



JANUARY 2025

# Stewart News

District of Stewart Newsletter



## Newsletter Highlights



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Community Events

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Council Meeting Highlights

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Ice Skating

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Tree Disposal

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Top Dog Contest

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHT UP

A large amount of snow fell just prior to the Annual Christmas Tree Light Up this year!

It was the perfect backdrop for the beautiful event that brought the Community together and kicked off the holiday season.

Grace and Claire were the lucky kids to flip the switches this year!

Special thanks to Stewart Community Connections Society and Public Works crew for organizing the event.



### COUNCIL MEETING DATES

JANUARY 13TH & 27TH - 7 PM

Meetings will be held in Council Chambers | 705 Brightwell Street

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

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### DISTRICT OFFICE CLOSED

JANUARY 1ST -3RD

For after hours Public Works emergencies please call 778-794-9987

## ON BEHALF OF YOUR COUNCIL, I'D LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

AS WE SAY GOODBYE TO 2024 AND WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITIES OF A BRAND-NEW YEAR, YOUR COUNCIL REMAINS COMMITTED TO MAKING STEWART A MORE LIVABLE AND RESILIENT COMMUNITY.

THIS INCLUDES ADDRESSING LONG-STANDING ISSUES WITH OUR AGING INFRASTRUCTURE. WHILE INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS MAY NOT ALWAYS BE THE MOST EXCITING, THIS COUNCIL IS DEDICATED TO INVESTING YOUR TAX DOLLARS WISELY TO ENSURE WE DON'T LEAVE THESE CHALLENGES FOR FUTURE COUNCILS TO RESOLVE.

THE PAST YEAR BROUGHT ITS SHARE OF CHALLENGES FOR OUR MUNICIPALITY, INCLUDING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE CAUSEWAY BRIDGE AND THE CULVERT WASHOUT NEAR THE TRUCK ROUTE. WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING AS TRUCKS WERE REROUTED THROUGH TOWN DURING THIS TIME.

THANKS TO THE HARD WORK OF OUR STAFF, A TEMPORARY BRIDGE HAS BEEN INSTALLED, AND WE'RE ACTIVELY WORKING TO SECURE FUNDING FOR A PERMANENT SOLUTION.

IT'S ALSO INSPIRING TO SEE THE IMPROVEMENTS PROPERTY OWNERS ARE MAKING TO THEIR HOMES AND YARDS, AS WELL AS THE EFFORTS TO INCREASE HOUSING AND RENTAL OPTIONS IN OUR COMMUNITY. BY WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN ALL CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING STEWART AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

IN THE COMING WEEKS, COUNCIL WILL BEGIN BUDGET MEETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND THESE OPEN MEETINGS, SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS, AND ASK QUESTIONS. YOUR INPUT IS INVALUABLE IN SHAPING OUR PRIORITIES.

AS WE LOOK AHEAD, THERE ARE EXCITING PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES ON THE HORIZON. WE'RE EAGER TO CONTINUE BUILDING A STRONGER FUTURE FOR STEWART, AND WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOUR VOICE MATTERS.

TOGETHER, LET'S MAKE 2025 A YEAR OF PROGRESS AND COLLABORATION.

**WARM REGARDS,  
MAYOR ANGELA BRAND DANUSER**

## COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### 09 December 2024 Council Meeting – Regular

#### REPORTS FROM STAFF

- November 2024 Finance Summary
- Complete Communities Report
- Age Friendly Assessment Action Plan Report
- Active Transportation Grant

#### BYLAWS

- BYLAW No 1029 2024 Revenue Anticipation Bylaw

## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Natural Christmas trees will be collected this month on scheduled garbage collection day: Wednesdays.

Please keep in mind that trees must be free of:

- tree bags
- tinsel
- ornaments
- lights
- nails
- tree skirts
- stands



The District will not collect Christmas trees set out in plastic bags or tree bags. Trees should be clear of snow and ice and easily accessible for collection.

