

MAY 2023

Stewart News

District of Stewart Newsletter



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Another Summer Tourism Season Awaits!

We have another exciting summer tourism season coming up! As we are already seeing a number of visitors coming through, we will see many more young travellers, families and retirees travelling in RV's, from June to September wanting to see the popular Salmon Glacier and Fish Creek Wildlife Observation Site in Hyder.

Did you know, in 2021, tourism contributed \$5 billion to BC's GDP, higher than any other primary resource industry other than mining? BC's total tourism revenue in 2021 was \$13.5 billion, a +22.7% increase over 2020. Moreover, there are over 16,600 tourism-related businesses, employing over 84,400 people in the province. The tourism industry paid \$3.5 billion in wages and salaries in 2021.

In order to increase tourism in Stewart & Hyder, and to promote our beautiful area, we have joined two Northern BC Tourism Co-ops: Northwest BC and Go North RV. For more information, visit their website: <https://visitnorthwestbc.ca>. We are also focusing on creating more activity and itinerary-based contents to showcase that our town and area have so much more to offer and it's worthwhile for visitors to stay for few more days to explore.

The Stewart Visitor Centre will reopen on May 20, 2023 at 8:30am. We will have cupcakes from 1 - 4:30pm. Come visit us!



Newsletter Highlights

Stewart Museum Events

WildSafeBC

Residential Spring Clean-up

RESIDENTIAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

MAY 29 - JUNE 2, 2023

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DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSURE

MAY 22

(Victoria Day)

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

MAY 8 & 23 - 7 PM

Meetings will be held in Council Chambers at 705 Brightwell Street

EVENTS AT STEWART MUSEUM

STEWART MUSEUM

Check out the new STORYWALK® STEWART BC
 Thank You, Earth - April 26th - May 17th
 Location: Boardwalk/Turnaround Park.

Mother Day Raffle! Get your tickets now!
 Available for purchase at Harbor Lights Grocery Store
 and STEWART MUSEUM.

May is BC Mining Month! Check out the Museum and learn
 about rocks, minerals, mining and more.
 Admission is waved during the month of May thanks to our sponsors!

SCOT RESOURCES **MORE CORE**
 DIAMOND DRILLING SERVICES

Museum hours for the month of May:
 11AM-5PM Monday to Friday - 1PM-4PM Saturdays
 For further information, contact STEWART MUSEUM at 250-636-2229

The Stewart Museum has recently undergone some renovations and is ready just in time for BC Mining Month in May! Stop by and check out the new and improved mining room and learn about rocks, minerals, mining and more.

The Stewart Museum is also hosting the annual Mother's Day Raffle - \$2 per ticket, or buy 5 and get one free! This year's prizes are:

- First Place: One night/double occupancy at the Sunshine Inn in Terrace, BC, bottle or wine, birdbath and miscellaneous items (valued at 225+)
- Second Place: One hour relaxation time/therapy room - Stewart Community Connections, two bath sheets, bottle of Cote des Roses wine, and miscellaneous items (valued at \$175+).

Purchase your tickets now at Stewart Museum or Harbour Lights Grocery store.

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 Society
(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)

Mon to Fri - 11 AM - 5 PM, Sat - 1 - 4PM

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



MAY IS FOR THE MOOSE!

Moose are herbivores and feed on a wide variety of vegetation in the summer including the twigs and leaves of red-osier dogwood, willow, cottonwood, fir and paper birch. Woody shrubs and aquatic plants are also important summer foods. In winter, when food is restricted to mostly twigs and bark, moose may lose up to one quarter of their body weight. Moose pack on extra weight in the fall to survive this annual loss.

Moose are surprisingly strong swimmers and can even submerge themselves completely to feed on aquatic plants. Long legs and large cloven hooves help moose to travel through deep snow and soft mud. They are well-adapted to living in cold environments with their long guard hairs and undercoat. Moose have keen senses of hearing and smell.



