



Doug Glasser  
Mayor – Town of Stewiacke

April 26, 2025

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RE: Stewiacke Garden Club – Clarification and Town Support

Dear Residents of Stewiacke,

It has come to our attention that some misinformation is circulating in the community regarding the future of the Stewiacke Garden Club and the Town's level of support for the initiative. I would like to take this opportunity to offer clarity and reaffirm the Town's position.

First and foremost, both Council and Town staff deeply value the work of the Stewiacke Garden Club. We commend the club's dedication, the positive impact it has made during its first season, and especially its contributions to the local food bank. The vision of the club becoming a permanent part of our community is one we wholeheartedly support.

The property currently occupied by the Garden Club—46 Main Street East—was purchased by the Town of Stewiacke for future municipal infrastructure needs, which may include a new Town Hall and Library. While the site was temporarily leased to a local business, the lease will conclude in June 2025. The Town has not made a final decision on the long-term use of this property.

It is important to note that the placement of the garden club at this property was not brought to Town Council for approval and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed without direction from the Town Council. The MOU is with the tenants of the leased property, not with the Town of Stewiacke." This MOU ends with the vacating of the tenants.

Staff have been working diligently to assist the Garden Club in finding a new permanent location as directed by Town Council.

In October 2024, Town staff met with the Garden Club's president to review the success of the first growing season and to discuss the club's vision moving forward. Understanding their desire for a permanent home, staff were tasked with identifying suitable long-term locations. In February 2025, two potential sites were proposed: Dennis Park (directly across from the current location) and the Stewiacke Community Centre property.



The Garden Club has chosen to remain at the current site for the 2025 growing season while considering the proposed options for a permanent location. The Town remains fully committed to supporting the Club through this transition and ensuring its continued presence and success within the community.

We appreciate the enthusiasm, collaboration, and community spirit that the Garden Club brings to Stewiacke. Thank you for your ongoing engagement and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Glasser", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Doug Glasser  
Mayor, Town of Stewiacke