

THE DENMAN FIRESTARTER

THE ISLAND

Free Shack’s future remains uncertain as planned closure nears

A Grapevine contributor said the Denman reuse shed was due to close Sept. 30, with donations to be removed, and urged users to find a new location.

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The Free Shack, a reuse shed on Denman, was scheduled to close Sept. 30, with donations to be removed, according to a community notice by Shane Nelson in The Islands Grapevine.¹

Nelson wrote that the Shack had offered islanders a place to share and reuse goods after the Free Store at the Old School closed during COVID. He said he hoped users would find a new location and structure, and that he wanted to hand the project on.¹

Nelson described the existing space as too small for the goods it received and said larger items were damaged by rain. He suggested a future site could include covered space, backup storage and off-street parking.¹

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Letters debate how Denman should approach housing and density

A public comment recorded in July’s Local Trust Committee minutes raised concerns about pre-zoning, while the minutes also record the Snag Housing Co-op’s case for its proposal.

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A public comment at a Denman Island Local Trust Committee meeting raised concerns about pre-zoning land before an Official Community Plan update, including the possibility of limiting public input and disrupting the intended balance of densities.¹

The July minutes record that the speaker questioned the proposed housing at 5400 Northwest Road and said it was unclear how the committee determined proposed limits on house size.¹

The minutes also record the Snag Housing Co-op’s presentation: it sought pre-zoning for 10 homes in two clusters, with a four-site campground, community garden and common areas. The delegation said the project would be operated as a not-for-profit and that concerns about traffic and tourism would be taken into account.¹

The committee asked staff to schedule a community engagement session about the housing project in September or October 2025, according to the minutes.¹

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Denman dinner fundraiser scheduled for Sept. 30

A Grapevine notice invited islanders to a by-donation dinner at the Back Hall to support legal work for Haitian refugee children in the Dominican Republic.

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A by-donation dinner was scheduled for Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. at the Back Hall, according to a notice in The Islands Grapevine.¹

The notice said proceeds could help finance a legal process for Haitian refugee

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2025-09-25: Overcast; 18°C / 7°C; wind ENE 5 kn; daylight 07:10–19:14; moon Waxing Crescent, 10% lit; low water 2:18 AM (1.5 m), high water 9:05 AM (4.4 m), low water 2:25 PM (3.1 m), high water 7:45 PM (4.4 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/
british-columbia/denman-island/
week/2025-09-25

	Thu 25	Fri 26	Sat 27	Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 01
Sky	Overcast	Overcast	Rain	Rain	Rain	Rain	Dense drizzle
High	18°C	19°C	16°C	16°C	19°C	16°C	15°C
Low	7°C	8°C	11°C	11°C	12°C	10°C	11°C
Wind	ENE 5 kn	ESE 15 kn	WNW 14 kn	E 15 kn	SE 12 kn	SE 14 kn	SE 16 kn
Daylight	07:10–19:14	07:11–19:12	07:13–19:10	07:14–19:08	07:16–19:05	07:17–19:03	07:19–19:01
Moon	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	First Quarter	First Quarter	Waxing Gibbous

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. The Islands Grapevine, Sept. 25, 2025 — “At Flagstone’s submission deadline (Friday 19 Sept), I was announcing the closing of the Free Shack on 30 Sept, and removal of all donations.”

Letters debate how Denman should approach housing and density

- 1. Denman LTC Regular Meeting Minutes, July 15, 2025 — “They have concerns with pre-zoning land prior to updating the Official Community Plan;”

Denman dinner fundraiser scheduled for Sept. 30

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, Sept. 25, 2025 — “Every two weeks Ruth is going to put on a delicious dinner, by donation, at the Back Hall with the next one being on Sept.30th at 4:00.”

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