

JANUARY 2024

Stewart News

District of Stewart Newsletter



HAPPY NEW YEAR & WELCOME TO 2024!

On behalf of the Council of the District of Stewart, I would like to wish everyone a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year.

2023 was the first full year for this Council since being elected, and while we have had some challenges, I am confident that your Council will continue to do their best and work hard for all residents of Stewart. Council will be reflecting on 2023 and using our experiences, both good and not-so-good, as tools to help guide us in 2024.

I would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all of the staff at the District, this team works hard throughout the year, they are dedicated and committed to serving the community.

I also would like to thank Todd Francis for his service as the CAO for the District. Mr. Francis has left Stewart to take a CAO position with the District of Port Edward. Council and I wish him well in his new position. Early in the New Year, Council will be getting into the budget process, and I encourage all residents to attend these meetings and ask questions, these are your tax dollars and we value your input. We have recently completed an upgrade to the Council Chambers so all meetings will be available to be watched online as they happen – a commitment we have made towards even greater government transparency.

Remember to get out and vote in the upcoming by-election. Ask questions of the candidates and tell them what your priorities are. I would like to thank all candidates for letting their names stand, serving on Council takes time, but it can also be very rewarding.

As the full Council of 7 moves forward, you will see exciting initiatives that benefit our residents, businesses, stakeholders, and partners in making Stewart a better place to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,
Mayor Angela Brand Danuser



Newsletter Highlights

PlanH Grant

Summer Student Wage Subsidy

Public Skate Schedule

2024 BY-ELECTION

ADVANCE VOTING

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

8am - 8pm

GENERAL VOTING

Saturday, January 13, 2024

8am - 8pm

Location: Council Chambers at
705 Brightwell Street

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

JAN 8 & 22 / 7 PM

Meetings will be held in Council Chambers at 705 Brightwell Street

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BC ADVENTURE SMART WINTER SERIES 2023/24

BC AdventureSmart is offering 2 free online sessions in January, 2024, as part of their Winter Series.

- **January 11, 2024: Emergency Overnight Stay – Backcountry Skier Shares His Story**
 - Date: Thursday, January 11, 2024
 - Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm PST
- **January 25, 2024: BC Parks Winter Adventures with Senior Park Ranger Dave Merritt**
 - Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024
 - Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm PST

To register, please visit
<https://www.adventuresmart.ca> and click on Events.



PLAN H GRANT

We are excited to announce that the District of Stewart received \$5,000 for the PlanH Program funded by the BC Healthy Communities Society.

The program supports local government engagement across sectors for creating healthier communities and addresses three critical themes that are required for a healthy community: healthy people, healthy society and healthy environments.

We developed the "Summer of Safety", an initiative, in collaboration with our community partners to build upon our existing youth program to improve the health and wellness of our youth through supportive social engagement and recreational opportunities. As a result, we hope to increase social connectedness and sense of belonging with our community.



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/patriciagruel@hotmail.com

Bottle Depot

Thursday 5 PM - 7 PM (Old Pool Building)

Pat: 250-636-2767/patriciagruel@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)

Please call 250-636-2229 for Winter hours

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



TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY STUDENT WORK PLACEMENT PROGRAM

ATTENTION LOCAL TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY BUSINESSES- APPLY FOR FUNDING TO HIRE SUMMER STUDENTS!

Funded by the Government of Canada's Student Work Placement Program, Propel offers a great opportunity for qualifying employers to subsidize wages, up to \$5000 for each students hired through the program. This also provides post-secondary students opportunities to develop the work-ready skills required to secure meaningful employment upon graduation.

Who can qualify?

- Registered businesses, start-ups or non-profit organizations related to tourism or hospitality sectors, including restaurants and hotels/motels.

What are some of the criteria?

- Full- or part-time work-integrated learning opportunity
- A minimum of 20 hours a week
- A minimum of 4 weeks
- With a tourism/hospitality employer and/or related to a tourism/hospitality job function
- On-site, remote, and hybrid placements are all eligible
- Not funded by other federal grants or programs



For more eligibility criteria and information, visit <https://tourismhr.ca/programs-and-services/propel-student-work-placement-program/propel-employers>, and join a **virtual information sessions on January 18, 2024 at 10am** (follow the above link to register).



CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

Natural Christmas trees will be collected this month on residents' scheduled garbage collection day. 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.

JUDY KIRKPATRICK FUN TOURNAMENT



"I'd like to take this moment to thank our whole community of Stewart. The ongoing support of this event year after year is INCREDIBLE. Between the donations from local businesses as well as the patrons who come up and support the bar and food booths year after year, I can't thank you all enough" - William Ross.

The Border Kings took 1st place this year in what was a fairy tale comeback from a 1-5 deficit. The Portland Whalers came in a close second, followed by the Stewart Grizzlies and the Stewart Miners.



THANK YOU TO THE MANY PEOPLE AND COMPANIES THAT MADE THIS TOURNAMENT POSSIBLE THIS YEAR:

District of Stewart, Alex Warkus, Leigh Kasum, Stephanie Kennedy, Ryan Boyle, Shaun Hansen, Keenan Kennedy, Travis Retza, Leo Boyle, Tina Kuiack, Callan Hopkins, Randy Kasum, Nikki Ross, Alissa Körberg and the BVS travel club, Michelle Day, Angela Brand Danuser and Stewart Community Connections Society.



THANK YOU TO THIS YEAR'S SPONSORS:

Yellowhead Helicopters Ltd - Stewart Base, More Core Diamond Drilling, Teuton Resources, MC Mountain Dining, Ascot Resources, West Point Rail and Timber, Priority Steel, RTC Electric, Black Wolf Copper and Gold, Stewart Bulk Terminals, Becky and Dan Soucie, Strikepoint Gold, Dolly Varden Silver, SPS Mining Supplies, The Sled Shack, The Kirkpatrick/Murphy Family, Sherwood Brewing, Raine Mountain Hardware, Marg and Gary Schuett, Seabridge Gold, BMI Transport, Wendy Jenic/ Bandana Electric, Marilyn Anderson, Janet and Rex Johnston, The Kasum Family, Patty Lynn and Family, Tailgate Sports, Thomas Camus Camus Photography, Hy-Torque Drilling, Trudy's Temptations Bakery & Deli.



JANUARY PUBLIC SKATE & PRIVATE ICE RENTALS

PUBLIC SKATE SCHEDULE:

Friday, Jan 5	4:30 - 7pm	Saturday, Jan 6	3 - 5pm
Friday, Jan 12	4:30 - 7pm	Saturday, Jan 13	3 - 5pm
Friday, Jan 19	4:30 - 7pm	Saturday, Jan 20	3 - 5pm
Friday, Jan 26	4:30 - 7pm	Saturday, Jan 27	3 - 5pm

COST:

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

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, please email recreation@districtofstewart.com or call 778-794-9955.