

THE ISLAND

Denman housing consultation draws funding and siting concerns

A March 15 community consultation on affordable housing included discussion of a cut BC Housing grant and other funding options, according to a trustee’s report to the Local Trust Committee.

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A Denman Community Housing Association consultation on affordable housing took place at the Community Hall on March 15, Trustee Sam Borthwick reported to the Local Trust Committee on March 17.¹

Borthwick reported that a BC Housing grant had been cut and that other funding options were being explored to allow greater

local autonomy.¹

At the March 17 meeting, a member of the public said affordable housing proposals were being pushed into already dense areas and raised concerns about septic systems, traffic and pedestrian safety on Northwest Road.¹

The chair said the siting and use permit process reviews septic regulations. A trustee said clustering affordable housing near amenities can reduce the need for vehicle use, and another noted the local roads committee was advocating for safer road conditions.¹

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Trustees advance bylaws for cooperative housing project

The Denman Local Trust Committee gave third readings to bylaws concerning four additional units and secondary suites at a cooperative housing project.

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The Denman Local Trust Committee gave third readings on February 17 to proposed bylaws for the Triple Rock Land Cooperative, including a bylaw to add four residential units and permit secondary suites in all units.¹

The proposed housing agreement secures 19 cooperative housing units as affordable and specifies occupancy, according to the meeting minutes.¹

At the public hearing, Sean Maher said the cost of building a unit created a high barrier to co-op housing and asked whether financing was available. The applicant said financing had been discussed but nothing was in place.¹

The minutes record support for the application as well as concerns about secondary suites. They also say suites could be rented to co-op members, family members, caregivers, people applying for membership and people actively involved in the co-op, but not used for short-term rentals.¹

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Island gathering scheduled to celebrate longtime Denman resident

A celebration of life for Kresta Bishop is scheduled for Saturday in Courtenay, according to a community notice.

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A community notice in The Islands Grapevine invited friends and colleagues to a celebration of life for Kresta Bishop on Saturday, March 28, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Courtenay.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2026-03-26: Rain; 9°C / 1°C; wind SE 13 kn; daylight 07:12–19:40; moon First Quarter, 52% lit; high water 1:58 AM (4.7 m), low water 7:34 AM (3.8 m), high water 10:49 AM (4 m), low water 6:55 PM (1.1 m).



https://catchwindow.com/canada/
british-columbia/denman-island/
week/2026-03-26

	Thu 26	Fri 27	Sat 28	Sun 29	Mon 30	Tue 31	Wed 01
Sky	Rain	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Rain
High	9°C	11°C	10°C	9°C	8°C	10°C	7°C
Low	1°C	4°C	3°C	1°C	0°C	1°C	5°C
Wind	SE 13 kn	ENE 7 kn	N 6 kn	N 13 kn	N 5 kn	NNW 6 kn	SE 12 kn
Daylight	07:12–19:40	07:10–19:41	07:08–19:43	07:05–19:45	07:03–19:46	07:01–19:48	06:59–19:49
Moon	First Quarter	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous

Open-Meteo historical forecast. Tides: Canadian Hydrographic Service.

DENMAN FIRE RESCUE

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Sources

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- 1. Denman LTC Regular Meeting 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”

Trustees advance bylaws for cooperative housing project

- 1. Denman LTC Special Meeting Minutes, February 17, 2026 — “Proposed Bylaw No. 254 is the housing agreement which secures nineteen cooperative co-op housing units as affordable and specifies occupancy;”

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- 1. The Islands Grapevine, March 26, 2026 — “Please join the family of Kresta Bishop for an open house as we celebrate a life lived with incredible strength and heart.”

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