

The Denman Firestarter

THE ISLAND

Internet referendum draws 1,192 yes votes

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The referendum on bringing fibre-optic service to Denman and Hornby passed, with 1,192 yes votes and 81 no votes, according to results published in the December 2 Grapevine.¹

At Denman polling places, 547 voters cast ballots; 439 voted at Hornby polls, and 287 ballots were cast by mail or at the advance

poll in Courtenay.¹

The results table lists 426 yes votes and 21 no votes in Denman’s main vote, and 97 yes votes and three no votes in the special vote.¹

The Grapevine report said CityWest would install a connection from the road to a house without charge if the property owner

signed a Drop Approval form, and that signing the form did not commit the owner to subscribing to service.¹

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Denman housing proposal remains under review

The Local Trust Committee deferred second reading of bylaws for the Denman Housing Association proposal while it awaited further information and consultation.

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

The minutes list outstanding items including approval for a water licence, confirmation of sewage disposal capacity for receiver parcels on Danes Road, a policy-statement checklist and staff review of the proposed water management plan.¹

The applicant told the committee that a well-flow test indicated adequate water for the project and that half of its potable-water needs were planned to come from rainwater collection; the minutes record these as the applicant’s statements.¹

The committee deferred the Islands 2050 bylaw referral until completion of a formal consultation process for Denman Island.¹

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Pepper Lane project reports progress on design and fundraising

A community land trust update describes design work, fundraising and contractor selection for the proposed seniors’ affordable housing project.

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A Pepper Lane project update in the December 2 Grapevine said the Denman Community Land Trust Association had selected Island West Coast Developments of Nanaimo as preconstruction manager and potential contractor.¹

The update said the association had raised \$130,000 for the property purchase and more than \$10,000 for fencing,

and that installation of part of the fencing was underway.¹

The association said it had held two community focus groups to gather input on housing design, including a session with seniors and another with local professionals.¹

The Local Trust Committee’s September minutes record that it gave third reading to the housing agreement bylaw and forwarded it to the Islands Trust Executive Committee for approval.²

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Denman Conservancy launches December Daphne campaign

The conservancy is asking islanders to remove one Daphne plant or a small patch each day during December.

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Denman Conservancy announced a December campaign encouraging residents to remove one Daphne plant, or one small patch, each day and send in photos and removal updates.¹

The Grapevine notice said the conservancy planned an online talk with Coastal Invasive Species Committee’s Heidi Grant on December 8 at 6 p.m., covering Daphne and ways to control it.¹

The notice advised using gloves when pulling small plants and said the bark, sap and berries can cause skin irritation.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2021-12-02: Overcast; 8°C / 2°C; wind NW 8 kn; daylight 07:56–16:23; moon Waning Crescent, 7% lit; high water 4:12 AM (4.3 m), low water 9:17 AM (3.1 m), high water 2:47 PM (4.8 m), low water 10:05 PM (0.7 m).



	Thu 02	Fri 03	Sat 04	Sun 05	Mon 06	Tue 07	Wed 08
Sky	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Light snow	Snow	Fog	Fog
High	8°C	5°C	5°C	3°C	2°C	5°C	6°C
Low	2°C	1°C	1°C	0°C	1°C	1°C	1°C
Wind	NW 8 kn	WNW 5 kn	NNW 6 kn	WNW 5 kn	SSE 6 kn	SSW 5 kn	NNW 10 kn
Daylight	07:56–16:23	07:57–16:23	07:58–16:22	07:59–16:22	08:00–16:22	08:02–16:21	08:03–16:21
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.

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- 1. The Islands Grapevine, December 2, 2021 — “Final Referendum Result Yes 1192 55%”

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- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee special meeting minutes, November 2, 2021 — “deferral of second reading may not delay the process depending on the substance of the information received.”

Pepper Lane project reports progress on design and fundraising

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, December 2, 2021 — “After reviewing their proposals and meeting with them, Island West Coast Developments (iwcd.ca) from Nanaimo was selected.”
- 2. Denman Island Local Trust Committee regular meeting minutes, September 7, 2021 — “that Denman Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 239, cited as “Denman Island Housing Agreement Bylaw No. 239, 2020”, be read a third time.”

Denman Conservancy launches December Daphne campaign

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, December 2, 2021 — “We challenge you to get out and remove just one plant (or one small patch of Daphne plants) each day this month where you live.”

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