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THE ISLAND

Komas Ranch heritage assessment remains under discussion

Trustees heard differing accounts of past archaeological work as they considered a preliminary field reconnaissance for Komas Ranch properties.

REPORT — FACTS AND CITATIONS ONLY

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee discussed a proposed preliminary field reconnaissance for Komas Ranch properties at its January 21 meeting, as part of work on environmental, archaeological and cultural heritage protection.¹

The applicant’s representative said three extensive archaeological digs had already taken place and argued that a preliminary reconnaissance would not add new information. The representative

also said property owners should not bear the cost of further archaeological information following a transfer of authority.¹

A K’ómoks First Nation archaeologist said there had been no significant or extensive excavations on the property and that the owners had misunderstood information held by the BC Archaeology Branch. The archaeologist said records indicated archaeologists were present in 1952, hydro pole replacement work took place

along the road, and K’ómoks First Nation attended to rebury ancestral remains.¹

The minutes say the proposed reconnaissance is intended to address gaps in cultural and archaeological heritage information and help inform a heritage conservation area. They also record that the applicant supports protecting cultural heritage values but questions the need for the reconnaissance.¹

THE ISLAND

Denman women’s communication workshop planned for March

An announcement in the Grapevine invites women to a nonviolent communication workshop scheduled for March 8 and 9.

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A nonviolent communication workshop for women is scheduled for March 8 and 9, according to an announcement in the January 23 issue of The Islands Grapevine.¹

The announcement says the workshop will explore how generational patterns affect relationships and introduce tools for listening and conflict resolution. It names Jenna Card and Dorathea Vogel as instructors and describes both as certified nonviolent communication instructors.¹

Organizers say the event can accommodate 30 participants and that the participation fee will be set after fundraising. The announcement says registration information and updates are expected in the February edition of the Flagstone.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2025-01-23: Overcast; 5°C / 0°C; wind N 6 kn; daylight 08:04–16:59; moon Waning Crescent, 39% lit; high water 2:43 AM (3.9 m), low water 5:27 AM (3.8 m), high water 11:02 AM (4.5 m), low water 7:27 PM (1.5 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2025-01-23

	Thu 23	Fri 24	Sat 25	Sun 26	Mon 27	Tue 28	Wed 29
Sky	Overcast	Overcast	Fog	Clear	Partly cloudy	Fog	Fog
High	5°C	7°C	5°C	6°C	6°C	5°C	4°C
Low	0°C	1°C	0°C	0°C	-2°C	-2°C	0°C
Wind	N 6 kn	NNW 6 kn	WNW 5 kn	NW 4 kn	NW 5 kn	W 5 kn	WSW 5 kn
Daylight	08:04–16:59	08:03–17:01	08:02–17:02	08:01–17:04	08:00–17:06	07:58–17:07	07:57–17:09
Moon	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	New Moon

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.

Komas Ranch heritage assessment remains under discussion

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, January 21, 2025 — “The applicant is in support of protecting the cultural heritage values on the properties but they question the necessity of conducting preliminary field reconnaissance.”

Denman women’s communication workshop planned for March

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, January 23, 2025 — “Saturday March 8th and Sunday March 9th 10am till 4pm.”

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