

The Denman Firestarter

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THE ISLAND

Denman dance and warming centre share the Community Hall

A pay-as-you-can community dance on Feb. 25 ran alongside the warming centre in the hall’s Back Hall.

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Denman’s first Community Dance brought families and children to the Community Hall on Saturday, Feb. 25, despite snow, according to an account in this week’s Islands Grapevine.¹

The dance was pay-as-you-can, with a suggested donation of five dollars; the organizers recouped their costs and had money set aside for the next month’s hall rental, the account said.¹

The Back Hall was also being used as a warming centre. People using the centre joined the dance, and some stayed afterward to sleep beside the wood stove, the account said.¹

THE ISLAND

Denman housing groups raise needs and options at Trust meeting

Presenters brought housing proposals and concerns to the Denman Island Local Trust Committee’s Feb. 7 meeting.

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Housing needs and possible changes to land-use rules were among the subjects raised by presenters at the Denman Island Local Trust Committee’s Feb. 7 meeting, according to the adopted minutes.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 Bylaw, enforcement practices and approval processes.¹

A representative of Triple Rock Land Cooperative said the cooperative was exploring five additional units, secondary suites in all units and changes to accessory-building rules, with the aim of providing housing for islanders and increasing diversity.¹

Staff estimated that an Official Community Plan review typically takes multiple years, while a rezoning application might take at least 12 to 18 months once complete, the minutes said.¹

A Denman Island Women’s Outreach presenter identified a need for affordable, safe, year-round local housing and proposed a local action committee, a review of the OCP Density Bank and a study of existing approaches.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2023-03-02: Light rain; 7°C / -1°C; wind NNW 18 kn; daylight 07:03–18:02; moon Waxing Gibbous, 75% lit; high water 4:03 AM (4.6 m), low water 9:39 AM (3.5 m), high water 1:19 PM (3.8 m), low water 8:50 PM (1.1 m).



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2023-03-02>

	Thu 02	Fri 03	Sat 04	Sun 05	Mon 06	Tue 07	Wed 08
Sky	Light rain	Snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Snow	Overcast	Light snow
High	7°C	7°C	3°C	7°C	5°C	8°C	10°C
Low	-1°C	-1°C	0°C	-1°C	0°C	2°C	1°C
Wind	NNW 18 kn	ENE 12 kn	W 9 kn	NW 5 kn	W 6 kn	SE 8 kn	SSW 6 kn
Daylight	07:03–18:02	07:01–18:04	06:59–18:05	06:57–18:07	06:55–18:08	06:53–18:10	06:51–18:12
Moon	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Full Moon	Full Moon

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.

Denman dance and warming centre share the Community Hall

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, March 2, 2023 — “The dance took place in the Back Hall while it was being used as a Warming Centre.”

Denman housing groups raise needs and options at Trust meeting

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee, Feb. 7, 2023 minutes — “Virginia Spinney presented a report that outlines the housing needs on Denman Island”

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