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THE ISLAND

Housing advisory commission appointed as Denman review proceeds

The Denman Local Trust Committee appointed seven members to its housing advisory commission and discussed the work needed for a housing review.

REPORT — FACTS AND CITATIONS ONLY

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

The committee discussed a possible Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation grant application. Minutes say members did

not support an expedited application process, citing the need for adequate community and commission consultation and careful consideration at a pace that works for the community.¹

The minutes say the committee was beginning a Housing Review Project to examine bylaws and housing options. The commission was expected to consider a referral on the review, and staff were

expected to bring a report on that referral to the next committee meeting.¹

The committee also asked staff to provide the commission with the Official Community Plan, Land Use Bylaw and Housing Review, and requested hard copies of the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaws for local trustees.¹

THE ISLAND

Denman survey finds concern over ferry traffic and terminal plans

A Friends of Denman Forests survey of 450 residents found widespread concern about summer traffic and the proposed Gravelly Bay terminal expansion.

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A survey by Friends of Denman Forests found that 86% of respondents reported exceptionally long ferry waits, while 83% said they felt unsafe on island roads because of cars speeding to the ferry. The survey was completed by 450 Denman residents.¹

On the proposed Gravelly Bay terminal expansion, 76% said BC Ferries had not conducted fair and proper community consultation, 7% said it had, and 17% selected “other.” The survey asked about plans in which over 120 trees were slated to be cut down.¹

Respondents also identified environmental concerns: 81% selected endangering wildlife due to cars speeding to the ferry, 78% risk of fire from cigarette butts and 75% air pollution. The survey’s possible solutions included a ferry that goes directly to Hornby in the summer months, supported by 73%, and a reservation system with priority loading for residents, supported by 65%.¹

BC Ferries advertised a Denman community round-table discussion for May 26 at the Community Hall, asking for input on mitigating impacts of the Denman East terminal development and evaluating enhanced summer schedules for Routes 21 and 22.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Fri 2023-05-26: Overcast; 25°C / 11°C; wind NNE 10 kn; daylight 05:24–21:10; moon Waxing Crescent, 35% lit; high water 12:35 AM (4.8 m), low water 7:53 AM (3.1 m), high water 9:54 AM (3.1 m), low water 5:06 PM (1.6 m).



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2023-05-26>

	Fri 26	Sat 27	Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 31	Thu 01
Sky	Overcast	Overcast	Partly cloudy	Overcast	Overcast	Partly cloudy	Clear
High	25°C	24°C	23°C	22°C	18°C	18°C	22°C
Low	11°C	12°C	9°C	10°C	7°C	7°C	7°C
Wind	NNE 10 kn	N 8 kn	NE 4 kn	NE 10 kn	N 7 kn	NE 6 kn	NE 5 kn
Daylight	05:24–21:10	05:23–21:11	05:22–21:12	05:22–21:13	05:21–21:15	05:20–21:16	05:19–21:17
Moon	Waxing Crescent	First Quarter	First Quarter	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous

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.

Housing advisory commission appointed as Denman review proceeds

- 1. Denman LTC Special Meeting Minutes, April 25, 2023 — “the LTC appointed Judy Armstrong, Richard Day, Karla Neufer, Riane da Silva, Pamela Willis, Virginia Spinney, and Rosa Telegus”

Denman survey finds concern over ferry traffic and terminal plans

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, May 26, 2023 — “86% exceptionally long wait times for the ferry”

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