

OCTOBER 2024

Stewart News

District of Stewart Newsletter



Newsletter Highlights



FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS STEWART PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS BEEN RAISING FUNDS TO RENOVATE A NEW LIBRARY BUILDING.

ON AUGUST 30TH, THE COMMUNITY CELEBRATED THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AND ALL OF THE SUPPORT THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS UNDERTAKING.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET BEEN TO THE NEW SPACE YOU ARE INVITED TO DROP IN AND SEE EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED!

Stewart Tourism Recap

Council Meeting Highlights

Community Events

Stewart Public Library
Grand Opening

Grant-In-Aid Application

COUNCIL MEETING DATES
October 15th & 28th @ 7PM

Meetings are held in Council
Chambers at 705 Brightwell Street

Agendas are available at
www.districtofstewart.com



Recap on Stewart's Tourism Season

Stewart Visitor Centre closed for the season September 15th, 2024, and will reopen in May of 2025.

This was a very busy year for the Visitor Centre, and our team of ambassadors interacted with more visitors than in the previous six years. (The time span for which we have recorded statistics through Destination BC).

9,623 visitors were recorded this year in the Visitor Centre from mid-May through to September, and they came from all around the world! The majority of our visitors came from BC and the rest of Canada, as well as from the United States and Western Europe.

Of the nearly 10,000 visitors we hosted in Stewart the top three inquiries we heard at the Visitor Centre were requests for information on the Salmon Glacier, Bear viewing and local hiking trails.

Something unique to the Stewart Visitor Centre this season was that all of the gift shop items sold in the Visitor Centre were exclusively created by local artists, photographers and artisans. The majority of the items sold were created right here in Stewart, with the furthest artisan being from Prince Rupert.

We are already busy planning for 2025 and cannot wait to welcome back visitors next year!



OCTOBER EVENTS

OCT 1 District of Stewart Business' Scarecrow Competition
OCT 27 Hosted by Stewart Public Library

OCT 1 Storywalk
OCT 27 Hosted by Stewart Museum

11 BVS Travel Club Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser Pick-Up
Hosted by Bear Valley School

19 Oktoberfest
Hosted by Stewart Community Connections Society

27 Youth Escape Room
Hosted by Stewart Public Library.

31 Halloween Spooktakular Walk Through Rainey Creek Campground 6pm to 8pm
Hosted by Bear Valley School and Stewart Community Connections

Students and Staff of Bear Valley School continued a tradition that began last year, opting for a hike up a local trail rather than the previously used running/walking route. The rain held off for the hike and students successfully raised money for the Canadian Cancer Society, to mark the 43rd annual Terry Fox Run.



September 30th 2024

marked the 11th anniversary of Orange Shirt Day and the 3rd annual National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.

Students from Bear Valley School observed the day with a number of events, including a T-shirt making workshop with Nisga'a artist Kari Morgan. The event was open to the public and was offered through generous sponsorship from Stewart Community Connections and the District of Stewart.



ENHANCING FOOD SECURITY THROUGH STEWART LENDING PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS
Brought to you by UBCM
Poverty Reduction and Planning Grant



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

Border Town Recycling (Old Pool Building)

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

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 Public Library (501 5th Ave)

Monday to Friday: 1PM - 5PM
250-636-2380

Food Bank Contact

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

Stewart Museum / Stewart Historical Society

(703 Brightwell Street)
Monday through Saturday 11AM - 4PM
Closed for Stat Holidays
250-636-2229

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

9th September 2024 Council Meeting – Regular

DELEGATIONS, PETITIONS AND PUBLIC INPUT

- CRD representative attended to provide information and answer questions regarding CRD Bitter Creek/Clements Lake Harvesting

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION

- Canada Community-Building Fund Agreement

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- Mayor Danuser, Councilor Patricia Lynn, Councilor Kennedy and Councilor Nelson attended the grand opening of Stewart Public Library. It was very well attended and an extremely successful opening.
- Councilor Nelson discussed the positive response to the newly installed Digital Speed Signs.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

- Memorandum from CAO - Bitter Creek/Clements Lake Harvesting
- Report from CFO - August 2024 Financial Summary
- Report from MPW: Lagoon Blower Starter Unit Repairs

- Report from CAO - Quarterly Updates
 - Department Updates
 - Strategic Plan Quarterly Update
- Report from DCD - Arena User Groups
 - Arena Ice Rental Fees

9th September 2024 Council Meeting Committee of the Whole

REPORTS FROM STAFF

- Report from CFO - Amendment of Purchasing Policy
- Report from CFO - Property Insurance Coverage RFP
- Report from DCD - Community 2 Community Agenda and Facilitator Proposal.



23rd September 2024 Council Meeting - Regular

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- Mayor Danuser and the CAO attended UBCM- report to follow at the next council meeting.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

- Report from CAO - Northwest Regional Funding Agreement Resolutions

GRANT IN AID APPLICATIONS 2024



The District of Stewart annually receives requests for financial assistance and grants from individuals, groups, and community organizations in support of programs, services or functions that benefit the community.

These requests for financial assistance may be met through applying to the District of Stewart's Grant in Aid Program.

Effective September 1, 2024, there are amendments to the Grant in Aid Policy. The current policy can be found on the District of Stewart website, along with application forms. Application forms can also be picked up at the District of Stewart Offices at 705 Brightwell Street.

The deadline for Grant-in-Aid applications over \$1,000 is October 31st, 2024.