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Denman ferry route bypassing trustees seek study of Denman

The Local Trust Committee asks for a letter and a joint meeting on ferry transportation to the islands.

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee asks staff to schedule a joint meeting with the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee about ferry transportation to the islands, and asks the chair to write to transportation officials about replacing a ferry from Vancouver Island to Hornby Island that does not cross Denman.¹

The motions follow a presentation about cross-island ferry traffic, including speeding, congestion and effects on people walking and cycling on Denman roads.¹

The committee’s letter is to go to the Ministry of Transportation and

Infrastructure, the chief executive officer of BC Ferries, the regional district director and the MLA.¹

Public comments also raised concerns about traffic at the Denman West ferry terminal, the absence of promised flaggers in the village and a proposed replacement of the cable ferry with a vessel carrying more vehicles.¹

The committee also discussed the Official Community Plan’s marine transportation policies, including maintaining ferry service at existing levels and avoiding larger land-based facilities and larger vessels to respond to seasonal peaks.¹

DENMAN FIRE RESCUE

Emergencies: **911.** Denman Island Fire Rescue is a volunteer department. This space is theirs in every edition, free, and is not for sale. Burning restrictions change through the season. Check before you light anything — including this newspaper.

Sources

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Denman trustees seek study of ferry route bypassing Denman

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee Minutes — October 3, 2023 — “DE-2023-061 It was MOVED and

SECONDED, that the Denman Island Local Trust Committee request staff to write a letter signed by the Chair regarding affirming the words of past Trustees Mandryk and Ludvigsen to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and to the current Chief Executive Officer of BC Ferries and our Regional District Director Arbour, and our MLA to seriously examine the option of supplying a ferry to Hornby Island from Vancouver Island and not across Denman Island. CARRIED DE-2023-062 It was MOVED and SECONDED, that the Denman Island Local Trust Committee request staff to schedule a joint Hornby Island Local Trust Committee and Denman Island Local Trust Committee meeting regarding ferry transportation to the islands at the earliest time possible. CARRIED”

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