

THE DENMAN FIRESTARTER

Back issue, The Denman Firestarter did not exist on 2023-02-23. This edition was compiled on 2026-10-01 from the public record as it stood on 2023-02-23, and contains nothing dated after that day — no outcomes, no hindsight. It is a reconstruction of what was on the record at the time, not a document from the time.

THE ISLAND

Denman housing needs draw proposals at Trust meeting

Housing groups and residents presented ideas on housing access and land-use rules to the Local Trust Committee on February 7.

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Housing was the focus of several presentations to the Denman Island Local Trust Committee at its February 7 meeting, where about twenty-five members of the public were present.¹

Virginia Spinney, presenting for the Denman Island Housing Action Group, outlined housing needs and barriers and suggested

changes to the Official Community Plan, land-use rules, enforcement practices and approval processes.¹

Representatives of Triple Rock Land Cooperative described exploring options to add five units, bringing the total to 20, and to allow secondary suites in all units. Staff said an Official Community

Plan review typically takes multiple years, while a rezoning application might take at least 12-18 months once complete.¹

Erin O’Brien-Hornsey presented a report on housing needs related to preventing violence against rural women and supporting economic independence. She proposed a local action committee and a review of the Official Community Plan’s Density Bank.¹

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Denman event planned for International Women’s Day

An event scheduled for March 8 includes a film, guests from Afghanistan and dancing at the front hall.

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A Denman Island event for International Women’s Day is scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, with a 6:30 start at the front hall, according to a notice in this week’s Grapevine.¹

The notice says the evening will include a screening of “Afghanistan: No Country for Women,” followed by tea and a debriefing before three women guests from Afghanistan share stories of their journeys and adjustments to life in Canada.¹

The program also includes traditional Afghan women’s dancing, a song by three Denman women and a dance of universal peace. The notice says women and allies are welcome.¹

water-project matters described in the article.¹

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Denman water-project letter criticizes communication after transfer

A Grapevine contributor questioned the availability of project information and communication with landowners in a water service area.

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A contributor to this week’s Islands Grapevine criticized communication with landowners in a Denman Island water service area following a change in ownership, and called for project information and a published project scope or budget.¹

The writer said that, as of January 1, 2023, the new owner had not made a hardcopy water-project information guide or handout available. The writer also questioned the escalating rate schedule and suggested considering a steering committee.¹

The article presents the contributor’s claims and opinions. The Denman Local Trust Committee minutes provided here do not record the

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

Sky, wind, tide, daylight and the moon for this week are on Catchwindow.



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2023-02-23>

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.

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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.
- Denman housing needs draw proposals at Trust meeting**
- 1. Denman LTC Regular Meeting Minutes — 2023-02-07 — “Approximately twenty-five (25) members of the public”
- Denman event planned for International Women’s Day**
- 1. The Islands Grapevine, February 23rd, 2023 — “Wednesday March 8th Denman Island “A Celebration of Courage””
- Denman water-project letter criticizes communication after transfer**
- 1. The Islands Grapevine, February 23rd, 2023 — “the new owner (CVRD) has yet to make available a hardcopy of any water project information guide or handout”

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