

THE DENMAN FIRESTARTER

THE ISLAND

Denman housing proposal advances through first reading

The Local Trust Committee gave first reading to three bylaws for the Denman Housing Association proposal and deferred second reading while it awaits further information.

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee gave first reading to three bylaws for the Denman Housing Association housing proposal at its November 2 special meeting. The committee did not give second reading, saying referral responses, community input and pending documents and analysis could inform changes.¹

The staff report listed outstanding items including approval for a water licence, confirmation of sewage disposal capacity for the Danes Road receiver parcels, a policy checklist and an internal review of the proposed water management plan.¹

The applicant told the committee that the water plan had been submitted to Island Health, and that the wastewater system design

would come in early 2022. The minutes record a trustee’s concern that documentation supporting key elements was lacking.¹

The committee also deferred its response to the Islands 2050 bylaw referral until the formal consultation process for Denman Island is complete.¹

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Letters split over proposed island fibre internet referendum

Two letters in the November 12 Grapevine took opposing positions on the November 27 referendum for fibre internet service on Denman and Hornby.

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Letters in the November 12 issue of The Islands Grapevine disagreed over the proposed fibre internet service for Denman and Hornby Islands, with one urging a “YES” vote and another arguing that faster internet would not prevent gentrification.¹

The letter supporting the proposal said a yes vote would allow the Comox Valley Regional District to borrow about \$770,000 toward installation costs and repay the loan over 10 years through a charge on annual property taxes. It said general voting was scheduled for November 27 at the Denman Seniors Centre.¹

A second letter writer said internet access was important for people working online and students taking classes remotely, and described slowdowns and interruptions in their own internet service. The letter argued that the island’s affordability pressures were already present.¹

The November 2 Local Trust Committee minutes also record the Electoral Area Director reporting that the referendum on fibre-optic service was scheduled for November 27.²

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Denman Freestore changes Saturday hours in six-month trial

The Denman Reusable Store announced a revised Saturday schedule beginning November 13 as part of a six-month trial.

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The Denman Reusable Store, also called the Freestore, announced that its Saturday hours would change to 9 a.m. to noon, with Thursday hours from 5 to 7 p.m., effective November 13.¹

The notice described the change as a six-month trial and

said Saturday mornings often brought a lineup in cold, wet weather. It also said donations would be accepted during open hours only.¹

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Denman Conservancy book sale raises more than \$2,800

The Denman Conservancy Association said its September book sale at the Old School brought in donations for conservation lands.

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The Denman Conservancy Association said its book sale ran on Saturday mornings in September at the Conservancy Room in the Old School after the Blackberry Fair was cancelled for a second year.¹

The association reported that the sale brought in donations of over \$2800, which it said would go toward maintaining conservation lands on Denman Island.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Fri 2021-11-12: Fog; 14°C / 6°C; wind ENE 10 kn; daylight 07:25–16:43; moon First Quarter, 54% lit; low water 4:59 AM (1.5 m), high water 12:54 PM (4.8 m), low water 7:54 PM (2.9 m), high water 11:47 PM (3.3 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/
british-columbia/denman-island/
week/2021-11-12

	Fri 12	Sat 13	Sun 14	Mon 15	Tue 16	Wed 17	Thu 18
Sky	Fog	Rain	Light rain	Heavy rain	Overcast	Overcast	Light snow
High	14°C	8°C	9°C	8°C	7°C	5°C	4°C
Low	6°C	4°C	6°C	3°C	2°C	1°C	2°C
Wind	ENE 10 kn	N 10 kn	N 12 kn	NW 12 kn	NNW 6 kn	SW 4 kn	WNW 5 kn
Daylight	07:25–16:43	07:27–16:42	07:29–16:40	07:30–16:39	07:32–16:38	07:34–16:37	07:35–16:35
Moon	First Quarter	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing 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.

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- 1. Denman LTC Special Meeting Minutes — 2021-11-02 — “Staff recommends first reading to advance the referral process.”

Letters split over proposed island fibre internet referendum

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, 2021-11-12 — “This referendum is the chance of our lifetimes to bring high quality, reasonable cost internet, television and telephone services to Denman and Hornby Islands.”
- 2. Denman LTC Special Meeting Minutes — 2021-11-02 — “The high speed internet initiative referendum vote to bring fibre optic service to Denman and Hornby Islands will take place on November 27;”

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- 1. The Islands Grapevine, 2021-11-12 — “This is a 6 month trial.”

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