

THE DENMAN FIRESTARTER

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THE ISLAND

Housing review draws questions at Denman meeting

A special meeting on draft housing bylaws covered density, housing options and the scheduled public hearing.

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Denman’s Local Trust Committee reviewed draft Official Community Plan and land-use bylaw changes at a July 11 special meeting, where about 19 members of the public attended. The public hearing was scheduled for September 15.¹

The planner said the proposals replace the density cap and density bank with policy supporting affordable secondary suites and rezoning for multi-unit housing. The presentation also described a

projected reduction of 100 dwelling units in overall density and options including tiny-home villages, shared-facility housing and seniors’ housing.¹

Questions at the meeting included how the proposals address secondary suites, dwelling size and the effects of additional residents on water and vehicle use. The minutes record a builder’s

concerns about added rules and the relationship between building size and ecological impacts.¹

The minutes also record a concern that notices were hard to find and posted late, and that project documents were available only on the project website. The meeting record does not include a response to that concern.¹

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Denman chamber music festival schedules three August concerts

The Kaimerata Summer Chamber Music Festival is scheduled to present Beethoven and Schubert works on Denman in August.

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The Kaimerata Summer Chamber Music Festival is scheduled to hold three concerts on Denman Island on August 7, 8 and 9, featuring works by Beethoven and Schubert.¹

The programme lists Schubert’s Trout Quintet and Beethoven’s Archduke Trio for August 7, an Arpeggione Sonata and Beethoven’s Opus 132 String Quartet for August 8, and Beethoven’s Opus 111 Piano Sonata and Schubert’s Cello Quintet for August 9.¹

The festival notice says Kai Gleusteen will introduce the works and discuss the composers’ lives. Tickets are listed at \$30 for adults and \$15 for students, with tickets available online and at the door.¹

CATCHWINDOW

The week on the water, for this island.

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

Thu 2026-07-23: Overcast; 31°C / 19°C; wind NE 12 kn; daylight 05:38–21:15; moon Waxing Gibbous, 65% lit; high water 12:04 AM (4.4 m), low water 8:09 AM (1.5 m), high water 4:21 PM (4.1 m), low water 8:19 PM (3.9 m).



<https://catchwindow.com/canada/british-columbia/denman-island/week/2026-07-23>

	Thu 23	Fri 24	Sat 25	Sun 26	Mon 27	Tue 28	Wed 29
Sky	Overcast	Overcast	Light drizzle	Dense drizzle	Overcast	Rain	Overcast
High	31°C	26°C	24°C	19°C	21°C	23°C	25°C
Low	19°C	16°C	16°C	15°C	14°C	16°C	13°C
Wind	NE 12 kn	NE 8 kn	SE 13 kn	SSE 12 kn	ESE 13 kn	SW 14 kn	ENE 7 kn
Daylight	05:38–21:15	05:39–21:14	05:40–21:12	05:42–21:11	05:43–21:10	05:44–21:09	05:46–21:07
Moon	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Waxing Gibbous	Full Moon

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.

Housing review draws questions at Denman meeting

- 1. Denman LTC Special Meeting Minutes, July 11, 2026 — “The public hearing is scheduled on September 15.”

Denman chamber music festival schedules three August concerts

- 1. The Islands Grapevine, July 23, 2026 — “The summer festival, with three concerts programmed for August 7th, 8th, and 9th.”

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