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THE ISLAND

CityWest resumes Denman fibre-optic construction

The company says crews are working in the Danes Road area after a permitting delay slowed the island expansion.

REPORT — FACTS AND CITATIONS ONLY

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CityWest says its fibre-optic construction crew is back on Denman Island and working in the Danes Road area, after a provincial strike delayed permitting and slowed the build.¹

The company says the project’s expanded scope adds 238 homes, representing 95% of occupied properties on the island. Construction

began last fall on Pickles Road and Owl Crescent.¹

CityWest says it aims to complete the project this spring and plans to bring new sections online in stages as construction proceeds. It says 13 of 47 homes left out of the expanded scope now

have possible service solutions, while it continues exploring options for the remaining homes.¹

The company says residents seeking project updates can use its contact form or call its listed number.¹

THE ISLAND

Denman housing bylaws set for February 17 public hearing

A public hearing is scheduled on proposed changes concerning housing at the Triple Rock Land Cooperative.

The notice says proposals may be for solo shows or groups of two or more, and may include painting, pottery, photography, sculpture, glass work and other forms of art.¹

The notice gives March 28, 2026, as the deadline for completed proposals. It says artists can submit through the Abraxas Free Post or by email.¹

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A public hearing on proposed Denman Island bylaws concerning the Triple Rock Land Cooperative is scheduled for 10:15 a.m. on February 17, following a community information meeting at 10 a.m., according to a notice in this week’s Grapevine.¹

The notice says proposed Bylaw 255 would amend the Official Community Plan to withdraw residential units from the density bank and allow four additional residential units on the subject property. Proposed Bylaw 250 would change R4 zoning regulations, including allowing secondary suites in all residential units.¹

Proposed Bylaw 254 would establish a housing agreement regulating occupancy and affordability for 19 housing units, including associated secondary suites, and set monitoring and reporting requirements, the notice says.¹

The Denman Island Local Trust Committee’s January 20 minutes record discussion of housing policy and regulatory options that had yet to be decided by the committee. The minutes say the discussion included density-bank policies, subdivision, dwelling limits and secondary units.²

THE ISLAND

Denman Summer Art Gallery seeks proposals for its season

The gallery committee is inviting island artists to propose solo or group exhibitions for a season scheduled to run from early June to September.

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The Denman Summer Art Gallery committee is seeking proposals from island artists for exhibitions during a season scheduled to run from early June to September, according to a notice in the Grapevine.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2026-02-05: Fog; 11°C / 5°C; wind NW 4 kn; daylight 07:48–17:20; moon Waning Gibbous, 89% lit; low water 1:18 AM (1.5 m), high water 8:05 AM (5.1 m), low water 2:35 PM (2.3 m), high water 7:59 PM (3.9 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2026-02-05

	Thu 05	Fri 06	Sat 07	Sun 08	Mon 09	Tue 10	Wed 11
Sky	Fog	Fog	Light rain	Overcast	Light rain	Light drizzle	Fog
High	11°C	11°C	11°C	9°C	10°C	10°C	8°C
Low	5°C	4°C	7°C	2°C	4°C	4°C	2°C
Wind	NW 4 kn	NW 10 kn	ESE 15 kn	WSW 7 kn	SE 11 kn	N 7 kn	N 5 kn
Daylight	07:48–17:20	07:46–17:22	07:45–17:24	07:43–17:25	07:42–17:27	07:40–17:29	07:38–17:30
Moon	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Waning Gibbous	Last Quarter	Last Quarter	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.

CityWest resumes Denman fibre-optic construction

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, CityWest Provides an Update to Denman Island Expansion Project — “Our team is now back on the island, working in the Danes Road area”

Denman housing bylaws set for February 17 public hearing

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, Public Hearing Notice: Proposed Bylaw Nos. 255, 254 and 250 — “The Denman Island Local Trust Committee invites the public to attend a Public Hearing beginning at 10:00 am, Tuesday, February 17, 2026”
- 2. Denman Island Local Trust Committee, January 20, 2026 regular meeting minutes — “The discussion report presents options for housing policy and regulations that have yet to be decided by the Local Trust Committee.”

Denman Summer Art Gallery seeks proposals for its season

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, Call for Submissions – Denman Island Summer Art Gallery — “The Gallery season will run from early June to September”

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