

THE DENMAN FIRESTARTER

Back issue, The Denman Firestarter did not exist on 2025-11-13. This edition was compiled on 2026-10-01 from the public record as it stood on 2025-11-13, and contains nothing dated after that day — no outcomes, no hindsight. It is a reconstruction of what was on the record at the time, not a document from the time.

THE ISLAND

Activity Centre board opens survey on youth access and membership rules

The Denman Seniors and Museum Society is asking residents about future uses of the Denman Activity Centre and plans to present survey results at its December annual meeting.^[^1]

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The Denman Seniors and Museum Society is seeking community feedback on activities and events at the Denman Activity Centre as new groups request access to its gymnasium.¹

The society says a weekday youth-activity period from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. during the school year will appear on the gym schedule

starting in January 2026.¹

The board is proposing constitutional amendments to remove the minimum age of 45 for society membership and board service, and the requirement that at least half the board be 65 or older. Members are to consider the proposals at the annual general meeting on

December 15; the society says a \$10 membership registration fee will be collected at the door.¹

The survey results are scheduled to be presented at that meeting, according to the society.¹

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Denman letter challenges B.C. Ferries oversight and vessel-loan plans

A letter signed by Sharon Small argues that the Baynes Sound Connector and B.C. Ferries’ proposed Chinese-built vessels raise questions about government oversight.^[^1]

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A letter in this week’s Islands Grapevine criticizes the provincial government’s approach to B.C. Ferries and urges federal review of loan guarantees for Chinese-built vessels.¹

Sharon Small, identified in the letter as a Denman Island resident, wrote that she had asked a federal committee to examine the 1999 Fast Ferries audit before approving the guarantees.¹

Small cited the Baynes Sound Connector, the cable ferry serving Denman, as an example of what she described as repeated failures. She wrote that it had the fleet’s highest mechanical breakdown rate and cost \$5.9 million annually, rather than the projected \$230,000.¹

Small also criticized the government’s oversight of B.C. Ferries and its handling of fares, service reporting and engagement. The letter is her account; the documents provided for this report contain no response from the government or B.C. Ferries.¹

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Denman housing proposal draws concern over pre-zoning

A member of the public raised concerns at a July Local Trust Committee meeting about pre-zoning land for a proposed housing project at 5400 Northwest Road.^[^1]

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A member of the public told the Denman Island Local Trust Committee in July that pre-zoning land before an Official Community Plan update could limit public input and disrupt planning.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2025-11-13: Rain; 9°C / 5°C; wind NW 12 kn; daylight 07:27–16:42; moon Last Quarter, 43% lit; low water 5:29 AM (1.9 m), high water 12:58 PM (4.9 m), low water 7:58 PM (2.6 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/
british-columbia/denman-island/
week/2025-11-13

	Thu 13	Fri 14	Sat 15	Sun 16	Mon 17	Tue 18	Wed 19
Sky	Rain	Light rain	Fog	Light drizzle	Overcast	Overcast	Fog
High	9°C	8°C	8°C	12°C	9°C	9°C	7°C
Low	5°C	4°C	7°C	8°C	5°C	3°C	2°C
Wind	NW 12 kn	N 10 kn	NNW 10 kn	SE 12 kn	WNW 5 kn	S 5 kn	S 5 kn
Daylight	07:27–16:42	07:29–16:40	07:30–16:39	07:32–16:38	07:33–16:37	07:35–16:35	07:37–16:34
Moon	Last Quarter	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	Waning Crescent	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.

Activity Centre board opens survey on youth access and membership rules

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, November 13, 2025 — “The results of this survey will be presented at December 15th AGM.”

Denman letter challenges B.C. Ferries oversight and vessel-loan plans

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, November 13, 2025 — “The Baynes Sound Connector cable ferry serving Denman Island exemplifies this pattern”

Denman housing proposal draws concern over pre-zoning

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

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