

# THE DENMAN FIRESTARTER

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## Denman recreation space reaches full funding

*The Community Education Society says construction of the covered recreation space is expected to begin in late spring.*

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The Denman Island Community Education Society says it has secured full funding for a covered recreation space near the community hall, after the Comox Valley Regional District allocated

\$40,000 in tax revenue and an additional \$18,000 in grant expenditure to close a funding shortfall.<sup>1</sup> The project is expected to provide covered outdoor space for recreation and community gatherings. The society said work is expected to get underway in late spring.<sup>1</sup>

The society said rising labour and material costs had left the project short of funds despite more than \$275,000 in funding secured by the end of 2022.<sup>1</sup>

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### CVRD budget includes Denman trail, fire service and housing funds

*Area A Director Daniel Arbour outlined several Denman allocations and service costs in a budget account published this week.*

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Comox Valley Regional District Area A Director Daniel Arbour reported that a \$491,000 provincial grant is intended to fund a large section of the Denman Cross-Island trail, with a major portion planned from Owl Crescent toward the Gravelly Bay ferry.<sup>1</sup>

Arbour also reported a \$50,000 increase in the Denman Fire Service budget, bringing its requisition to \$450,000 from \$400,000, and a one-time \$100,000 contribution to the Denman Green affordable housing project.<sup>1</sup>

For the covered recreation space, Arbour said the CVRD authorized a one-time \$40,000 allocation from the Denman Facilities Service, in addition to an \$18,000 grant. He wrote that the average Denman property would see about a \$200 increase in the cost of CVRD-controlled services.<sup>1</sup>

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### Housing and enforcement concerns raised at Denman trust meeting

*Residents raised housing affordability and proposed bylaw-enforcement changes during the April 4 Local Trust Committee meeting.*

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Residents raised concerns about housing affordability and the proposed Bylaw Enforcement Notification bylaw at the Denman Island Local Trust Committee’s April 4 meeting, according to the adopted minutes.<sup>1</sup>

The minutes record that a member of the public objected to the proposed system, saying it enforced housing regulations under review and might contravene the human right to adequate housing. The Denman Island Housing Action Group asked the committee to refer

proposed amendments to the Housing Advisory Planning Commission.<sup>1</sup>

Other public comments described difficulty finding affordable housing on Denman and concerns about safety and security in current housing situations. The minutes also record a request to deny additional bylaw-enforcement powers and fines; they do not record a committee decision on those requests.<sup>1</sup>

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2023-04-13: Overcast; 10°C / 3°C; wind N 6 kn; daylight 06:34–20:07; moon Last Quarter, 54% lit; high water 1:03 AM (4.4 m), low water 6:16 AM (3.6 m), high water 10:07 AM (3.9 m), low water 6:07 PM (1.1 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2023-04-13

|          | Thu 13       | Fri 14       | Sat 15          | Sun 16          | Mon 17          | Tue 18          | Wed 19          |
|----------|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Sky      | Overcast     | Overcast     | Light rain      | Light rain      | Rain            | Snow            | Snow            |
| High     | 10°C         | 11°C         | 10°C            | 10°C            | 7°C             | 9°C             | 9°C             |
| Low      | 3°C          | 2°C          | 7°C             | 4°C             | 2°C             | 1°C             | 4°C             |
| Wind     | N 6 kn       | SE 11 kn     | SE 15 kn        | S 15 kn         | SE 15 kn        | E 10 kn         | ESE 9 kn        |
| Daylight | 06:34–20:07  | 06:32–20:09  | 06:30–20:10     | 06:28–20:12     | 06:26–20:13     | 06:24–20:15     | 06:22–20:16     |
| Moon     | Last Quarter | Last Quarter | Waning Crescent | Waning Crescent | Waning Crescent | Waning Crescent | Waning 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.

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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. The Islands Grapevine, April 13, 2023 — “DICES has secured grants and private funding from a variety of sources”

CVRD budget includes Denman trail, fire service and housing funds

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, April 13, 2023 — “The first is a \$100,000 contribution to the Denman Green affordable housing project.”

Housing and enforcement concerns raised at Denman trust meeting

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, April 4, 2023 — “Another member of the public expressed objections to the Bylaw Enforcement Notification (BEN) Bylaw”

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