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THE ISLAND

Denman trustees approve steep-slopes permit

The Local Trust Committee approved a retroactive development permit for a dwelling and power shed on January 20.

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee approved a retroactive development permit for an existing single-family dwelling and power shed in Development Permit Area 2, the steep-slopes area, at its January 20 meeting.¹

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Denman housing review advances through policy discussion

Trustees discussed options for housing rules but made no final decisions on the proposals at their January 20 meeting.

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Denman trustees discussed housing policy and regulation options as part of the Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw review at their January 20 meeting; the staff report described the options as not yet decided.¹

The minutes record agreement on several proposed directions, including a limit of four dwellings on Rural Residential (R2) lots and a maximum of two principal dwellings on Residential (R1) lots within 200m of the shoreline. The minutes say those options would affect five R2 properties and eleven R1 properties.¹

Trustees also discussed removing the density cap, reducing or removing subdivision potential, and allowing secondary suites and small units on R2 properties without a minimum lot size. The minutes record discussion and agreement on options, not adoption of new rules.¹

The public consultation period on the draft Trust Policy Statement continues until February 5, according to the chair’s report in the meeting minutes.¹

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Grapevine letters page raises competing views on Trust spending

A delegate and a letter discussed Islands Trust budget priorities, with the meeting minutes recording both the concerns and the committee’s response.

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At a January 21 Islands Trust Financial Planning Committee meeting, a delegate raised concerns about budget and staffing increases, while a letter asked the committee to consider reducing funding for bylaw enforcement and legal opinions.¹

The delegate, speaking for Friends of the Gulf Islands Society, opposed continued

The minutes say the structures were built without the required siting and use permit and development permit. The applicant provided an impact assessment and restoration plan, along with a

geotechnical report, and staff said the development was consistent with the area’s objectives.¹

The committee approved issuance of Development Permit PLDP20250156.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2026-01-22: Fog; 4°C / 0°C; wind SSW 2 kn; daylight 08:05–16:57; moon Waxing Crescent, 10% lit; low water 1:18 AM (1.2 m), high water 8:27 AM (5.1 m), low water 2:36 PM (2.9 m), high water 7:25 PM (4 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2026-01-22

	Thu 22	Fri 23	Sat 24	Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28
Sky	Fog	Fog	Fog	Overcast	Overcast	Dense drizzle	Light rain
High	4°C	5°C	4°C	3°C	4°C	9°C	9°C
Low	0°C	0°C	0°C	-1°C	0°C	1°C	6°C
Wind	SSW 2 kn	NNW 3 kn	ESE 4 kn	W 3 kn	WSW 4 kn	NNW 8 kn	ESE 15 kn
Daylight	08:05–16:57	08:04–16:59	08:03–17:00	08:02–17:02	08:01–17:03	08:00–17:05	07:59–17:07
Moon	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	First Quarter	Waxing Gibbous	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. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, January 20, 2026 — “The Local Trust Committee had no questions for the applicant or Planner.”

Denman housing review advances through policy discussion

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, January 20, 2026 — “The discussion report presents options for housing policy and regulations that have yet to be decided by the Local Trust Committee.”

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- 1. Financial Planning Committee minutes, January 21, 2026 — “The Committee reviewed and discussed the above noted letter which requested the Committee to consider reducing funding for Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement work and legal opinions.”

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