

THE DENMAN FIRESTARTER

Back issue, The Denman Firestarter did not exist on 2023-05-18. This edition was compiled on 2026-10-01 from the public record as it stood on 2023-05-18, 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 commission appointed as Trust weighs funding timeline

The Denman Island Local Trust Committee appointed seven members to its Housing Advisory Planning Commission and did not support an expedited grant application process.

REPORT — FACTS AND CITATIONS ONLY

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee appointed seven members to its Housing Advisory Planning Commission at a special meeting on April 25, with terms ending April 25, 2025.¹

The committee discussed requirements for a Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation grant application, including a housing action plan, commission review, business case and community consultation. The minutes record concern about the short timeline

THE ISLAND

Letters dispute proposed bylaw enforcement changes and housing concerns

At an April Local Trust Committee meeting, public comments raised opposing concerns about enforcement and housing rules.

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Public comments at the Denman Island Local Trust Committee’s April 4 meeting included objections to proposed amendments to the Bylaw Enforcement Notification bylaw and a request for the Housing Advisory Planning Commission to consider them.¹

The minutes record that a member of the public objected to the bylaw, saying the system enforces housing regulations under review and may contravene the human right to adequate housing. The Denman Island Housing Action Group asked the committee to refer the proposed amendments to the commission.¹

Laura Thomson objected to allowing bylaw enforcement to impose fines if access without notice is refused. She asked the committee not to grant enforcement more power or introduce additional fines, and said micromanaging bylaws was not reasonable on Denman.¹

The committee minutes record those comments and requests; they do not record a response from the committee on the proposed amendments at that meeting.¹

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Denman trustee raises Gravelly Bay expansion concerns at ferry meeting

A Denman Island trustee reported attending a Ferry Advisory Committee meeting where the proposed terminal expansion plans drew concern.

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Denman Island Trustee Sam Borthwick reported at the Local Trust Committee’s April 4

and say the expedited process was not supported because of the need for adequate consultation and careful consideration at a pace that works for the community.¹

The committee said its Housing Review Project would examine bylaws and housing options, and that completing the review would position the committee and community to participate in future grant

opportunities. It asked staff to provide the commission with the Official Community Plan, Land Use Bylaw and Housing Review.¹

The minutes also record a proposal to replace hard copies of the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw in the Denman Island library, which were no longer available there. The committee asked staff to provide hard copies to the local trustees.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2023-05-18: Overcast; 28°C / 15°C; wind SE 10 kn; daylight 05:34–21:00; moon Waning Crescent, 3% lit; high water 4:50 AM (4.4 m), low water 11:54 AM (0.7 m), high water 7:10 PM (4.6 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/
british-columbia/denman-island/
week/2023-05-18

	Thu 18	Fri 19	Sat 20	Sun 21	Mon 22	Tue 23	Wed 24
Sky	Overcast	Partly cloudy	Mainly clear	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Clear
High	28°C	26°C	25°C	20°C	17°C	18°C	22°C
Low	15°C	13°C	12°C	11°C	8°C	7°C	9°C
Wind	SE 10 kn	NE 10 kn	NNE 7 kn	NNE 10 kn	N 9 kn	NE 5 kn	N 6 kn
Daylight	05:34–21:00	05:32–21:01	05:31–21:02	05:30–21:04	05:29–21:05	05:28–21:06	05:26–21:08
Moon	Waning Crescent	New Moon	New Moon	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing 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.

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 LTC Special Meeting Minutes — April 25, 2023 — “The expedited application process was not supported as the need for adequate, thorough community and HAPC consultation”

Letters dispute proposed bylaw enforcement changes and housing concerns

- 1. Denman LTC Regular Meeting Minutes — April 4, 2023 — “Another member of the public expressed objections to the Bylaw Enforcement Notification (BEN) Bylaw”

Denman trustee raises Gravelly Bay expansion concerns at ferry meeting

- 1. Denman LTC Regular Meeting Minutes — April 4, 2023 — “He attended a Ferry Advisory Committee meeting where discussion included concerns regarding the proposed Gravelly Bay terminal expansion plans;”

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