

THE DENMAN FIRESTARTER

THE ISLAND

Denman Green water licence discussed at special meeting

Trustees deferred discussion of whether to receive new information about the housing project after staff reported on a First Nation referral.

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee deferred discussion of the Denman Green application at a Jan. 17 special meeting, with the item scheduled to return on Feb. 7.¹

Planner Sonja Zupanec reported that the province had issued a groundwater licence for the project and that staff did not consider it

new information for the post-public-hearing process, because proof of an issued licence was required before final adoption of the bylaws could be considered.¹

She also reported that a referral response from K’ómoks First Nation had arrived late in 2022 and that staff had been told the

newly elected Chief and Council were reconsidering it and would provide an update. Staff planned to assess the information when received and advise whether it warranted the committee receiving new information after the public hearing.¹

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Housing needs dominate Denman trust committee meeting

Four presentations at the Feb. 7 meeting raised housing needs and possible changes to island planning rules.

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Housing was the focus of four presentations to the Denman Island Local Trust Committee on Feb. 7, including proposals from the Denman Island Housing Action Group, Triple Rock Land Cooperative and Denman Island Women’s Outreach.¹

The Housing Action Group presented a report on housing needs and barriers, with suggestions involving the Official Community Plan, Land Use Bylaw, enforcement practices and approval processes.¹

Triple Rock Land Cooperative said it was exploring five additional units, for a total of 20, and changes that could allow secondary suites in all units. Staff estimated an OCP review typically takes multiple years, while a rezoning application might take at least 12 to 18 months once complete.¹

Denman Island Women’s Outreach presented a report identifying a need for affordable, safe, year-round local housing to help prevent violence against rural women and support economic independence. It proposed a local action committee and a review of the OCP Density Bank.¹

A fourth presentation proposed 13 actions related to the human right to housing, including trauma-informed-practice training for bylaw enforcement staff. Trustees noted that a housing review was ongoing and that relevant material could be sent to Islands Trust planners.¹

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Farmers raise concerns about proposed farming rules

Two farmers addressed the Denman trust committee about proposed changes to farming regulations and land designations.

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CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2023-02-09: Rain; 7°C / 4°C; wind SE 12 kn; daylight 07:42–17:27; moon Waning Gibbous, 91% lit; low water 1:21 AM (1.6 m), high water 8:18 AM (4.9 m), low water 2:32 PM (2.5 m), high water 7:48 PM (3.9 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/
british-columbia/denman-island/
week/2023-02-09

	Thu 09	Fri 10	Sat 11	Sun 12	Mon 13	Tue 14	Wed 15
Sky	Rain	Rain	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Light drizzle
High	7°C	11°C	8°C	10°C	6°C	7°C	6°C
Low	4°C	4°C	1°C	5°C	1°C	0°C	0°C
Wind	SE 12 kn	SSE 9 kn	E 4 kn	SE 15 kn	N 10 kn	NNW 10 kn	NNW 10 kn
Daylight	07:42–17:27	07:40–17:28	07:39–17:30	07:37–17:32	07:35–17:34	07:34–17:35	07:32–17:37
Moon	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Last Quarter	Last Quarter	Waning Crescent

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

DENMAN FIRE RESCUE

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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 Island Local Trust Committee special meeting minutes, Jan. 17, 2023 — “She reported that the province has issued a ground water license for the Denman Green project”

Housing needs dominate Denman trust committee meeting

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, Feb. 7, 2023 — “Virginia Spinney presented a report that outlines the housing needs on Denman Island, summarizes barriers to moving forward to achieve adequate housing”

Farmers raise concerns about proposed farming rules

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, Feb. 7, 2023 — “Doug Wright - outlined difficulties faced by farmers and stressed the importance and fragility of the food supply system.”

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