Roman for Mayor of Stewart

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Education and Research
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Hospice volunteer training for Stewart, BC

Dear Education and Research team,

For several years before the COVID-19 pandemic, I volunteered on the clinical unit at Victoria Hospice, and that experience is why I'm contacting you. I'm now running for mayor of Stewart, a town of about 500 people in northwest BC, and I'd like your help with an idea.

Stewart is more than 300 km from the nearest hospital, in Terrace. Our Health Centre has daytime clinic hours and an on-call emergency service, but there's no place here set up for end-of-life care, so people can end up spending their last days far from home and family. A long-time resident raised this publicly recently. The District has been raising it with Northern Health for a few years, and last month our Mayor proposed using Health Centre space for end-of-life care.

What I have in mind is a small group of local volunteers, trained the way we were at Victoria Hospice, who could be with people at the end of life here in town, working alongside Northern Health's nurses and doctor. It's an early idea, and I'm asking residents now whether they'd support a council committee to look into it properly.

The training is the key part. It's what made my own volunteering possible, and I noticed Northern Health has listed your Palliative Care Intensive for its clinical staff. I'd like to know whether a group of Stewart volunteers could take your training online, or whether there's a course that would suit volunteers better. I'd also like to know if they might spend some time on your unit afterward, with travel covered by grants and donations, and roughly what it would all cost. Any advice on starting a volunteer program in a small, remote town would be very welcome too.

I'd be glad to talk by phone any time at (778) 819-5077. Thank you for considering it.

Sincerely,

Roman Alexander
Candidate for Mayor of Stewart

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