

The Denman Firestarter

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THE ISLAND

Free Store asks for more volunteers as donations pile up

The volunteer-run Denman Island Free Store says it needs more help sorting and handling donated goods.

REPORT — FACTS AND CITATIONS ONLY

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The Denman Island Free Store is seeking volunteers as bags and boxes of donations arrive each week, according to a notice in this week’s Grapevine. The store operates in the Old School basement on Thursdays and Saturdays.¹

The notice says volunteers sort clothes, unpack books, display items and clean up. It also asks donors to wash and fold clothing, avoid donating damaged material and not leave items outside when the store is closed.¹

The store’s writer says it has been open for over 30 years and that some donations go to the garbage or charities in town. People can come in during open hours to volunteer and receive training.¹

THE ISLAND

sessions and a concert.¹

Denman housing review weighs changes to density and subdivision rules

Trustees discussed housing policy options on January 20, but the minutes say the options have yet to be decided.

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Denman Island Local Trust Committee members discussed possible housing policy and regulation changes during their January 20 meeting, including density, subdivision and secondary dwelling units. The minutes describe the options as undecided.¹

The minutes record agreement among trustees on options to limit Rural Residential lots to four dwellings and to limit principal dwellings on some Residential lots within 200 metres of the shoreline. The recorded discussion says those options would affect five and eleven properties, respectively.¹

Trustees also discussed removing subdivision potential and allowing subdivision through site-specific rezoning applications, as well as permitting secondary suites and small units on Rural Residential lots without a minimum property size. These were discussion points, not a final decision on the housing review.¹

THE ISLAND

Community choir is scheduled to resume February 5

The Denman choir notice invites singers of all experience levels to join sessions at the Community Hall’s Back Hall.

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A Denman Island community choir is scheduled to start meeting again on February 5 at 2:30 p.m. in the Back Hall of the Community Hall, according to a notice in the Grapevine.¹

The notice says all voices are welcome and participants do not need to read music. It describes the sessions as four-part harmony and offers newcomers two weeks to try the choir before paying a fee.¹

The notice lists a sliding-scale cost of \$120 to \$160 for 12

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2026-01-29: Rain; 10°C / 8°C; wind ESE 15 kn; daylight 07:57–17:08; moon Waxing Gibbous, 82% lit; high water 4:09 AM (4.8 m), low water 8:44 AM (4.1 m), high water 12:41 PM (4.6 m), low water 8:54 PM (0.5 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/
british-columbia/denman-island/
week/2026-01-29

	Thu 29	Fri 30	Sat 31	Sun 01	Mon 02	Tue 03	Wed 04
Sky	Rain	Rain	Rain	Rain	Drizzle	Light drizzle	Overcast
High	10°C	11°C	10°C	11°C	9°C	11°C	13°C
Low	8°C	8°C	9°C	8°C	8°C	8°C	7°C
Wind	ESE 15 kn	ESE 17 kn	SSE 12 kn	ESE 10 kn	SE 11 kn	SSE 12 kn	SE 7 kn
Daylight	07:57–17:08	07:56–17:10	07:55–17:12	07:54–17:13	07:52–17:15	07:51–17:17	07:49–17:19
Moon	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Full Moon	Waning Gibbous	Waning 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.

Free Store asks for more volunteers as donations pile up

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, January 29, 2026 — “The freestore is completley run by volunteers and there is a need for more helping hands.”

Denman housing review weighs changes to density and subdivision rules

- 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.”

Community choir is scheduled to resume February 5

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, January 29, 2026 — “Community Choir Starting Thursday Feb 5 2:30pm”

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