

The Denman Firestarter

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THE ISLAND

Denman meeting reviews proposed farming bylaws

A community information meeting on proposed changes to farming rules included questions about dwellings, agri-tourism and water.

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Denman residents heard a presentation on proposed farming regulations at a community information meeting on February 13, ahead of a public hearing scheduled to follow. The meeting reviewed proposed Bylaws 228 and 229, which would amend the island’s Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw.¹

The proposed changes include a new Agriculture designation for lands in the Agricultural Land Reserve, rules for dwellings and agri-

tourism accommodation, updated agricultural definitions and revised setbacks for associated farm buildings.¹

Questions included whether pump houses were affected, whether seasonal farm-worker dwellings could be used for off-season agri-tourism, and how water use and groundwater licences are monitored. The meeting minutes say no pump-house changes were

proposed and that monitoring groundwater or commercial-use licence conditions is outside Islands Trust authority.¹

The minutes say the Local Trust Committee may consider minor corrections after the public hearing. They do not record a decision on the proposed bylaws at the February 13 meeting.¹

THE ISLAND

Denman trail extension is anticipated in the coming year

A regional parks update to the Denman Local Trust Committee included plans for a Cross Island Trail extension into the downtown area.

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Work on the Cross Island Trail is proceeding, with an extension into Denman’s downtown area anticipated in the coming year, according to an update to the Denman Local Trust Committee on February 13.¹

A community member asked about continuing the trail up the steep hill from the ferry terminal, describing it as dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. Comox Valley Regional District Electoral Area Director Daniel Arbour said the section’s scope and cost had been researched and were beyond the ability of the regional district or residents to implement.¹

The minutes say it was hoped the Province could include funding for that section in its capital projects budget. They also record that feedback was being sought on the Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan, which includes Denman and Hornby Islands.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2024-02-15: Mainly clear; 8°C / 1°C; wind NW 11 kn; daylight 07:32–17:36; moon Waxing Crescent, 31% lit; low water 3:03 AM (2.5 m), high water 9:21 AM (4.8 m), low water 4:17 PM (1.7 m), high water 10:57 PM (4 m).



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2024-02-15>

	Thu 15	Fri 16	Sat 17	Sun 18	Mon 19	Tue 20	Wed 21
Sky	Mainly clear	Fog	Overcast	Light drizzle	Overcast	Light drizzle	Drizzle
High	8°C	7°C	8°C	7°C	9°C	8°C	9°C
Low	1°C	0°C	2°C	3°C	2°C	4°C	6°C
Wind	NW 11 kn	WNW 6 kn	SE 6 kn	W 4 kn	W 5 kn	S 4 kn	NNW 4 kn
Daylight	07:32–17:36	07:31–17:38	07:29–17:40	07:27–17:42	07:25–17:43	07:23–17:45	07:21–17:47
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.

Denman meeting reviews proposed farming bylaws

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, February 13, 2024 — “The purpose of this Community Information Meeting (CIM) is to review with the community all the main elements of the changes to proposed Bylaw Nos. 228 and 229”

Denman trail extension is anticipated in the coming year

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, February 13, 2024 — “The Cross Island Trail work is proceeding with an extension into the downtown area anticipated in the coming year.”

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