

THE DENMAN FIRESTARTER

Back issue. The Denman Firestarter did not exist on 2024-03-07. This edition was compiled on 2026-10-01 from the public record as it stood on 2024-03-07, and contains nothing dated after that day — no outcomes, no hindsight. It is a reconstruction of what was on the record at the time, not a document from the time.

THE ISLAND

Denman housing review weighs options for more homes

Trustees discussed possible changes to housing rules at a special meeting, with public input planned for a future in-person meeting on Denman.

REPORT — FACTS AND CITATIONS ONLY

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Denman Island trustees reviewed housing options at a special meeting on February 20, including possible changes to the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw. The minutes say the meeting was primarily for information gathering, with public input planned for a future in-person meeting on Denman.¹

The options discussed included allowing secondary suites in zones where dwellings are permitted and removing the temporary-use-permit requirement for accessory dwelling units. Trustees supported both options, according to the minutes.¹

Trustees also supported allowing accessory dwelling units in residential zones, with the number and size of dwellings

proportional to lot size. They supported requiring cisterns for new builds and additional housing.¹

The minutes record differing levels of support for other proposals. Trustees did not recommend a medium-density multi-family zone at that time, while supporting policies for expediting approvals for multi-tenant housing.¹

THE ISLAND

Farming bylaws go to public hearing after Denman information meeting

A February 13 community meeting outlined proposed changes to island farming rules and answered questions about water, dwellings and agri-tourism.

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A community information meeting on proposed Denman farming bylaws reviewed changes to rules for agricultural land and farming activities, according to Local Trust Committee minutes from February 13.¹

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. A proposed Land Use Bylaw amendment would address dwellings in the reserve, agri-tourism use and accommodation, agricultural definitions and setbacks for associated buildings.¹

During questions, staff said the proposal did not change pump-house regulations. The minutes also record that the Agricultural Land Commission’s agri-tourism accommodation rules did not allow permanent facilities.¹

The meeting was held to provide information before a public hearing, which the minutes say would follow. The Local Trust Committee was to consider minor corrections to the proposed bylaws after the hearing.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2024-03-07: Overcast; 6°C / -1°C; wind SSE 9 kn; daylight 06:52–18:11; moon Waning Crescent, 15% lit; high water 4:15 AM (4.5 m), low water 9:30 AM (3.4 m), high water 2:02 PM (4.1 m), low water 9:23 PM (0.9 m).



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2024-03-07>

	Thu 07	Fri 08	Sat 09	Sun 10	Mon 11	Tue 12	Wed 13
Sky	Overcast	Light rain	Light rain	Rain	Light rain	Drizzle	Overcast
High	6°C	6°C	9°C	8°C	7°C	11°C	10°C
Low	-1°C	4°C	5°C	5°C	4°C	4°C	3°C
Wind	SSE 9 kn	SE 15 kn	SE 16 kn	SE 17 kn	SE 17 kn	WNW 8 kn	NNE 5 kn
Daylight	06:52–18:11	06:49–18:13	06:47–18:14	06:45–18:16	07:43–19:17	07:41–19:19	07:39–19:21
Moon	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	New Moon	New Moon	Waxing Crescent	Waxing 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 — “He noted that there will be opportunity for public input during a future in-person meeting on Denman Island.”

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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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