

MAY 2026

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DOS OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED
MAY 18TH, 2026
FOR VICTORIA DAY



Camus Photography

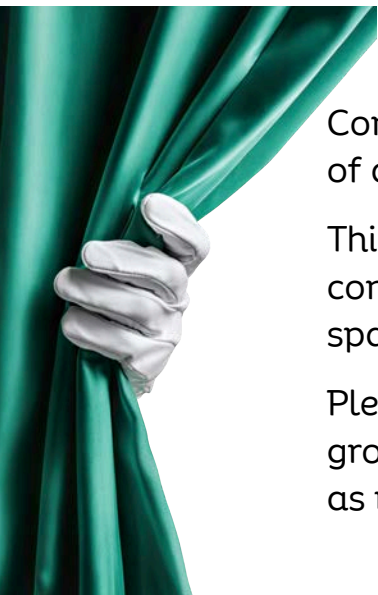
The bird pictured above is a frequent flier above the Stewart estuary (and sometimes IN the estuary waters). These unique birds are expert hunters, diving quickly to catch fish with impressive precision. Despite their vivid appearance, they can be surprisingly hard to spot, often perching quietly before darting off in a flash of colour. Do you know the species? (Answer on the back page).



Community members are invited to attend a special unveiling ceremony of a chainsaw carving, generously gifted by the District of Chetwynd.

This unique artwork represents the spirit of collaboration and community connection between Northern municipalities, and will enhance a public space in our community for many years to come!

Please join us Saturday, May 9th at 10 O'clock am at the grounds of the Municipal office (705 Brightwell Street), as we celebrate this meaningful exchange and reveal the carving together.



FUTURE FUNDING

BC Hydro ReGreening Grant

The District of Stewart was successful in the application submitted for funding for community planting projects, through the BC Hydro Community ReGreening Program.



Canada Summer Jobs Program



The District is pleased to announce funding approval was received from the Government of Canada's Canada Summer Jobs program. This funding will support the hiring of local youth (Ages 15-30) for seasonal positions, providing valuable work experience while enhancing programs and services in our community.

CELEBRATE CANADA INITIATIVE



The District has received notice of approval for funding through the Celebrate Canada Initiative in support of this year's Canada Day celebrations. This grant will contribute to our community's Canada Day celebrations by supporting a range of inclusive, family-friendly activities that celebrate Canadian heritage, diversity, and community spirit.

Celebrate Canada Special Initiative

This year a Special Initiative: Soccer Themed Activities grant was included with the Government of Canada's Celebrate Canada Initiative. This Funding stream celebrates Canada's role in the FIFA World Cup. The District was successful in the application for this additional request for funding, which will support the planning and delivery of Canada Day celebrations with a FIFA World Cup soccer theme.



Seabridge Gold / KSM Mining Summer Youth Camp Donation



Seabridge Gold/KSM has contributed a donation to the District in support of the 2026 Youth Sports and Arts camp.

This funding aids the District in delivering an inclusive program free of charge for local youth, that provides opportunities to explore a variety of sports, creative arts, and team building activities.

Destination BC Funding Agreement



The District will receive funding support from Destination B.C. to assist with the delivery of 2026 Visitor Centre services. This funding will support local tourism initiatives and ensure high-quality information and services are available to those exploring our community.

2026 NDI BUSINESS FACADE GRANT

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE NDI BUSINESS FACADE GRANT HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MAY 31ST, 2026.

BUSINESS OWNERS IN THE DISTRICT OF STEWART ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

For Guidelines and Application Visit:



www.districtofstewart.com



The Northern BC Tourism Resiliency Program is focused on providing local tourism operators and organizations with practical strategies and guidance for enduring the daily challenges and the major events that affect the tourism industry. The goal is to support the implementation of resiliency practices for the industry.

To find more information on program and funding details visit:

<https://www.travelnbc.com/industry-development/tourism-resiliency-program/>





Highground Hike 2026

Saturday May 23rd

Living in a coastal area means it is important to stay informed and prepared in the event of a tsunami. Being ready can make a real difference for you, your family, and your neighbors. We invite you to join the District for a High Ground Hike; a community event designed to help everyone become familiar with local evacuation routes and safe areas. Participants will meet at the government parking lot adjacent to the 'Welcome To Stewart' sign at 11am on Saturday May 23rd. From there we will walk together to the designated high ground; the top of the skill hill next to the water tower. If you are unable to walk, a vehicle will be available at the meeting point to drive you to the designated high ground location. Everyone is encouraged to take part; preparing together helps keep our whole community safer. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided, and participants will be entered into a draw for an emergency preparedness prize.



