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THE ISLAND

Trustees review options in Denman housing project

A special meeting on February 20 examined possible changes to housing rules and other steps arising from a housing report.

REPORT — FACTS AND CITATIONS ONLY

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

The options discussed included allowing secondary suites and accessory dwelling units in zones where housing is permitted, with some conditions. Trustees supported removing the temporary-use-permit requirement for accessory dwelling units and eliminating the density bank, while noting that the number and size of dwellings could be proportional to lot size.¹

For multi-tenant and multi-land-ownership housing, trustees supported action through Official Community Plan policies to expedite approvals, rather than pre-zoning. The minutes say a medium-density multi-family zone was not recommended at that meeting.¹

The discussion also covered environmental impacts, including support for cistern requirements for new builds and additional housing. The minutes record that trustees supported conservation-focused innovation in new affordable housing.¹

THE ISLAND

Farming bylaws go to public hearing after community meeting

A February 13 information meeting outlined proposed changes to Denman’s farming regulations and answered questions from residents.

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A community information meeting on February 13 reviewed proposed Denman Island Bylaws 228 and 229, which concern farming regulations. The meeting was intended to explain the proposed changes before a public hearing, according to the Local Trust Committee minutes.¹

The proposed Official Community Plan amendment would designate lands in the Agricultural Land Reserve as Agriculture and add policies supporting agriculture uses consistent with Agricultural Land Commission regulations. The proposed Land Use Bylaw amendment would address dwellings in the reserve, agri-tourism use and accommodation, agricultural definitions and setbacks for associated farm buildings.¹

Questions included whether pump houses were affected; staff said no changes to pump-house regulations were proposed. The minutes also record that the Agricultural Land Commission’s agri-tourism accommodation rules did not allow permanent facilities.¹

The minutes say the public hearing was to follow the information meeting. They also record that, after the hearing, trustees would consider possible minor edits to correct numbering and editing errors and reword the definition of “produce stand.”¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2024-02-29: Light snow; 7°C / 2°C; wind SE 8 kn; daylight 07:06–18:00; moon Waning Gibbous, 83% lit; low water 1:57 AM (2.6 m), high water 8:16 AM (4.6 m), low water 3:06 PM (1.9 m), high water 9:29 PM (3.8 m).



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2024-02-29>

	Thu 29	Fri 01	Sat 02	Sun 03	Mon 04	Tue 05	Wed 06
Sky	Light snow	Snow	Heavy snow	Snow	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast
High	7°C	6°C	5°C	3°C	5°C	4°C	5°C
Low	2°C	1°C	1°C	1°C	0°C	0°C	0°C
Wind	SE 8 kn	SE 12 kn	NE 11 kn	WNW 8 kn	NNW 7 kn	NNW 5 kn	NNW 4 kn
Daylight	07:06–18:00	07:04–18:01	07:02–18:03	07:00–18:05	06:58–18:06	06:56–18:08	06:54–18:10
Moon	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Last Quarter	Last Quarter	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent

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 — “the purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss the staff review of the Housing Advisory Planning Commission (HAPC) Housing Report”

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- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee Regular Meeting 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”

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