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THE ISLAND

Trust committee discusses housing policy and island planning

Denman trustees heard public comments on housing, foreign ownership and a proposed winery at their March 17 meeting.

REPORT — FACTS AND CITATIONS ONLY

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee heard questions and comments on housing, foreign ownership and a proposed winery at its March 17 meeting, according to adopted minutes.¹

A member of the public asked whether legislation restricting foreign buyers applied to Denman and urged trustees and Trust Council to advocate on foreign ownership. The chair suggested

drafting a letter to Trust Council to put the issue on its agenda; a planner said the ban applied only to metropolitan areas.¹

Asked about a proposed winery at the island’s northern end, a planner said the applicant had applied for a retroactive development permit and had not applied for a development variance permit. The planner said the Board of Variance expressions-of-interest call was

unrelated to the application and followed the expiry of the board’s terms.¹

The minutes also record that the committee added a subdivision discussion to its agenda by general consent.¹

THE ISLAND

Denman housing consultation draws funding and siting concerns

Residents raised questions about affordable housing, while the Denman Community Housing Association discussed funding options at a March 15 consultation.

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The Denman Community Housing Association held a community consultation on affordable housing at the Community Hall on March 15, according to a report to the Local Trust Committee. Trustee Sam Borthwick reported that a BC Housing grant had been cut and other funding options were being explored.¹

At the committee’s March 17 meeting, a member of the public proposed that the need for affordable housing on Denman Island may be up to 300 units. Another member of the public expressed concern that affordable housing proposals were being pushed into already dense areas, raising possible septic and traffic problems and pedestrian safety on Northwest Road.¹

The chair advised that the siting and use permit process provides a review of septic regulations. A trustee acknowledged the local roads committee advocating for safer road conditions, while another spoke on the benefits of clustering affordable housing closer to amenities to reduce vehicle use.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2026-03-19: Drizzle; 12°C / 10°C; wind SE 13 kn; daylight 07:27–19:29; moon New Moon, 0% lit; low water 12:23 AM (1.7 m), high water 6:41 AM (4.8 m), low water 1:02 PM (1.9 m), high water 7:01 PM (4.5 m).



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2026-03-19>

	Thu 19	Fri 20	Sat 21	Sun 22	Mon 23	Tue 24	Wed 25
Sky	Drizzle	Dense drizzle	Drizzle	Light drizzle	Overcast	Rain	Light drizzle
High	12°C	13°C	11°C	8°C	9°C	12°C	9°C
Low	10°C	5°C	1°C	3°C	0°C	3°C	2°C
Wind	SE 13 kn	NNW 10 kn	ENE 11 kn	NNE 6 kn	N 4 kn	SE 22 kn	W 14 kn
Daylight	07:27–19:29	07:25–19:31	07:23–19:32	07:21–19:34	07:18–19:35	07:16–19:37	07:14–19:38
Moon	New Moon	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing Crescent	Waxing 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.

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- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, March 17, 2026 — “The planner responded that the applicant has applied for a retroactive development permit; and that no development variance permit has been applied for.”

Denman housing consultation draws funding and siting concerns

- 1. Denman Island Local Trust Committee minutes, March 17, 2026 — “Attendance on March 15 at the Denman Community Housing Association’s community consultation on affordable housing event held at the Community Hall; it”

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