



Community Update: Ambulance Coverage in Stewart

At the recent Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention, Council met with Minister of Health Josie Osborne to raise Stewart's ongoing concerns about unreliable ambulance coverage and the BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) staffing model.

At our most recent Council meeting, we discussed the issue in depth and took decisive action. Council passed a motion to offer a rental subsidy of up to \$2,000 per month for one year to help attract travelling paramedics to Stewart. In addition, we are requesting that BCEHS and the Ministry of Health revise the staffing model to include more full-time positions that would allow for 24-hour coverage in our community.

Council will also be developing a local relocation package to showcase what Stewart has to offer, with the goal of encouraging paramedics to make Stewart their home. We believe these steps represent a significant local investment, and we have urged the Ministry of Health to match this commitment to ensure consistent, reliable emergency medical services for our residents.

Council remains fully committed to working toward a long-term, sustainable solution that ensures the safety and well-being of everyone in Stewart.

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