Visitor Centre Seasonal Opening

The Stewart Visitor Information Centre will open for the 2026 Season May 15th. We invite you to stop by on opening day from 8:30am to 4:30 pm. Meet our 2026 Visitor Centre Ambassadors, have a cookie and a beverage, and see what is new this season!

Do you have a talent to share? We are inviting local artists and artisans to showcase and consign their work through the Stewart Visitor Information Centre for the 2026 season. If you create handmade, locally inspired products we'd love to hear from you. This is a great opportunity to share your work with Stewartites, as well as approximately 10,000 guests served annually at the Stewart Visitor Centre.

Consignment opportunities are open to local residents only.

Community Services -Hours of Operation

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

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 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

FOOD BANK

To receive a monthly

or emergency food box,

please contact: Pat at 250-636-2767

STEWART PUBLIC LIBRARY

(501 5th Ave)

Monday to Friday: 1PM - 5PM

250-636-2380

LIVING HOPE FELLOWSHIP

WEEKLY SERVICES

SUNDAYS

Pre-Service Prayer - 10:30AM

Worship Service - 11AM

Held at 709 Eagle Street

Sunday School available for all ages

Home Group - Thursdays 6pm

Randy: 250-615-2370

GOLDEN TRIANGLE GYM

(613 6th Ave)

Goldentrianglegym@outlook.com

Open 365 days 24/7

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

720 King St (Old Pool Building)

Thursday: 5 PM - 7 PM

Pat: 250-636-2767

patriciagrue@hotmail.com

STEWART MUSEUM/ STEWART HISTORICAL SOCIETY (703 Brightwell Street)

Off Season Hours

Please Call for Operating Hours

250-636-2229

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL 13 2026 COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR

- Delegation - Sam Zhang - Aggreko
- Letter of Support -
-Blood and plasma donation
- Stewart Public Library
-2025 Annual Report
- Grader Purchase
- Sienna Networks
- 2026-2030 Financial Plan

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING

DATES: May 11th & 25th - 7 PM

Meetings held in Council Chambers -
705 Brightwell Street

For information on upcoming Council meetings,
and current or past agendas and minutes
please visit: www.districtofstewart.com

APRIL 27 2026 COUNCIL MEETING REGULAR

- 2025 Audited Financial Statements
- Bitter Creek/Clements Lake Harvesting
- Fisheries & Oceans - Small Craft Harbours
Branch Letter of Response
- Stewart Community Connections Society -
Quarterly Report
- Village of Daajing Giids - Health Care Equality
- Canada Summer Jobs Funding
- Department of Canadian Heritage
-Canada Day Funding
- Grader Purchase
- Youth Sports and Arts Camp Funding
- UBCM Funding Approval - Firesmart Program
- Financial Plan Amendment
- Arena Operation Permit
- 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw 1038
- 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw No 1039



Community Clean up May 20th

Our community thrives when we come together, and there is no better way to show local pride than by caring for the place we all call home. Residents are invited to join District Staff and Bear Valley School Students and Staff for Community Clean-Up Day, followed by a well-deserved appreciation BBQ to celebrate everyone’s efforts. No experience needed, just bring your energy and community spirit. Meet at the school at 10am and supplies will be provided.

Residential Spring Clean-Up will commence June 1st and run through June 12th, 2026. Watch for future postings with further information on this program.

MAY EVENTS

1, 8, 15, 22,
& 29

LEGO CLUB
3:30PM-430PM
Hosted by Stewart Public Library

6, 13,
20 & 27

YOUTH ZONE
AGES 12-18 - 5PM-7PM
Hosted by Stewart Public Library

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**CHAINSAW CARVING
UNVEILING CEREMONY**
10AM
@ District Municipal office
Hosted by District of Stewart

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MOTHER’S DAY TEA
1:00PM-3:00PM
@ Al Lawrence Arena
Hosted by Stewart Museum/
Stewart Historical Society

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SENIORS LUNCH
11:00AM-12:30PM
Hosted by Stewart Public Library



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COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP
10:00AM MEET @ BVS
Hosted by DOS AND BVS

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COOK BOOK CLUB
5:30PM-7:00PM
Hosted by Stewart Public Library

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HIGH GROUND HIKE
11:00AM
@ The bottom of the ski hill
at the Welcome to Stewart Sign
Hosted by District of Stewart

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SENIORS LUNCH
11:00AM-12:30PM
Hosted by Stewart Public Library

APRIL WEATHER REPORT

**Highest
Temperature**
April 26th :
17.6 Degrees Celsius

**Lowest
Temperature**
April 1st :
-3.7 Degrees Celsius

RAINFALL
49.8MM
(2 INCHES)

**TOTAL SNOWFALL
THIS SEASON**
506.2 CM
(16.6FEET)