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THE ISLAND

Denman hearing draws questions on proposed beach-driving bylaw

Residents questioned a proposed restriction on vehicles and machinery in three marine zones at a March 6 public hearing.

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A public hearing on proposed Bylaw No. 225 took place at the Denman Activity Centre on March 6, after a community information meeting about the proposal. The bylaw would add a general prohibition on vehicles and ground-based machinery in the W1, W3 and W4 zones, with an information note about licensed aquaculture operations.¹

Questions included why the W3 aquaculture zone was included, how the bylaw could be enforced, and whether the Local Trust

Committee had assessed likely effects. Staff said the bylaw was intended to prohibit driving unrelated to aquaculture tenures and that enforcement would be difficult without full-time enforcement staff on Denman.¹

The minutes record that staff said Fisheries and Oceans Canada had raised concern that the bylaw not restrict operators’ access to their tenures. They also record that the agency had confirmed the

same licence terms applied to all operators and had increased its enforcement staff.¹

The hearing followed a February town hall where a member of the public argued against exempting shellfish workers from driving on the foreshore in W1 and W4 zones. Trustees responded that they had received advice that the committee could not regulate that aspect of land use.²

THE ISLAND

Denman affordable-housing project faces water-assessment dispute

The Denman Community Land Trust Association raised concerns about the proposed water-assessment requirements for its seniors’ housing project.

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The Denman Community Land Trust Association asked the Local Trust Committee to reconsider classifying its proposed seniors’ affordable-housing project as “Non-Domestic” in a draft water-assessment terms of reference, according to February 6 meeting minutes.¹

The association said the classification’s licensing requirements could add cost and time. It also submitted a development variance permit application and asked that it be considered at the March meeting.¹

A Trust freshwater specialist said the draft terms of reference reflected the proposed use of one well for eight dwellings on one parcel and an additional layer of risk mitigation, maintenance and operations. The minutes say the applicant reported that water-quality testing and conservation measures were already in place, while expressing concern about a possible 72-hour pumping test.¹

At the March 6 meeting, the committee approved a development variance permit for the project, varying the required subdivision lot width-to-depth ratio from one third to one fourth, according to the minutes.²

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

Forecast on record for this week. Later weather is not in this box.

Thu 2018-03-15: Mainly clear; 11°C / 1°C; wind NW 5 kn; daylight 07:36–19:23; moon Waning Crescent, 7% lit; high water 5:58 AM (4.5 m), low water 11:52 AM (2.7 m), high water 5:06 PM (4 m), low water 11:35 PM (1.4 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/
british-columbia/denman-island/
week/2018-03-15

	Thu 15	Fri 16	Sat 17	Sun 18	Mon 19	Tue 20	Wed 21
Sky	Mainly clear	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Light rain
High	11°C	14°C	12°C	12°C	13°C	10°C	11°C
Low	1°C	0°C	5°C	2°C	3°C	5°C	3°C
Wind	NW 5 kn	NNW 6 kn	ENE 6 kn	ENE 5 kn	NE 6 kn	ENE 7 kn	ESE 8 kn
Daylight	07:36–19:23	07:33–19:25	07:31–19:26	07:29–19:28	07:27–19:29	07:25–19:31	07:23–19:32
Moon	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	New Moon	New Moon	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent

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.

Denman hearing draws questions on proposed beach-driving bylaw

- 1. Denman Local Trust Committee minutes, March 6, 2018 — “Staff has advised that this type of regulation will be difficult to enforce with no full time enforcement staff on Denman Island.”
- 2. Denman Local Trust Committee minutes, February 6, 2018 — “A member of the public argued against exempting shellfish workers from driving on the foreshore in W1/W4 zones in proposed Bylaw No. 225”

Denman affordable-housing project faces water-assessment dispute

- 1. Denman Local Trust Committee minutes, February 6, 2018 — “She asked that the LTC reconsider the “Non-Domestic” categorization of the proposed Seniors’ Affordable Housing project interpretation in the Water Assessment Toolkit Draft Terms of Reference (TOR)”
- 2. Denman Local Trust Committee minutes, March 6, 2018 — “that the Denman Island Local Trust Committee approve issuance of Development Variance Permit DE-DVP-2017.2”

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