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Denman Green draws support and objections at Trust meeting

Residents raised competing views on the proposed affordable-housing project at the Jan. 21 Local Trust Committee meeting.

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Residents voiced support for and objections to Denman Green during town hall at the Jan. 21 Denman Island Local Trust Committee meeting, according to the adopted minutes.¹ Supporters said the project was needed and urged the committee not to delay it by adding requirements; others objected to the location and raised concerns about water supply, affordability of infrastructure and fire risk.¹

The minutes say one speaker objected that the project had no well and would rely on trucked water as a backup to rain catchment. Another said the community had not had adequate consultation and should not have to wait until late in the process to provide input.¹ The committee referred the Denman Housing Association application to its Advisory Planning Commission for input, the minutes record.¹

In a separate update in the Jan. 30 Grapevine, Denman Housing Association writer Simon Palmer said four bylaws had received first reading and described the project’s proposed housing and water plans.²

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Letters urge support for Denman Green as residents raise concerns

A Grapevine letter called for islanders to back the housing proposal, while Trust meeting minutes record objections and questions from residents.

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A letter signed “C. Urquhart” in the Jan. 30 Islands Grapevine urged residents to support Denman Green, saying the writer had compiled a list of more than 50 people, including children, in need of housing.¹

The letter said the writer had acted as a liaison between the Denman Green board and potential renters for two years and had seen the board working to meet requirements from Islands Trust and BC Housing.¹

At the Jan. 21 Local Trust Committee meeting, residents expressed both support and opposition to the proposal, according to the adopted minutes.²

The minutes record concerns about the project’s water supply, consultation, location, infrastructure costs and potential fire risk, alongside calls for the project to proceed without delay.²

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Trustees discuss storm debris and Tree Island spraying

Denman trustees reported concerns about aquaculture debris on local beaches and discussed a response to herbicide spraying on Tree Island.

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Denman trustees reported that significant aquaculture debris had been observed on beaches after a recent storm, according to minutes of the Jan. 21 Local Trust Committee meeting.¹

The minutes also record that trustees wanted to request a program of manual eradication on Tree Island and discuss a response with K’ómoks First Nation before drafting a letter. Trustee David Critchley offered to contact a K’ómoks First

Nation Guardian Watchmen representative and report back at a future meeting.¹

The issue followed a concern raised at the committee’s Nov. 7 meeting that herbicide spraying for spartina control on Tree Island had negative effects on sea asparagus and shellfish there. The minutes say trustees requested the matter be placed on the next meeting agenda.²

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Denman Island events include games-night fundraiser and concert

The Grapevine calendar lists a DICES fundraiser and a Reid Jamieson Band performance among events scheduled for the coming week.

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The Islands Grapevine’s coming-week calendar lists a DICES games-night fundraiser for 6:30 p.m. at the Back Hall and a Reid Jamieson Band concert at 7 p.m. at the Guesthouse.¹

The calendar also lists a seniors’ lunch with a Robbie Burns theme at the Denman Activity Centre and a presentation on healthy diet and the new Canadian Food Guide at the Fire Hall.¹

The listings are scheduled events; the newsletter does not report them as having taken place.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2020-01-30: Rain; 8°C / 3°C; wind SE 20 kn; daylight 07:57–17:09; moon Waxing Crescent, 23% lit; low water 2:38 AM (2 m), high water 9:50 AM (4.9 m), low water 4:35 PM (2.6 m), high water 9:43 PM (3.5 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/
british-columbia/denman-island/
week/2020-01-30

	Thu 30	Fri 31	Sat 01	Sun 02	Mon 03	Tue 04	Wed 05
Sky	Rain	Heavy rain	Heavy rain	Light rain	Overcast	Light drizzle	Overcast
High	8°C	12°C	11°C	5°C	4°C	4°C	4°C
Low	3°C	7°C	1°C	1°C	0°C	1°C	2°C
Wind	SE 20 kn	ESE 16 kn	NW 13 kn	SE 15 kn	NNW 9 kn	ESE 14 kn	W 8 kn
Daylight	07:57–17:09	07:55–17:11	07:54–17:13	07:53–17:14	07:51–17:16	07:50–17:18	07:48–17:19
Moon	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	First Quarter	First Quarter	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous

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

DENMAN FIRE RESCUE

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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 minutes, Jan. 21, 2020 — “The community supports the initiative, it is needed, and it should not be delayed by adding anything to it.”
- 2. The Islands Grapevine, Jan. 30, 2020 — “Currently four bylaws have been given their first reading.”

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- 1. The Islands Grapevine, Jan. 30, 2020 — “I have also compiled a list of over 50 people, including many children, who are in dire need of housing”
- 2. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, Jan. 21, 2020 — “The location of Denman Green was opposed.”

Trustees discuss storm debris and Tree Island spraying

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, Jan. 21, 2020 — “significant aquaculture debris was observed on beaches after a recent storm”
- 2. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, Nov. 7, 2019 — “a herbicide was sprayed for spartina control on Tree Island recently with negative effects on sea asparagus and shellfish there”

Denman Island events include games-night fundraiser and concert

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, Jan. 30, 2020 — “DICES GAMES NIGHT fundraiser 6:30pm • Back Hall (DI)”

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