

The Denman Firestarter

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THE ISLAND

Denman trustees ask staff to pursue a direct Hornby ferry

The Local Trust Committee requested a letter urging provincial and ferry officials to examine a route from Vancouver Island to Hornby that avoids Denman.

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Denman’s Local Trust Committee asked staff to prepare a letter supporting a ferry between Vancouver Island and Hornby Island, rather than a route across Denman. The request followed a presentation about through traffic on the island.¹

The October 3 minutes say the presentation outlined concerns about the existing cross-island traffic system and asked trustees to

support the direct-sailing option. Trustees also noted concerns about the speed limit on the main road used by through traffic.¹

The committee requested that the letter go to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, BC Ferries’ chief executive officer, the regional district director and the MLA. It also requested that staff schedule a joint meeting with the Hornby and Denman local trust committees about ferry transport.¹

Public comments recorded in the minutes described speeding, congestion and safety concerns on Denman’s ferry-traffic roads, and asked the committee to advocate for solutions. The minutes record the comments and committee requests, not a response from the agencies named.¹

THE ISLAND

Denman fire service seeks volunteer firefighters and first responders

Denman Island Fire Rescue is recruiting volunteers for frontline firefighting and first-response work.

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Denman Island Fire Rescue is seeking volunteers to train as frontline firefighters and first responders, according to a notice in this week’s Islands Grapevine.¹

The notice says the department offers training, equipment and mentoring, and invites interested people to contact Fire Chief Rob Manering by email.¹

The notice says the recruitment is intended to help the department continue providing essential services to the community.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2023-10-26: Fog; 9°C / 1°C; wind NW 6 kn; daylight 07:57–18:11; moon Waxing Gibbous, 90% lit; high water 4:08 AM (3.9 m), low water 10:08 AM (2 m), high water 4:28 PM (4.5 m), low water 11:04 PM (1.7 m).



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2023-10-26>

	Thu 26	Fri 27	Sat 28	Sun 29	Mon 30	Tue 31	Wed 01
Sky	Fog	Fog	Fog	Fog	Clear	Partly cloudy	Rain
High	9°C	9°C	9°C	9°C	9°C	10°C	10°C
Low	1°C	1°C	1°C	1°C	1°C	1°C	2°C
Wind	NW 6 kn	N 4 kn	NW 5 kn	SSE 4 kn	NNW 3 kn	N 4 kn	NW 5 kn
Daylight	07:57–18:11	07:58–18:09	08:00–18:08	08:02–18:06	08:03–18:04	08:05–18:02	08:07–18:01
Moon	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Full Moon	Full Moon	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning 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.

Denman trustees ask staff to pursue a direct Hornby ferry

- 1. Denman LTC Regular Meeting Minutes — 2023-10-03 — “that the Denman Island Local Trust Committee request staff to write a letter signed by the Chair”

Denman fire service seeks volunteer firefighters and first responders

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, 2023-10-26 — “Denman Island Fire Rescue would like to recruit a few more volunteers to train as front-line Firefighters/First Responders”

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