital content development, art installations, Indigenous storytelling for visitors, product knowledge tours to local First Nations tourism products, and more.

Visitor Centres play a pivotal role in providing accurate, insightful, and timely travel information to those looking to explore communities and experience enriching tourism activities in British Columbia. In a typical year, community Visitor Centres collectively serve over 2.9 million visitors at their physical locations, and around their community, and their staff serve as integral service delivery representatives responsible for thoughtfully sharing authentic tourism experiences and products.



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STEWART WARMING CENTRE

is available at the arena for residents to warm up in case of emergency and during cold weather alerts.

Please contact 778-794-9987 and arrangements will be made to open the arena.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

FEBRUARY 13 & 27 - 7 PM

Meetings will be held in Council Chambers at 705 Brightwell Street.

BUSINESS CORNER



WEBINAR: MENTAL HEALTH TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESS

February 9 & February 16 10:30 - 11:30am

What will you learn?

- Defining stress, burnout, and mental health / illness in the workplace context
- Identify key resources every small business leader needs
- How to intervene, cope, and make work accommodations at little or no cost
- Identify strategies for building individual and team resilience
- How to raise awareness and cultivate work conversations about mental health

To register: visit <https://smallbusinessbc.ca/>, under Education.

SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY (SBR) CONSULTING REBATE PROGRAM

Northern Development is offering this program designed to help businesses reduce the barrier to accessing professional expertise and recover the costs of third-party consulting projects. These types of projects must focus on ways to sustain business operations and recover business health and profitability to pre-event levels.

In 2018, Michael Bednar Photography received a \$5,569 grant from Northern Development towards his \$7,425 project, after one of the worst wildfire seasons in BC.

“A big challenge for me, being a sole proprietor in a creative business, is to sit down and analyze what I’m trying to accomplish,” said Bednar. “Getting an outside consultant who knows my business really helped analyze and plan for the future. They identified strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities that helped me build my identity. Rebranding gave me the opportunity to identify and reach out to potential clients to share what I do and build new relationships.”

For more information about the program and eligibility, or to apply, scan this QR code:



COMMUNITY SERVICES - HOURS OF OPERATION

** Hours are subject to change **

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

Bottle Depot

Thursday 5 PM - 7 PM (Old Pool Building)

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 Community Connections
(613 6th Ave)

Community Meals Program- twice monthly meals/soups (or as needed)

Please call 250-636-2090 for more information

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

STEWART MUSEUM / STEWART

HISTORICAL SOCIETY (703 Brightwell St)

Monday & Wednesday - 10 AM - 4 PM

Stewart Public Library (222 5th Ave)

Monday to Friday: 1 PM - 5 PM

Transfer Station (1140 Sluice Box Rd)

Tuesday & Thursday - 12 PM - 6 PM

Saturday - 12 PM - 4 PM

See www.rdks.bc.ca for holiday hours



WILD ABOUT WOLVES!

Wolves are opportunistic carnivores that will also feed on carrion (dead animals). Wolves predate on moose, deer, caribou, elk as well as small mammals such as beavers, hares, and many small rodents. The wolves' primary prey changes according to their region, for example some wolves have learned how to utilize salmon on coastal streams. When there is a surplus of food, wolves will bury these items as a cache much like cougars do. Wolves can weigh from 30 to 50 kg in BC with females being about 20% smaller.

In BC, breeding occurs around February to March. An average of 5 to 6 pups are born in the den after about 63 days of gestation, around April to May. The pups will remain inside the den for another two weeks and not venture far. Sometimes another wolf from the pack will watch over them while their parents hunt.



By late fall they will begin to travel with the pack. By next breeding season, subadults (aka yearlings) may disperse great distances to find or establish new packs. Pups experience high mortality rates and adult wolves on average will only live to about five years of age in the wild. Starvation and fighting with other wolves are leading causes of natural mortality.

Wolves play an important role in the structure of predator-prey relationships. They often interact with predators like cougars and bears when competing for prey, and can influence prey populations, such as the number of deer or moose in an area.

Wolves are very social animals using a large repertoire of sounds, scents and body language to communicate with each other. Howling is used by wolf packs to communicate over long distances while lone wolves remain silent to protect themselves from detection. Wolf packs are led by a dominant breeding male and female that will have one litter per year of four to six pups. Pack size usually consists of four to eight animals but can expand if the pack preys on larger prey sources such as moose and bison.

Wolves are very territorial animals and will defend against incursion by other wolves. This defensive nature often leads to fights amongst wolves and can cause high mortality rates. Wolves may also attack off-leash dogs as they often see them as competitors or as potential prey.

To learn more about wolves in BC, visit <https://wildsafebc.com/species/wolf/>

STEWART MUSEUM / STEWART HISTORICAL SOCIETY- AGM MEETING & UPDATED MUSEUM HOURS

STEWART HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

Date: February 9, 2023

Time: 7pm

Meeting location: Stewart Museum

Stewart Museum hours for the month of February have been updated to:

Monday & Wednesday, from 10 am to 4pm or by appointments.

For appointments, please call 250-636-2229.



STEWART SOCIAL CALENDAR

Scan the QR code and download the Stewart Social Calendar to keep up with all the exciting events and activities that are happening in February!

Or stop by the Stewart Library, Stewart Community Connections or the Old Firehall to grab yourself a hardcopy!



FEBRUARY PUBLIC SKATE AND PRIVATE ICE RENTALS

Public Skate Schedule:

Friday, Feb 3	4:30 - 7pm	Sunday, Feb 5	1 - 4pm
Friday, Feb 10	4:30 - 7pm	Sunday, Feb 12	1 - 4pm
Friday, Feb 24	4:30 - 7pm	Sunday, Feb 26	1 - 4pm

Cost: Season Pass: \$15 per child (age 5-18) and \$30 per family (2 adults+2children). Drop in: \$2/person (free for children under the age of 5).

Brand new skate helpers (Zamboni and Tommy, the Reindeer) are available for those who are just learning to skate! Please note that skate/helmet rentals are not available at this time.

Private Ice Rentals:

\$40/hour (additional \$100 for cleaning if kitchen is used).

For inquiries or bookings, email recreation@districtofstewart.com or call 778-794-9955.



FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 1 Kids Book Club @ 3:30pm (Stewart Public Library)
Hosted by Stewart Public Library
- 13 Kids Valentine Craft @ 3:30pm (Stewart Public Library)
Hosted by Stewart Public Library
- 14 Candy-Gram Delivery (Order by 11am for delivery after 2pm)
Hosted by Stewart Public Library
- 15 Lasagna Dinner (Pre-order & delivery only)
Hosted by Stewart Public Library
- 17-20 Winter Fest
Hosted by Stewart Community Connections Society
- 22 Book Club Night for Adults @ 6pm (Stewart Public Library)
Hosted by Stewart Public Library

