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Denman Green proposal discussed at public meeting

A January 13 information meeting outlined proposed zoning changes and a plan for up to 20 affordable homes on Northwest Road.

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A public information meeting on January 13 covered the Denman Housing Association’s proposed Denman Green affordable-housing project and related bylaw changes. About thirty-one members of the public attended the electronic meeting, according to the minutes.¹

The proposal includes increasing the permitted density on the Northwest Road parcel from one dwelling to as many as 20 affordable-housing units, using 19 densities from the Denman

Island Density Bank. The minutes describe the bylaws as proposed, not adopted.¹

The presentation also outlined proposed changes to the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw, and a housing agreement covering construction, sewage treatment, rental rates for qualified occupants, tenant selection and annual reporting to the Islands Trust.¹

The minutes say the project’s water and wastewater plans were completed, while an environmental assessment was awaited to determine a setback for a waterlogged area. Referral comments included concerns from the Islands Trust Freshwater Specialist about water demand, rainwater harvesting, treatment, climate modelling and stormwater planning.¹

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Health centre reports physician coverage after December retirement

The Denman Health Centre Society says Dr. Ron Wilson is working Thursdays and Fridays and another physician is helping two days a month.

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The Denman Health Centre Society’s annual report says Dr. Alsoon Brine retired in December, while Dr. Ron Wilson continues to work at the Zella Clark Health Centre on Thursdays and Fridays.¹

The report says Wilson has secured another physician to help two days a month and has placed the clinic on Island Health’s Locum Program list for relief physicians. The society says it is also looking for physicians interested in providing primary care on Denman.¹

At its January 10 annual general meeting, the society elected a board of directors, with Jennifer Villard as chair, according to the report.¹

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Fire rescue earns tanker shuttle accreditation

Denman Island Fire Rescue says the accreditation may qualify properties in specified areas for lower fire insurance rates.

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Denman Island Fire Rescue has qualified for Superior Tanker Shuttle Service accreditation, Fire Chief Don Luckett wrote in a notice published in the January 20 Grapevine.¹

The notice says the accreditation applies within 8 km in road travel distance of the fire hall and within 5 km of a recognized water supply point. It says insurers are not required to accept the equivalency, but the Fire Underwriters Survey recommends they do so.¹

Luckett wrote that the accreditation could reduce fire insurance rates for properties in the specified areas and thanked fire-rescue members for their

work on water storage and delivery.¹

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Letters debate Islands Trust budget and public survey timing

A Denman writer questioned the timing of the Trust’s budget survey, while the committee minutes record a request to consider earlier consultation.

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A letter in the January 20 Grapevine questioned whether the Islands Trust’s public budget survey could influence the adopted budget, arguing that its timing left little opportunity for results to affect the process.¹

The letter’s signer, Mairead Boland, wrote that she conducted a separate citizen survey and provided its results to the Financial Planning Committee for its January 19 meeting. She reported that 524 people had responded to her survey.¹

The committee minutes say the committee reviewed a draft public-engagement survey and requested that staff provide options for earlier consultation on the budget and budget process. The minutes also record that the committee discussed changes to the draft survey.²

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2022-01-20: Rain; 10°C / 4°C; wind NNW 12 kn; daylight 08:07–16:54; moon Waning Gibbous, 96% lit; low water 12:43 AM (0.9 m), high water 8:13 AM (5.1 m), low water 1:55 PM (3.3 m), high water 6:26 PM (4.1 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/
british-columbia/denman-island/
week/2022-01-20

	Thu 20	Fri 21	Sat 22	Sun 23	Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26
Sky	Rain	Overcast	Overcast	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog
High	10°C	8°C	6°C	4°C	4°C	3°C	3°C
Low	4°C	3°C	3°C	1°C	1°C	0°C	-1°C
Wind	NNW 12 kn	WNW 4 kn	W 3 kn	NW 4 kn	S 4 kn	W 3 kn	NNE 2 kn
Daylight	08:07–16:54	08:06–16:56	08:05–16:57	08:04–16:59	08:03–17:00	08:02–17:02	08:01–17:04
Moon	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Last Quarter	Last Quarter

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 Special Meeting Minutes, January 13, 2022 — “Approximately thirty-one (31) members of the public”

Health centre reports physician coverage after December retirement

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, January 20, 2022 — “Dr. Brine retired this past December.”

Fire rescue earns tanker shuttle accreditation

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, January 20, 2022 — “Denman Island Fire Rescue completed the final test in Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation (STSS).”

Letters debate Islands Trust budget and public survey timing

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, January 20, 2022 — “How can this survey have any impact on the adopted budget I asked myself?”
- 2. Financial Planning Committee Regular Meeting Minutes, January 19, 2022 — “that Financial Planning Committee request staff to provide options with regards to earlier consultation on the budget and budget process.”

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