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GOVERNANCE

Denman housing review proposes 100-unit density reduction

Draft policy changes replace the density cap and density bank with adding housing options and scheduling a public hearing for September 15.

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The draft Denman Island Official Community Plan and land-use bylaws propose reducing total permitted density by 100 dwelling units, while allowing more housing types and rezoning for multi-unit housing.

The density cap and density bank are to be replaced by policy supporting more affordable secondary suites and permitting rezoning for multi-unit housing. Subdivision through rezoning may be supported where it provides a community benefit.¹

The proposed changes include alternative dwellings, home-based assisted living, tiny home villages, housing with shared facilities, seniors housing and multi-unit housing. They also permit a reduction of minimum parcel size for non-profit housing.¹

The draft requires cisterns for all new builds and prohibits filling swimming pools with groundwater. It also limits short-term rentals to bed-and-breakfast operations and reduces maximum floor area per dwelling and lot coverage in specific zones.¹

The public hearing is scheduled for September 15.¹

The Local Trust Committee held the special meeting at the Denman Island Community Hall on July 11, with approximately 19 members of the public attending.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.

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 housing review proposes 100-unit density reduction**

- 1. Denman LTC Special Meeting Minutes — July 11, 2026 — “Density is shifting through changes to the number of primary units permitted in specific zones and the number of additional secondary suites permitted resulting in an overall reduction in total density of 100 dwelling units;”

Sources

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