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THE ISLAND

Trustees hear differing views on archaeological work at Komas Ranch

At a January meeting, the Local Trust Committee heard opposing accounts of past archaeological work and the need for a preliminary field reconnaissance.

REPORT — FACTS AND CITATIONS ONLY

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee heard differing views on archaeological work connected to the Komas Ranch rezoning application at its Jan. 21 meeting.¹

The applicant’s representative said there had been three extensive archaeological digs on the property and argued that a preliminary field reconnaissance would not add new information. The

representative also said property owners should not bear the cost of providing further archaeological information.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 the Branch’s information recorded

archaeologists on site in 1952, hydro pole replacement work along the road, and K’ómoks First Nation attendance to rebury ancestral remains.¹

The minutes say the preliminary field reconnaissance is intended to address gaps in cultural and archaeological heritage information and help inform a heritage conservation area for the properties.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2025-02-27: Light drizzle; 11°C / 6°C; wind NW 9 kn; daylight 07:08–17:58; moon Waning Crescent, 2% lit; high water 5:53 AM (4.9 m), low water 11:29 AM (3.1 m), high water 4:36 PM (4.5 m), low water 11:26 PM (0.9 m).



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2025-02-27>

	Thu 27	Fri 28	Sat 01	Sun 02	Mon 03	Tue 04	Wed 05
Sky	Light drizzle	Overcast	Fog	Light drizzle	Overcast	Dense drizzle	Fog
High	11°C	12°C	10°C	12°C	11°C	8°C	10°C
Low	6°C	6°C	4°C	6°C	4°C	5°C	3°C
Wind	NW 9 kn	NW 6 kn	NE 4 kn	NNW 6 kn	ENE 4 kn	SE 8 kn	E 6 kn
Daylight	07:08–17:58	07:06–17:59	07:04–18:01	07:02–18:03	07:00–18:04	06:58–18:06	06:56–18:08
Moon	Waning Crescent	New Moon	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	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.

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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, Jan. 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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