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GOVERNANCE

Denman housing bylaws receive first reading and July meeting scheduled

The Local Trust Committee approved referrals and requested a public hearing after the referral period for proposed Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw amendments.

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The Denman Island Local Trust Committee gave first reading to proposed Bylaw Nos. 260 and 264 on May 12 and requested staff schedule an in-person Community Information Meeting in July. ¹ The committee also requested a Public Hearing following the close of the referral period. ¹

The amendments include changes to freshwater policies, housing policies, inspection rules, cistern requirements and setbacks. ¹ The committee requested that staff add a policy discouraging groundwater-fed swimming pools and requiring zoning regulations to prohibit pools supplied from groundwater. ¹

The committee requested changes to draft Land Use Bylaw No. 264, including replacing “8,400 litres” with “18,000 litres” in the cistern requirements and changing a minimum distance from 30 metres to 15 metres. ¹

The committee also requested a Section 219 Land Title Act

restrictive covenant template requiring that a secondary suite be permitted only where a covenant prohibits subdivision or stratification of the suite. ¹

Staff said a business case for the 2027/2028 fiscal year would be drafted and placed on the agenda for the June meeting. ¹

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, May 12, 2026 — “that the Denman Island Local Trust Committee Bylaw No. 260 cited as “Denman Island Official Community Plan, 2008, Amendment No. 1, 2026”, be read for the first time.”

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