## Public Skate & Private Ice Rental JANUARY 2024

### PUBLIC SKATE

FRIDAYS 4:30PM-7:00PM

### REGULAR SKATES

(JAN 3)

### SEABRIDGE GOLD SPONSORED SKATES

FREE OF CHARGE

(JAN 10, 24)

### THEMED SKATES

(JAN 17, 31)

### PRIVATE ICE RENTAL

#### COST

\$40/HOUR  
(PLUS GST & EVENT INSURANCE)  
(ADDITIONAL \$100/CLEANING FEE  
IF KITCHEN IS REQUIRED)

TO PURCHASE PASSES OR  
BOOK PRIVATE ICE RENTAL TIMES:

EMAIL:  
recreation@districtofstewart.com  
CALL: 780-794-9955  
IN PERSON: Old Firehall



# Enter to Win

Time to renew  
**Your Dog Tag**

Bring us a picture of your  
pooch, when you purchase  
your 2025 dog license, and  
enter the  
"Top Dog Contest"

**FUN PRIZES FOR YOUR PUP!**

**ENTER BY JANUARY 31ST 2025**



# 22ND ANNUAL JUDY KIRKPATRICK FUN TOURNAMENT

IN CINDERELLA STORY FASHION, THE BORDER KINGS CAME BACK FROM A 5TH PLACE STANDING TO UPSET THE UNDEFEATED STEWART MINERS AND ADVANCE TO THE FINALS, WHERE THEY DEFEATED THE STEWART GRIZZLIES AND WON THE WEEKEND.



Once again, another successful tournament has come to an end. This year was the 22nd Annual Judy Kirkpatrick Memorial Tournament, and it was the biggest turn out in years, with multiple players returning to play after years of dealing with injuries or work commitments. Players from Terrace and Prince George traveled to Stewart to participate in the tournament.



The tournament organizers wish to express their gratitude to the community of Stewart for the support and participation that makes these tournaments a success. As well, a thank you to the District of Stewart for donation of the event space and ice times, as well as staff assistance with the planning and operation of the event.

The tournament is as much about sharing good times with good people as it is about hockey, and the BVS travel club ensured participants and spectators were well fed over the weekend, including a buffet style dinner on Saturday night, which was sponsored by Newmont Mining.

Tournament attendees had the chance to bid on and enter draws for incredible prizes and auction items, thanks to generous cash and prize donations, made by Newmont Mining, Priority Steel Erectors, More Core Diamond Drilling, Stewart Bulk Terminals, Soucie Construction, and Yellowhead Helicopters. With all of the donations, tournament organizers were also able to donate \$1000 to BVS Travel Club, Stewart Minor Hockey, and Mount Raine Figure Skating Club.

Stewart is full of volunteers with big hearts and a love for the game of hockey! Thank you to Leigh Kasum, for taking on the role of timekeeper year after year, this year with assistance from Austen Levesque. To Alex Warkus, a hero in stripes, who officiated the entire tournament with a broken hand last year. This year, thankfully, Alex was able to play, yet he still stepped up to officiate multiple games. To Nikki Ross for the countless hats she wears to ensure everything behind the scenes runs seamlessly, Belinda Brawn for traveling to Stewart to help with the tournament anywhere she was needed, and to Ryan Boyle for his roles as starting goalie and security guard.

This year, Dylan Burke chose the 22nd Annual Judy Kirkpatrick Memorial Fun Tournament as his high school capstone project, with help from Dalliyin Eyre. The tournament set-up is labour intensive and couldn't have been done without their help.

Finally, thank you to Janet and Rex Johnston, Leigh and Randy Kasum, Wendy Jenic, Marilyn Anderson, Stacey Kirby, Cut-Rate Foods, Maya's Trading, Trudy's Temptations, Sienna Networks, BMI Transport, Raine Mountain Hardware, Portland Welding, Dolly Varden Silver, Seaport Transportation, Hy-Torque Drilling, Justin Danuser, Mitchell Coates and Cassie Penfold. All of the aforementioned individuals and businesses helped in their own way, from donations, to set up, to transporting items from Prince George.

