

THE ISLAND

Denman housing review moves into a new phase

Trustees endorsed a revised project charter and set out options for the next round of public engagement.

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Denman Island trustees endorsed a revised charter for the Housing Review Project at a special meeting on May 8, and agreed to fold technical amendments to the Official Community Plan and an updated First Nations acknowledgement into the project.¹

The minutes say the project includes a review of the Land Use Bylaw and ongoing relationship building with K’ómoks First Nation. Trustees also asked staff to schedule a joint meeting with the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee in summer or fall 2025 to

discuss possible housing solutions for both islands and review recommendations from a K’ómoks First Nation engagement summary.¹

For the next public-engagement round, trustees discussed an evening online presentation, paper and online response forms, and an in-person session on an evening or weekend. The minutes record that \$5,000 and four staff travel days were available for engagement between the meeting and September 2025.¹

The March meeting minutes describe the proposals under review: one would remove the density bank from the Official Community Plan, while another would allow secondary dwellings in rural residential, forestry and resource zones without a Temporary Use Permit. The May 8 minutes record the charter and engagement decisions, not a decision on those proposed changes.²

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The Denman Island Pottery Studio Tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, and Sunday, May 18, with the event listing giving hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.¹

The Grapevine identifies it as the 36th annual tour and lists Denman Island as its location.¹

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Letters dispute accuracy of proposed Hornby groundwater map

A Hornby letter asks trustees to pause a draft bylaw, while the Denman issue also prints excerpts from a groundwater report.

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A letter printed in this week’s Grapevine asks the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee to pause proposed Bylaw No. 176 on May 16, saying its groundwater map relies on old information and should be updated before decisions are made.¹

The letter’s signer, John Grayson, wrote that Islands Trust Council maps issued in 2021 show that “Aquifer 1A,” marked on the draft bylaw map, does not exist. He also wrote that the newer maps are more precise and asked the committee to use updated groundwater mapping.¹

The same issue prints excerpts identified as coming from a 2021 Islands Trust Council-commissioned groundwater report, including a map titled “Groundwater Recharge Potential for Denman Island and Hornby Island.” The excerpts do not state that Aquifer 1A does not exist; that conclusion is the letter writer’s claim.¹

The Denman Local Trust Committee minutes provided for this report do not record a discussion of Hornby Draft

Bylaw No. 176 or the groundwater-map dispute.²

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2025-05-15: Light drizzle; 13°C / 8°C; wind ESE 6 kn; daylight 05:37–20:56; moon Waning Gibbous, 95% lit; low water 2:22 AM (3.7 m), high water 6:22 AM (4.2 m), low water 2:03 PM (0.8 m), high water 9:53 PM (4.8 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2025-05-15

	Thu 15	Fri 16	Sat 17	Sun 18	Mon 19	Tue 20	Wed 21
Sky	Light drizzle	Light rain	Heavy rain	Overcast	Rain	Overcast	Overcast
High	13°C	13°C	13°C	16°C	14°C	16°C	17°C
Low	8°C	9°C	9°C	7°C	8°C	7°C	7°C
Wind	ESE 6 kn	SE 11 kn	N 7 kn	NE 10 kn	SSE 10 kn	ESE 9 kn	NNE 4 kn
Daylight	05:37–20:56	05:36–20:58	05:34–20:59	05:33–21:00	05:32–21:02	05:30–21:03	05:29–21:04
Moon	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Last Quarter	Last Quarter

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 LTC Special Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2025 — “That the Denman Island Local Trust Committee endorse the revised Project Charter (Option 2), dated May 8, 2025 for the Denman Housing Review Project.”
- 2. Denman LTC Regular Meeting Minutes, March 18, 2025 — “Proposed Bylaw No. 248 will amend to the Official Community Plan to remove the density bank;”

Pottery studio tour scheduled for Victoria Day weekend

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, May 15, 2025 — “36TH ANNUAL Victoria Day Monday, May 19th”

Letters dispute accuracy of proposed Hornby groundwater map

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, May 15, 2025 — “The readings quoted (above) indicate that “Aquifer 1A”, as shown on the current Schedule D2 does not exist.”
- 2. Denman LTC Special Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2025 — “Chair Maude called the electronic meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.”

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