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THE ISLAND

Trust committee advances Triple Rock housing bylaws

The Denman Island Local Trust Committee gave readings to proposed changes tied to a plan for four additional homes at Triple Rock.

REPORT — FACTS AND CITATIONS ONLY

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee gave first and second readings to proposed bylaws connected to the Triple Rock Land Cooperative’s application for four additional dwelling units, which would bring the total to 19, according to the May 20 meeting minutes.¹

The proposed changes include an Official Community Plan amendment to remove four densities from the density bank and an updated housing agreement intended to regulate affordability and occupancy for the homes and secondary suites.¹

The committee also asked staff to schedule a community information meeting before a public hearing, refer one proposed bylaw to First Nations, local governments and agencies, and remove schedules A and B from the draft housing agreement.¹

THE ISLAND

Denman housing review moves into next phase

Trustees endorsed a revised project charter and discussed options for public engagement on the island’s housing review.

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee endorsed a revised project charter for the Denman Housing Review Project at a special meeting on May 8, according to the meeting minutes.¹

The committee also asked staff to integrate Official Community Plan technical amendments and an updated First Nations acknowledgement into the project charter, and to arrange a special meeting with the Hornby Island Local Trust Committee in summer or fall 2025 to discuss potential housing solutions for both islands.¹

The minutes list possible future engagement formats, including an evening online presentation, paper and online comment forms, and an in-person session at the Community Hall. They also record that \$5000.00 and four staff travel days were available for the next round of engagement between then and September 2025.¹

THE ISLAND

Trustee reports summer ferry traffic surge and committee dissolution

A Denman trustee told the Local Trust Committee that summer ferry traffic had begun and expressed disappointment over the Ferry Advisory Committees’ dissolution.

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At its May 20 meeting, Denman Island Trustee Sam Borthwick reported that the summer surge in ferry traffic had commenced and noted disappointment in the dissolution of the Ferry Advisory Committees and the resulting lack of ability to meaningfully engage with BC Ferries.¹

The meeting minutes record the trustee’s report but do not include an account from BC Ferries about the committees or engagement.¹

THE ISLAND

Denman benefit supper and film screening scheduled for May 30

A notice in the May 22 Grapevine advertises a Community Hall supper and screening of The Encampments to raise funds for Sara Kishawi.

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A benefit supper and film screening are scheduled at the Denman Island Community Hall on Friday, May 30, with supper at 5 p.m. and the film at 6 p.m., according to a notice in the May 22 issue of The Islands Grapevine.¹

The notice says the event supports Sara Kishawi, whom it describes as suspended for two years from Vancouver Island University for advocacy for Palestinian rights. It says Kishawi has filed a judicial review of the suspension with the BC Supreme Court.¹

The notice identifies the film as The Encampments and says donations for people unable to attend can be sent by e-transfer.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2025-05-22: Overcast; 19°C / 7°C; wind NNE 5 kn; daylight 05:28–21:06; moon Waning Crescent, 32% lit; high water 2:05 AM (4.8 m), low water 8:59 AM (2.3 m), high water 2:31 PM (3.6 m), low water 8:06 PM (2.3 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/
british-columbia/denman-island/
week/2025-05-22

	Thu 22	Fri 23	Sat 24	Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28
Sky	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Light drizzle	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast
High	19°C	17°C	21°C	19°C	18°C	20°C	26°C
Low	7°C	9°C	9°C	10°C	12°C	11°C	10°C
Wind	NNE 5 kn	E 10 kn	ESE 8 kn	SE 10 kn	WSW 11 kn	ESE 8 kn	E 12 kn
Daylight	05:28–21:06	05:27–21:07	05:26–21:08	05:25–21:09	05:24–21:11	05:23–21:12	05:22–21:13
Moon	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	New Moon	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.

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.

Trust committee advances Triple Rock housing bylaws

- 1. Denman LTC Regular Meeting Minutes — 2025-05-20 — “the rezoning application seeks to develop 4 additional dwelling units, to bring the total to 19 dwelling units”

Denman housing review moves into next phase

- 1. Denman LTC Special Meeting Minutes — 2025-05-08 — “That the Denman Island Local Trust Committee endorse the revised Project Charter (Option 2), dated May 8, 2025 for the Denman Housing Review Project.”

Trustee reports summer ferry traffic surge and committee dissolution

- 1. Denman LTC Regular Meeting Minutes — 2025-05-20 — “Trustee Borthwick reported the summer surge in ferry traffic had commenced and noted disappointment in the dissolution of the Ferry Advisory Committees”

Denman benefit supper and film screening scheduled for May 30

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, 2025-05-22 — “Please come out to the Community Hall on Fr day, May 30th at 5 for a benefit supper and film at 6”

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