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THE ISLAND

Denman wildlife committee seeks more volunteers as co-chair steps back

The DIRA Wildlife Advisory Committee says it needs another volunteer after Chris Danks stepped back from her co-chair position.

REPORT — FACTS AND CITATIONS ONLY

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The Denman Island Residents Association Wildlife Advisory Committee is looking for at least one more volunteer after Chris Danks stepped back from her position as co-chair, according to a report by committee co-chair Peter Karsten in this week’s Grapevine.¹

Karsten wrote that Danks had co-chaired the committee’s work on lost and stray dogs for decades and would continue to help with

lost dogs. He said Edi Johnston, who had assisted Danks, was stepping up to the co-chair position.¹

The committee’s Dog Team responds to reports of lost and stray dogs and dogs harassing wildlife, while its Deer Response Team responds to injured wildlife. Karsten urged residents to call committee volunteers about injured animals rather than relying on Facebook posts.¹

Karsten also reported that he searched for an injured deer near the Denman and East Road corner after being called out at midnight on Dec. 16, but did not find it. He asked people who cannot stay with an injured animal to leave vegetation or weighted paper at the roadside to help volunteers locate it.¹

THE ISLAND

Denman islander Willo Walker dies on Christmas night

A notice in the Grapevine says Willo Walker died at Victoria Hospital on Christmas night after complications following emergency heart surgery.

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Willo Walker died at Victoria Hospital on Christmas night from complications following recent emergency heart surgery, according to a notice in this week’s Grapevine.¹

The notice said Walker’s wife, Fiona, described him as the love of her life. It also said people on Denman and elsewhere had been touched by his generosity, his work as a traditional Chinese medicine healer and his friendship.¹

The notice said his loss left a painful void and that he would be missed.¹

THE ISLAND

Denman Green project seeks progress on water requirements

The Denman Housing Association was working to address Island Health’s water-sufficiency requirements for its proposed affordable-housing project, according to meeting minutes.

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The Denman Housing Association was working to resolve issues related to Island Health’s water-sufficiency requirements for the proposed Denman Green project, according to minutes of the Denman Local Trust Committee’s Nov. 3 meeting.¹

At that meeting, Simon Palmer told trustees that the association had met with Island Health staff and received written support for the water source. He asked the committee to advance the rezoning application and schedule community consultation before its next meeting, citing financing deadlines.¹

The minutes say trustees were willing to hold a special meeting

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.
Forecast on record for this week. Later weather is not in this box.
Thu 2020-12-31: Drizzle; 7°C / 5°C; wind NW 11 kn; daylight 08:16–16:29; moon Full Moon, 99% lit; high water 7:45 AM (5 m), low water 12:52 PM (3.7 m), high water 5:09 PM (4.4 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/
british-columbia/denman-island/
week/2020-12-31

	Thu 31	Fri 01	Sat 02	Sun 03	Mon 04	Tue 05	Wed 06
Sky	Drizzle	Rain	Heavy rain	Light drizzle	Rain	Rain	Dense drizzle
High	7°C	10°C	11°C	9°C	9°C	6°C	8°C
Low	5°C	7°C	6°C	4°C	3°C	2°C	3°C
Wind	NW 11 kn	SE 18 kn	SSW 16 kn	SE 9 kn	N 17 kn	SE 20 kn	SE 11 kn
Daylight	08:16–16:29	08:16–16:30	08:16–16:31	08:16–16:32	08:16–16:33	08:16–16:34	08:16–16:35
Moon	Full Moon	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Last Quarter

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.
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- 1. The Islands Grapevine, Dec. 31, 2020 — “We are looking for at least one more person to help for this valuable community service.”

Denman islander Willo Walker dies on Christmas night

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, Dec. 31, 2020 — “Willo Walker passed away at Victoria Hospital on Christmas night from complications following recent emergency heart surgery.”

Denman Green project seeks progress on water requirements

- 1. Denman LTC Regular Meeting Minutes, Nov. 3, 2020 — “Denman Housing Association is working to resolve issues relating to those requirements.”
- 2. The Islands Grapevine, Dec. 31, 2020 — “The opinions expressed herein do not necessarily reflect the views of the Publisher.”

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