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Land trust auction raises \$15,000 for seniors’ housing project

A Denman Community Land Trust Association auction raised money for its proposed affordable housing project.

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A silent auction held November 18 raised \$15,000 for the Denman Community Land Trust Association’s proposed Seniors’ Affordable Housing project, the Grapevine reported. The proceeds went toward the purchase of two acres for the project.¹

At a November 14 meeting, the Local Trust Committee considered the rezoning application. The committee asked staff to contact the Vancouver Island Health Authority about wastewater-treatment recommendations and to develop draft terms of reference

on potential effects of the project’s water supply and sewage disposal on local groundwater.²

The committee also asked staff to compile information needed to create draft rezoning bylaws. Its minutes record those requests, not a completed rezoning.²

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Christmas Craft Fair set for this weekend

The Denman Island Christmas Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday at the Community Hall and Activity Centre.

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The Denman Island Christmas Craft Fair is scheduled for December 2 and 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Community Hall and Activity Centre, according to the Grapevine.¹

The fair’s notice says a free shuttle bus aligned with ferry schedules will take visitors from Buckley Bay up the hill to the site. It also invites off-island friends to attend.¹

The General Store notice says carols for Kaydence are scheduled during both days, with Bethany Ireland’s choir singing holiday songs to raise money for Kaydence’s family’s expenses during her cancer treatment.¹

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Letters raise opposing views on shellfish aquaculture rules

Two public comments recorded by the Local Trust Committee differed over proposed rules affecting aquaculture tenures.

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Public comments at the October 3 Local Trust Committee meeting presented opposing views on proposed Bylaw No. 225 and aquaculture tenures.¹

One speaker opposed referring the bylaw to all tenure holders, saying an information note already made clear that tenure holders were excluded from the regulation. The speaker also wrote that a lack of ecosystem management, monitoring or enforcement by industry regulators remained a concern.¹

A speaker for the Denman Island Residents Association Marine Guardians Committee urged the committee to proceed with second reading and adoption. The speaker said shellfish growers had been consulted and enforcement officers could inspect tenures without driving on the beach.¹

The November 14 minutes record a representative of the

Association for Denman Island Marine Stewards expressing concern that tenure decisions were being made before the committee received notification of applications. A trustee said the committee received timely email responses from Islands Trust staff after staff made technical comments to the appropriate agencies.²

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Denman solar users describe grid-tied systems

A Grapevine feature profiles two islanders who use solar panels connected to the Hydro grid.

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A Grapevine feature on solar power describes Denman residents using grid-tied solar systems to reduce their electricity costs.¹

David Scruton told the paper he installed 34 solar panels and connected to the grid in April 2016. He said the system generated 8.7 megawatts up to mid-October in 2017, and estimated that he had cut his heating bill in half.¹

John Isbister told the paper he had invested about \$8,000 in a 14-panel grid-tied array and estimated that he had saved 50 percent on energy costs.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

The forecast on record for this week did not include sky or temperature. Daylight and the moon are what was determined for these days.

Thu 2017-11-30: daylight 07:53–16:25; moon Waxing Gibbous, 83% lit.



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2017-11-30>

	Thu 30	Fri 01	Sat 02	Sun 03	Mon 04	Tue 05	Wed 06
Daylight	07:53–16:25	07:54–16:24	07:56–16:23	07:57–16:23	07:58–16:22	07:59–16:22	08:01–16:22
Moon	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Full Moon	Full Moon	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous

Open-Meteo historical forecast. Tides: Canadian Hydrographic Service.

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.

Land trust auction raises \$15,000 for seniors’ housing project

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, November 30, 2017 — “On November 18th, the Denman Community Land Trust Association Silent Auction raised \$15,000”
- 2. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, November 14, 2017 — “that the Denman Island Local Trust Committee request planning staff to develop, in consultation with the Islands Trust Freshwater Specialist and applicant for DE-RZ-2017.1”

Christmas Craft Fair set for this weekend

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, November 30, 2017 — “the fair takes places this weekend, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, at the Community Hall and Activity Centre”

Letters raise opposing views on shellfish aquaculture rules

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, October 3, 2017 — “A member of the public did not support the staff recommendation to refer proposed Bylaw No. 225 for comment further to all aquaculture tenure holders”
- 2. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, November 14, 2017 — “expressed concern that aquaculture tenure decisions were being made before the Local Trust Committee (LTC) had received notification of the aquaculture applications.”

Denman solar users describe grid-tied systems

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, November 30, 2017 — “John Isbister, on top of the Steep Slopes up Triple Rock Road has invested about \$8000 in an array of 14 panels with grid tie.”

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