Cow moose give birth to one calf and occasionally two between May and June. In years when food is plentiful, the rate of twins increases. Moose calves mature quickly and can reach a weight of 100 kilograms in six months.

Bull moose begin to grow their antlers in late April or early May. These antlers are bone-like structures that grow from a stubby protrusion called a pedicle. While they grow, the antlers are covered in velvet which provides the nourishment necessary for continued antler growth. Velvet is shed at the end of summer or early fall. The antlers are shed every year between late December and early January. The older bulls shed their antlers first and some yearlings may still have antlers into March.

Moose may live up to 20 years in the wild, but the average lifespan ranges between 10-15 years. Moose can be weakened by winter ticks and other parasites resulting in malnutrition. Moose commonly die from predation, starvation, hunting or vehicle and rail collisions. Severe winters that make travel difficult and reduce food availability can make them more susceptible to predation by wolves and grizzly bears. Black bears may predate on young calves and moose have also been killed by cougars.

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

TIME TO PRUNE YOUR FRUIT TREES

Spring is finally around the corner in Stewart and it's a good time to prune your apple trees before new growth starts as part of your spring yard cleaning routine.

WildSafeBC encourages homeowners with fruit trees to keep their trees manageable in size so that they can easily pick the fruit before the bears get to it. You will also have a healthier tree that produces better fruit.



WildSafe Tips for Fruit Tree Owners

What's the harm in letting bears access fruit in our neighbourhoods?

Fruit is a bear attractant, the same as garbage but even more reliable and consistent. It teaches a bear that it can find food near people. This can be dangerous for the people in your community and for the bear.

Help keep wildlife wild and feed people - not bears.

Pick fruit often and do not let windfall accumulate

Install an electric fence

Keeping Wildlife Wild and Communities Safe www.wildsafebc.com

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RESIDENTIAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

May 29 - June 2, 2023

Please call the District of Stewart office at (250) 636-2251, if you have waste material to be picked up. One (1) pick-up per household.



We will pick up:

- Appliances (stoves, dishwashers, washers, dryers, hot water tanks, fridges, freezers, microwaves, coolers)
- BBQs (please remove lava rock, briquettes and/or propane tanks)
- Electric lawnmowers
- Furniture (coffee tables, chairs, desks, dressers, TV stands, cabinets, drawers, tables, cribs, etc)
- Dry upholstered Furniture (must be kept dry curbside – couch, arm chairs, recliners, etc)
- Dry Mattresses and box springs
- Outdoor furniture
- Small household goods
- Exercise equipment (treadmills, ellipticals, etc)
- Garden and yard waste (must be bagged or boxed)

PLEASE NOTE:

- All items for pick up must be properly sorted by type. For example, please keep wood separate from metal
- Be Bear Aware – do not leave wildlife attractants out for pickup
- We are not collecting recycling -- Please take all recyclables to the Recycling Depot at the Transfer Station
- All items for pickup must be placed on the curb / property line; staff will not go onto private property.

We will NOT pick up:

- Vehicles or car parts
- Land clearing debris
- Wet mattresses and box springs
- Wet upholstered furniture
- Tree stumps
- Carpets
- Demolition materials (drywall, roofing, plumbing materials)
- Home renovation materials (sinks, bathtubs, flooring, doors, windows)
- Petroleum
- Antifreeze
- Paint
- Hazardous waste
- Propane tanks
- Gas lawn mowers
- Tires (of any size)
- Any items that contain hazardous liquids such as gas, oil, etc will not be accepted

MAY EVENTS

14 Mother's Day Raffle @ 3pm (Stewart Museum)
Hosted by Stewart Museum/STEWART HISTORICAL SOCIETY | More information on page 2

20 Stewart Visitor Centre Reopening for 2023 Season
Hosted by District of Stewart | Refreshments will be available from 1-4:30pm

29 -
JUNE 2 Residential Spring Clean-up
Hosted by District of Stewart