Last, but certainly not least, a heartfelt thank you from the community to William Ross for his admirable dedication and hard work putting the tournament together year after year and continuing to bring the community together for this special event.



## DISTRICT OF STEWART BUSINESS FACADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Coming again in 2025 - watch for further information at [www.districtofstewart.com](http://www.districtofstewart.com)



## AVALANCHE CANADA 2024-2025 WEBINAR SERIES

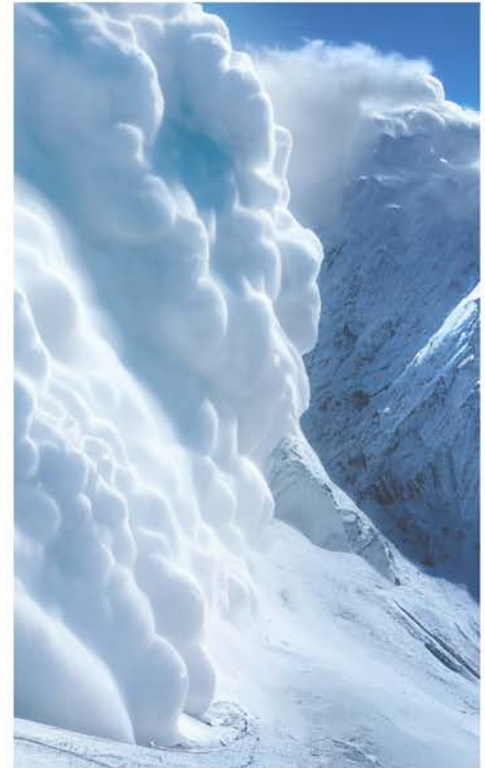
"WHEN SNOWPACK IS THE PROBLEM, TERRAIN IS THE SOLUTION."

Avalanche Canada offers free online webinars on a variety of topics related to safety in Avalanche areas.

Some of the upcoming Webinars include:

- **Consider it!** Explore the nuances of the North American Avalanche Danger Rating system and learn why Considerable Avalanche Danger is so often underestimated. Discuss how to consider all the variables to promote good decision making. Sponsored by The North Face.
  - **Date:** Thursday, January 22, 2025
  - **Time:** 7:00 pm PST
- **Where to Ride?** Find out how to choose the right terrain for conditions and make the most out of your day snowmobiling in the mountains. Sponsored by the International Snowmobile Manufacturer's Association.
  - **Date:** February 5, 2025
  - **Time:** 7:00 pm PST

To register, please visit <https://avalanche.ca/education/recorded-webinars>



## Community Services - Hours of Operation

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

**Stewart Public Library**  
(501 5th Ave)

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

**Transfer Station (1140 Sluice Box Road)**

Tuesday & Thursday: 12 PM - 6 PM  
Saturday: 12 PM - 4 PM  
See [www.rdks.bc.ca](http://www.rdks.bc.ca) for holiday hours

**Home Group Bible Study**

Thursdays: 7PM  
Hosted by Stewart Christian Community Church  
Randy: 250-615-2370

**Stewart Museum / Stewart Historical Society**  
(703 Brightwell Street)

Closed for the Holidays  
December 21 - January 14th  
250-636-2229

**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](mailto:patriciagrue@hotmail.com)

**Border Town Recycling**  
(Old Pool Building)

Thursday: 5 PM - 7 PM  
Pat: 250-636-2767  
[patriciagrue@hotmail.com](mailto:patriciagrue@hotmail.com)

**Food Bank Contact**

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

**STEWART CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
**WEEKLY SERVICES**

Sundays  
Pre Service Prayer - 10:30AM  
Worship Service - 11AM  
Stewart Christian Community Church  
Currently held at Prospectors Pub  
Randy: 250-615-2370

**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