

The Denman Firestarter

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THE ISLAND

Denman feast planned for Aug. 24 at Community Hall

A community feast organized with a University of Victoria field school is scheduled for Aug. 24, with donations supporting Farm to Family and an organization chosen by students.

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A community feast is scheduled for Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. at Denman Island’s Community Hall, as part of a University of Victoria field school taking place on the island in August.¹

The field school’s 17 students are expected to camp for two weeks and discuss mutual aid, subsistence and collective decision-making, according to the event notice.¹

Farm to Family is partnering on the feast and will help cook and source local food. Donations will be split between Farm to Family and an organization chosen by the students; the notice says no one will be turned away for lack of funds.¹

Organizers are seeking volunteers to serve food and help with cleanup, and ask attendees to bring their own plates, bowls, cups and cutlery.¹

THE ISLAND

Housing proposal draws differing views at Denman trust meeting

A proposed 10-unit housing co-op at 5400 Northwest Road was discussed at a July 15 Local Trust Committee meeting, where a public comment raised concerns about pre-zoning.

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A proposed housing co-op at 5400 Northwest Road was discussed at the Denman Island Local Trust Committee’s July 15 meeting, with the delegation seeking pre-zoning for 10 homes in two clusters.¹

The delegation said the homes would be owned by a not-for-profit co-op, with members purchasing shares rather than owning property. Its proposal also includes a four-site campground, community garden and common areas, according to the minutes.¹

A member of the public raised concerns about pre-zoning before an Official Community Plan update, saying it could limit public input and that housing and density discussions should continue first.¹

The minutes record the delegation’s position that the proposal aligns with the Official Community Plan and Denman Housing Action Plan. They also say the Local Trust Committee can consider the proposal within the scope of its current Housing Project.¹

The committee requested staff schedule a community engagement session on the housing project in September or October 2025.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2025-07-31: Partly cloudy; 31°C / 15°C; wind NNE 5 kn; daylight 05:49–21:04; moon Waxing Crescent, 36% lit; low water 5:34 AM (2.1 m), high water 11:49 AM (3.6 m), low water 4:21 PM (3 m), high water 10:46 PM (4.5 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2025-07-31

	Thu 31	Fri 01	Sat 02	Sun 03	Mon 04	Tue 05	Wed 06
Sky	Partly cloudy	Mainly clear	Partly cloudy	Overcast	Overcast	Light rain	Light drizzle
High	31°C	28°C	27°C	25°C	25°C	21°C	24°C
Low	15°C	15°C	14°C	13°C	11°C	14°C	15°C
Wind	NNE 5 kn	E 6 kn	ENE 8 kn	E 5 kn	ENE 9 kn	SE 13 kn	ESE 14 kn
Daylight	05:49–21:04	05:50–21:03	05:51–21:01	05:53–21:00	05:54–20:58	05:56–20:57	05:57–20:55
Moon	Waxing Crescent	First Quarter	First Quarter	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous

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 feast planned for Aug. 24 at Community Hall

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, July 31, 2025 — “Part of the students’ learning experience involves coordinating a big community feast on August 24th at 6:00pm”

Housing proposal draws differing views at Denman trust meeting

- 1. Denman LTC Regular Meeting Minutes, July 15, 2025 — “The Snag Housing Co-op has requested the Denman Local Trust Committee pre-zone the property located at 5400 Northwest Road for a total of 10 units of housing in two clusters”

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