

The Denman Firestarter

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THE ISLAND

Denman housing review advances to draft-bylaw stage

The Local Trust Committee asked staff to prepare draft bylaws after reviewing proposed changes to the island’s Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw.

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee asked staff to present draft bylaws for first reading after a special meeting on April 17 focused on the housing review. The minutes say first reading was anticipated in May and would trigger referrals and further community engagement.¹

Trustees reviewed draft language on housing, economic activities, guest accommodation, setbacks and subdivision. Among the recorded changes were removing a proposed 10-unit limitation and a Step Code requirement from one housing policy, and removing a proposed maximum floor area of 50 square metres from another.¹

Members of the public raised questions about, among other things, the proposed 60-metre distance between residences on one property, housing on Agricultural Land Reserve land, and definitions of affordable and non-market housing.¹

The committee endorsed a revised project charter and requested draft bylaws based on decisions made at the meeting. The minutes record those motions as carried; they do not say the draft bylaws received first reading.¹

THE ISLAND

Denman beach cleanup reaches its final collection days

Organizers set April 23 and 24 as the last days to drop off beach debris before a volunteer sorting event at the Old School on Saturday.

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The Denman Island community beach cleanup lists Thursday and Friday, April 23 and 24, as the final days to drop off beach debris at the Old School.¹

Volunteers are scheduled to gather there on Saturday, April 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to sort debris, pack it into tagged super sacks and load the sacks into containers for transport to Ocean Legacy marine recycling.¹

The notice asks volunteers to bring gloves and says some will be available. It also offers pickup assistance for debris.¹

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Denman school students prepare a May stage production

Division 3 students are scheduled to perform “As You Wish” at the Community Hall on May 7 and 8.

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Denman Island School’s Division 3 students are scheduled to perform “As You Wish” at the Community Hall on Thursday and Friday, May 7 and 8, with both performances listed for 6 p.m.¹

The notice describes the production as a school presentation and says admission is by donation, with everyone welcome.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2026-04-23: Overcast; 18°C / 5°C; wind N 7 kn; daylight 06:14–20:23; moon Waxing Crescent, 37% lit; high water 12:19 AM (4.9 m), low water 6:09 AM (3.7 m), high water 9:37 AM (3.9 m), low water 5:20 PM (1 m).



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2026-04-23>

	Thu 23	Fri 24	Sat 25	Sun 26	Mon 27	Tue 28	Wed 29
Sky	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	Clear	Rain	Overcast	Fog
High	18°C	21°C	20°C	23°C	16°C	16°C	19°C
Low	5°C	7°C	7°C	7°C	7°C	9°C	7°C
Wind	N 7 kn	N 7 kn	N 7 kn	N 7 kn	E 8 kn	N 5 kn	NE 5 kn
Daylight	06:14–20:23	06:12–20:24	06:10–20:26	06:08–20:27	06:06–20:29	06:05–20:31	06:03–20:32
Moon	Waxing Crescent	First Quarter	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing 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.

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- 1. Denman LTC Special Meeting Minutes, April 17, 2026 — “that the Denman Island Local Trust Committee request staff to present draft bylaws for First Reading based on decisions made at the April 17th, 2026 Denman LTC meeting.”

Denman beach cleanup reaches its final collection days

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, April 23, 2026 — “Final days to drop off any beach debris:”

Denman school students prepare a May stage production

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, April 23, 2026 — “The students of Division 3 return to the stage to dazzle and delight.”

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