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Denman Conservancy rezoning application advances to draft bylaws

The Local Trust Committee asked staff to prepare draft amendments for an application to rezone four parcels from forestry to conservation.

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee asked staff to prepare draft amendments to the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw to enable the Denman Conservancy Association’s application to rezone four parcels from forestry to conservation.¹

The December 10 minutes say one parcel is split-zoned between forestry and agriculture and lies within the Agricultural Land Reserve. The committee also asked staff to send an early referral of the application to the Islands Trust Conservancy and Agricultural Land Commission for comment.¹

The minutes describe the requests as steps to prepare draft bylaws and seek comments; they do not record a final rezoning decision.¹

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Letters dispute whether secondary dwellings should be limited per lot

A public comment recorded in the December minutes favoured one secondary dwelling per primary dwelling, while the planner described a proposal for one per lot.

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A disagreement over how many secondary dwellings should be allowed on a property surfaced during the Local Trust Committee’s December 10 discussion of proposed changes to Bylaw 249.¹

The planner said the proposal was intended to permit secondary dwelling units on a per-lot basis, with one unit per lot to manage density and avoid overdevelopment on larger lots.¹

A member of the public said they lived on one of 14 properties with more than one civic address and that the proposal would leave only one of three homes in the R2 zone eligible for a secondary dwelling. The member said they preferred one secondary dwelling per primary dwelling.¹

The committee minutes record that site-specific regulations could be considered within the broader Housing Review Project. The committee later requested that consideration of the Bylaw 249 amendments return at a later meeting, following consideration of the broader housing project timelines.¹

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Denman butterfly project describes habitat work at Helliwell

A project update in the Grapevine says habitat enhancement work for Taylor’s checkerspot butterflies has been ongoing at Helliwell Provincial Park.

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A Taylor’s checkerspot butterfly recovery project update in the January 9 Grapevine describes habitat enhancement work at Helliwell Provincial Park, including weeding,

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2025-01-09: Overcast; 8°C / 4°C; wind S 7 kn; daylight 08:15–16:39; moon Waxing Gibbous, 73% lit; high water 2:57 AM (4.3 m), low water 6:57 AM (3.8 m), high water 12:12 PM (4.8 m), low water 8:10 PM (0.8 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/
british-columbia/denman-island/
week/2025-01-09

	Thu 09	Fri 10	Sat 11	Sun 12	Mon 13	Tue 14	Wed 15
Sky	Overcast	Rain	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Fog
High	8°C	9°C	7°C	6°C	5°C	6°C	5°C
Low	4°C	4°C	3°C	1°C	1°C	3°C	3°C
Wind	S 7 kn	NNW 6 kn	SSE 6 kn	WNW 5 kn	S 4 kn	WSW 3 kn	S 4 kn
Daylight	08:15–16:39	08:14–16:40	08:14–16:41	08:13–16:43	08:13–16:44	08:12–16:45	08:11–16:47
Moon	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Full Moon	Waning Gibbous

Open-Meteo historical forecast. Tides: Canadian Hydrographic Service.

DENMAN FIRE RESCUE

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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 minutes, December 10, 2024 — “Application to rezone four parcels of land from forestry to conservation”

Letters dispute whether secondary dwellings should be limited per lot

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, December 10, 2024 — “They stated a preference that one secondary dwelling unit be allowed per primary dwelling versus per lot.”

Denman butterfly project describes habitat work at Helliwell

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, January 9, 2025 — “Habitat enhancement work (weeding, selective limbing +/- removal of conifers, re-planting and seeding with native species) has been ongoing in Helliwell Provincial Park for several years.”

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