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GOVERNANCE

Farm Plan proposals draw questions at Denman meeting

The proposed changes include new agriculture rules, accommodation and temporary farm-help housing, with public feedback sought.

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee is considering amendments to its Official Community Plan and Land Use

Bylaw as part of the Farm Plan Implementation Project, and staff say public comments will be received by the committee and posted on the website.¹

The proposals include a new “agritourism” land designation, changes to four existing definitions, four new definitions and three changes to setback requirements.¹

The proposed agri-tourism rules would allow agri-tourism use on specified parcels with Farm Status, and agri-tourism accommodation subject to a Temporary Use Permit; farms in the Agricultural Land Reserve could also operate a maximum of three seasonal unserviced campsites or cottages under a permit.¹

Staff said the estimated time from receipt of a complete Temporary Use Permit

application to approval is approximately three months, and that the Local Trust Committee has the ability to set the price for the permits.¹

The proposed housing changes would permit one principal dwelling, one secondary suite within the principal dwelling and one temporary dwelling for immediate family on a property in the Agricultural Land Reserve. Farm-help accommodation could also be permitted subject to a Temporary Use Permit.¹

For an Agricultural Land Reserve parcel 2 hectares or larger with Farm Status, the proposals would allow one temporary dwelling, with a maximum size of 1300 sq. ft., for farm-help accommodation, subject to verification of need

by the Agricultural Land Commission.¹

The special meeting took place on August 2 at the Denman Activity Centre, with approximately thirty-five members of the public present. The next regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, at 9:30 am at the Denman Activity Centre.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.

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- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee Special Meeting Minutes — August 2, 2018 — “The LTC identified the Farm Plan Implementation Project as a Top Priority, is considering potential amendments to the OCP and LUB, and sent out referrals for feedback.”

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