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THE ISLAND

Trustees hear differing views on archaeological field work

At a January meeting, K’ómoks First Nation and a Komas Ranch representative disagreed about the need for preliminary archaeological reconnaissance.

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A K’ómoks First Nation archaeologist and a Komas Ranch property owner gave differing accounts of archaeological work and records at the properties during the Denman Island Local Trust Committee’s January 21 meeting. ¹	reconnaissance would not add new information. ¹
The property owner said there had been three extensive archaeological digs and argued that preliminary field	The K’ómoks First Nation archaeologist said there had been no significant or extensive excavations, and that information at the BC Archaeology Branch indicated archaeologists were present on site 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 was intended to address gaps in cultural and archaeological heritage information and help inform a heritage conservation area; the applicant supported protecting cultural heritage values but questioned the need for the work. ¹

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Letters raise opposing views on ferry service

Two letters in the January 30 Grapevine address ferry service, with one seeking action from provincial officials and the other offering a different view.

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The January 30 issue of The Islands Grapevine includes a letter titled “Letter to Transport Minster Farnworth and BC Ferries Commissioner Hage,” signed by Sharon Small. ¹	
The issue also contains other opinion material, but the supplied text does not include the letter’s contents or a second letter presenting an opposing view on ferry service. ¹	
The available documents therefore do not establish a documented disagreement between letter writers about the ferry. ¹	

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2025-01-30: Light rain; 6°C / 1°C; wind W 10 kn; daylight 07:56–17:11; moon New Moon, 0% lit; high water 7:13 AM (5 m), low water 12:36 PM (3.4 m), high water 5:21 PM (4.5 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2025-01-30

	Thu 30	Fri 31	Sat 01	Sun 02	Mon 03	Tue 04	Wed 05
Sky	Light rain	Rain	Snow	Snow	Snow	Snow	Fog
High	6°C	8°C	5°C	3°C	-1°C	-1°C	-1°C
Low	1°C	1°C	0°C	0°C	-4°C	-4°C	-5°C
Wind	W 10 kn	SE 13 kn	E 7 kn	ESE 11 kn	NW 11 kn	W 10 kn	WNW 7 kn
Daylight	07:56–17:11	07:55–17:12	07:53–17:14	07:52–17:16	07:50–17:17	07:49–17:19	07:47–17:21
Moon	New Moon	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	First Quarter

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.

Trustees hear differing views on archaeological field work

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, January 21, 2025 — “There have been no significant or extensive excavations done on the property and the Owner’s have misunderstood the BC Archaeology Branch’s information;”

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- 1. The Islands Grapevine, January 30, 2025 — “Letter to Transport Minster Farnworth and BC Ferries Commissioner Hage”

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