

The Denman Firestarter

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THE ISLAND

Denman trustees ask for study of direct Hornby ferry route

The Local Trust Committee asked staff to write to provincial and ferry officials about a route from Vancouver Island to Hornby that avoids crossing Denman.

REPORT — FACTS AND CITATIONS ONLY

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Denman Island trustees voted on October 3 to ask staff to write a letter urging officials to seriously examine a ferry from Vancouver Island to Hornby Island rather than a route across Denman.¹

The motion followed a presentation by Graham Brazier on behalf of Friends of Denman Forests about through traffic and the island’s Official Community Plan. The minutes say trustees supported the

initiative and noted the existing speed limit on the main road used by through traffic as an additional concern.¹

The committee also asked staff to schedule a joint meeting with the Hornby and Denman local trust committees about ferry transport.¹

Public comments at the meeting raised speeding and congestion, safety for people walking and cycling, and concerns about traffic near the Denman West terminal. Those comments are recorded in the minutes as residents’ statements, not as findings by the committee.¹

THE ISLAND

Denman committee hears housing and bylaw concerns

Residents raised housing needs and proposed land-use penalties at the October 3 Local Trust Committee meeting.

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Residents brought housing and land-use concerns to the Denman Island Local Trust Committee on October 3, including objections to proposed penalties for non-permitted uses and vacation rentals.¹

The minutes record public comments that the proposed wording for non-permitted uses was considered too vague, and that paying guests could include people renting a room for housing. A commenter also said the draft bylaw did not include a new schedule indicated in the proposal.¹

Other comments described housing needs on Denman and asked trustees about protections against effects from Hornby Island short-term vacation rentals. The minutes record the response that short-term vacation rentals are not a permitted use on Denman, while bed-and-breakfasts with the owner or operator on the premises are allowed.¹

The committee minutes record these points as public comments and responses at the meeting; they do not record a decision on the proposed penalties.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2023-10-05: Overcast; 18°C / 11°C; wind NNW 5 kn; daylight 07:24–18:54; moon Waning Gibbous, 66% lit; low water 4:38 AM (1.2 m), high water 12:32 PM (4.5 m), low water 5:52 PM (3.6 m), high water 9:51 PM (3.9 m).

Thu 05

Fri 06

Sat 07

Sun 08

Mon 09

Tue 10

Wed 11

Sky	Overcast	Clear	Fog	Overcast	Rain	Rain	Overcast
High	18°C	21°C	21°C	20°C	18°C	12°C	16°C
Low	11°C	8°C	7°C	12°C	12°C	11°C	10°C
Wind	NNW 5 kn	NNW 4 kn	SE 8 kn	ESE 12 kn	SE 11 kn	SE 14 kn	NNW 6 kn
Daylight	07:24–18:54	07:25–18:51	07:27–18:49	07:28–18:47	07:30–18:45	07:32–18:43	07:33–18:41
Moon	Waning Gibbous	Last Quarter	Last Quarter	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent

Open-Meteo historical forecast. Tides: Canadian Hydrographic Service.



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2023-10-05>

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 trustees ask for study of direct Hornby ferry route

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, October 3, 2023 — “that the Denman Island Local Trust Committee request staff to write a letter signed by the Chair”

Denman committee hears housing and bylaw concerns

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, October 3, 2023 — “STVRs are not a permitted use on Denman Island. B&Bs, where the owner/operator is on premise, are allowed.”

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