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THE ISLAND

Denman housing bylaws draw questions at public meeting

Residents questioned proposed changes to secondary dwellings and the island’s density bank at a March 18 information meeting.

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A public information meeting on proposed housing bylaws drew about 43 people to the Denman Activity Centre on March 18, according to the Local Trust Committee minutes.¹

The proposals would remove the density bank from the Official Community Plan and allow secondary dwellings in rural residential, forestry and resource zones without a Temporary Use Permit. The minutes describe the changes as proposals, not decisions.¹

Questions included how many homes could be built and how the changes might affect density. The planner said a build-out analysis was complete, but information about existing covenants and specific restrictions still needed to be reviewed before it could be finalized and presented to the public.¹

The minutes say the density bank held seven densities, while a member of the public said 16 had been used to build affordable

housing. A trustee said the committee was looking at redefining density as part of a broader housing review.¹

A trustee also reported that K’ómoks First Nation had requested that consideration of advancing the bylaws be deferred until July 2025 to allow more time for an environmental review.¹

THE ISLAND

Stanehill Park plans include new plant labels

The Parks Committee says it plans to add wooden plant labels and bring the park sign to the forefront in 2025.

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Plans for Stanehill Park this year include bringing its partly hidden sign to the forefront and placing wooden labels beside some plants, according to a community news item in the March 20 Grapevine.¹

The item says the park’s plant guide is available in a pamphlet box at the entrance. It describes the guide as including more than 80 plant drawings and about 60 bird and animal drawings.¹

The Parks Committee also announced Lynn Weaver as the park’s new steward, with responsibility for tidying pathways and restocking pamphlets.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2025-03-20: Light rain; 9°C / 4°C; wind SSE 15 kn; daylight 07:24–19:31; moon Waning Gibbous, 72% lit; low water 3:59 AM (3.6 m), high water 8:46 AM (4.2 m), low water 4:27 PM (1.4 m).



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2025-03-20>

	Thu 20	Fri 21	Sat 22	Sun 23	Mon 24	Tue 25	Wed 26
Sky	Light rain	Drizzle	Light drizzle	Drizzle	Dense drizzle	Light drizzle	Rain
High	9°C	10°C	9°C	10°C	11°C	12°C	14°C
Low	4°C	4°C	1°C	5°C	8°C	9°C	9°C
Wind	SSE 15 kn	SE 9 kn	NNE 12 kn	SE 14 kn	ENE 6 kn	S 4 kn	NNW 5 kn
Daylight	07:24–19:31	07:22–19:33	07:20–19:34	07:18–19:36	07:16–19:37	07:14–19:39	07:11–19:40
Moon	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Last Quarter	Last Quarter	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning 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.

Denman housing bylaws draw questions at public meeting

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, March 18, 2025 — “There were approximately 43 members of the public in attendance.”

Stanehill Park plans include new plant labels

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, March 20, 2025 — “For 2025 we plan to bring the somewhat hidden Park sign the forefront and create wooden plant labels to place with a number of plants.”

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