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GOVERNANCE

Denman trustees advance affordable housing proposal

The Local Trust Committee ask for draft bylaws and definition for and sewage treatment before considering a public hearing.

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee asks staff to prepare Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw amendments for a proposal by the Denman Community Housing Society to permit up to eight units of affordable housing near Denman Village.¹ The committee also asks the applicant for sewage, water-licence and water-management information before a public hearing is considered or scheduled.¹

The proposal would rezone part of a property from Institutional to R4 Community Housing. The units would be owned and managed by the Denman Community Housing Society, which has signed a

Memorandum of Understanding with Emcon.¹

The committee asks for confirmation from a qualified professional that the property has adequate conditions for community sewage treatment or other approved systems, a provincial water licence for the eight units, and a water-management plan covering demand, conservation, storage, emergencies, irrigation, groundwater monitoring and stormwater.¹

The committee also asks the applicant to enter into a cost-recovery agreement for an eight-unit housing agreement and a restrictive covenant covering water conservation, groundwater monitoring and energy-efficiency measures.¹

Staff are asked to send early referrals to K’omoks First Nation, the Denman Island Fire Department and the Islands Trust Freshwater Specialist.¹ The applicant said a community information meeting is planned for late January.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

Every claim in this edition is cited. Full documents, and the checks each source passed, are at denmanisland.co/news — or ask us and we will post you a copy. **Denman trustees advance affordable housing proposal for eight units**

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee Minutes, December 16, 2025 — “that the Denman Island Local Trust Committee request staff to prepare a draft bylaw to amend the Denman Island Official Community Plan, 2008, to enable application PL-RZ-2025-0368 (Denman Community Housing Society).”

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