

THE DENMAN FIRESTARTER

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THE ISLAND

Denman trustees review housing options

A special meeting on February 20 focused on possible changes to island housing rules and next steps for the review.

REPORT — FACTS AND CITATIONS ONLY

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Denman Island trustees reviewed housing options at a special electronic meeting on February 20, discussing staff analysis of recommendations from the Housing Advisory Planning Commission. The meeting was described as primarily an information-gathering session, with public input expected at a future in-person meeting on Denman.¹

The discussion covered options including permitting secondary suites and accessory dwelling units in zones where housing is allowed, and removing the temporary-use-permit requirement for accessory dwelling units. Trustees supported several options, with conditions recorded in the minutes.¹

Trustees did not recommend a medium-density multi-family zone at this time. They supported reviewing zoning for properties already

zoned for multiple dwellings and allowing variations in housing that support shared facilities.¹

The minutes say the project’s primary emphasis is land-use amendments to the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw. Other recommendations, including affordability measures, education and engagement, and advocacy, could be considered separately in a Housing Action Plan.¹

THE ISLAND

Purple martin nest boxes removed for replacement

Volunteers inspected the boxes at the Denman community dock and plan to assemble and mount replacements by early April.

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Volunteers took down the purple martin nest boxes at the Denman community dock for replacement while the birds winter in Brazil, according to a community notice in this week’s Grapevine.¹

A team inspected 17 boxes on February 3 and found that 14 had been occupied in 2023; three had either been used in previous years or not at all. The notice also reported two pairs nesting at other locations.¹

The replacement boxes are to use heavier boards for insulation and longevity, and to break the cycle of parasite overwintering. The notice says the pieces have been cut and assembly and mounting are planned by early April.¹

The notice also announces a Denman Island Western Purple Martin Project under the Parks Committee of DIRA, with volunteers focused on administration and construction.

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CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2024-02-22: Light rain; 10°C / 6°C; wind SSW 5 kn; daylight 07:20–17:48; moon Waxing Gibbous, 94% lit; high water 5:51 AM (4.9 m), low water 11:30 AM (3.3 m), high water 3:51 PM (4 m), low water 10:50 PM (0.9 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2024-02-22

	Thu 22	Fri 23	Sat 24	Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28
Sky	Light rain	Fog	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Snow	Light rain
High	10°C	10°C	10°C	10°C	5°C	3°C	11°C
Low	6°C	6°C	5°C	1°C	0°C	0°C	3°C
Wind	SSW 5 kn	ESE 4 kn	ESE 5 kn	SSW 11 kn	NW 10 kn	SE 13 kn	SE 14 kn
Daylight	07:20–17:48	07:18–17:50	07:16–17:52	07:14–17:53	07:12–17:55	07:10–17:57	07:08–17:58
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.

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- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee Special Meeting Minutes, February 20, 2024 — “He explained that the purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss the staff review of the Housing Advisory Planning Commission (HAPC) Housing Report”

Purple martin nest boxes removed for replacement

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, February 22, 2024 — “Of the 17 boxes removed and inspected by a team of volunteers on February 3, we determined that a total of 14 nestboxes were occupied in 2023”

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