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DI Summer Art Gallery

ARTS&LIT

By Judith Scruton

THE Summer Gallery committee is still looking for Artists to show their work at the Summer Gallery. We would love to gather as many artists as possible to fill the gallery with their creative work, all you have to do is apply and the committee will do the rest! Please call Judith Scruton for further details as our closing date for applications is March 22nd. Please join us to show what Denman has been creating during the COVID-19 years! We look forward to hearing from you. 🍷

DI Charity Auction is a Go

COMMUNITY INFO

By Stirling Fraser

Sunday, September 25, 2022, is Denman's next GIANT CHARITY AUCTION/GARAGE SALE EXTRAVAGANZA in the Activity Centre and the Denman Hall.

THIS is a joint fund-raising effort by DIRCS, (aka the Denman Hall), DSMS, (aka the Activity Centre) and the Preschool to help make up for our lack of revenue over the last two years.

The auction is a chance for islanders to shed themselves of unwanted items that other islanders could use, and which (admit it) you have been keeping in your house or garage for years, and will never ever use again. A good cause and a great way to explain to your spouse where their kayak/barbeque/couch/sewing machine disappeared to.

These auctions have been a biennial event on the island for years. This is the one major annual social event on Denman which does not involve books, harpsichords or wool. Coveting your neighbour's goods is the name of the game. (The other nine commandments will remain in place)

Better items will be auctioned off at the Activity Centre starting at 10 am, and Smaller items of less value will go into a giant garage sale at the Denman hall that will run all day with prices negotiable, (very).

There are some rules though. No sets of encyclopedias, no mattresses or bedding (bed frames/headboards are okay), no exercise machines other than crutches, and no child car seats.

We cannot give out tax receipts but no good deed goes unrewarded.

Last time we had at least one decent car, several boats, lots of furniture, many power tools, and lots and lots of really interesting things. Antique walking loom, mantel clocks, art supplies, end tables, dining tables, coffee tables, boxes of hardware, and onward infinitum.

There will be food and drink, a great stage performance from our returning professional auctioneer Brian, all your neighbours, new and old, and a garage sale to die for. (each hall has an automated emergency defibrillator) Donations can be dropped off on Tuesday Sept 20, Wednesday Sept 21 or until noon on Thursday, September 22.

Viewing is on Saturday, September 25

Larger items can be picked up and we will offer post auction delivery service for a fee.

Any questions please call Roxanna at 2576 or Stirling at 1009 🍷

Plant Sale Fundraiser for School Garden!

By Emily Guinnane
• DICES

COMMUNITY INFO

We welcome donations of all sorts, including perennials, trees, annuals and edibles. So if you are dividing some plants or starting a few, please keep us in mind. Our plant donation drop off spot will be outside the school garden, starting April 8th. Remember to label your plants and It is helpful if they can be there by April 21st.

The Plant Sale will take place on Saturday April 23 outside the free-store and recycling 9:30am-noon. If you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions email dices.emily@gmail.com or call 250 335 2058.

Our school garden provides vegetables for our weekly salad bar program, served free of charge to all students at the school. Our goal is to eat food from the garden every week throughout the whole school year!

DO you want to support Denman kids getting nutritious food and the opportunity to learn gardening skills? Well, then we have an opportunity for you!

Affordable Housing: The CVRD Weighs In

By Anthony Gregson

COMMUNITY INFO

Working in partnership with the Islands Trust, the money will hire a consultant who will research what a housing service might look like, talking with stakeholders. If a workable service can be designed, it would eventually be put to a referendum for tax funding.

“If you create a housing service, it is basically a little bit of money you collect from Hornby and Denman residents that creates momentum and funding to grow our affordable and secure housing stock,” Arbour says. That was supposed to happen with the official community plans, which “try to fix in time population at current levels,” but the effort to preserve and protect by limiting development while steadily enhancing desirability, has had only one effect: “The price keeps going up.”

Arbour believes it is essential to meet the deficit of 100 units per island identified by the Island Trust 2018 housing needs assessment. But he feels the existing affordable housing projects underway can only be part of the picture. Between Denman Green and Pepper Lane, there will be only 30 units on Denman, and on Hornby, with Beulah Creek 20-plus units. That leaves a deficit of about 70 units on each island. He points out that existing projects have still not secured their funding and are in relatively early stages, despite years of dedicated effort. “You still need to get those big projects to the finish line because we have invested so much community energy, and I think it will happen. But the future, with the servicing for water, community septic, regulation, and red tape, which are increasing all the time, I think more of a guerrilla housing approach may have merit.” Is there a place for a housing authority like Whistler has, he asks? What is the formula? He thinks we need to look at creating two or three affordable units a year. “That doesn’t sound too bad, not as huge as seventy.”

The CVRD has a homelessness service, and experience with housing throughout the Comox Valley, but very little knowledge of planning requirements on Hornby and Denman, where the Trust has all the necessary experience and planning tools. There is no saying at this point what the service would look like, but Arbour suggests it might look at such ideas as community owned housing on land leased from private property owners who could be incentivized, as an example.

TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •
• Source: tides.gc.ca •

2022-03-17 (Thu)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
05:44	4.6	15.1
11:36	2.7	8.9
16:54	4.2	13.8
23:28	1.4	4.6
2022-03-18 (Fri)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
06:06	4.6	15.1
12:09	2.4	7.9
17:45	4.3	14.1
2022-03-19 (Sat)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
00:05	1.6	5.2
06:29	4.6	15.1
12:45	2.1	6.9
18:39	4.3	14.1
2022-03-20 (Sun)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
00:43	1.9	6.2
06:52	4.6	15.1
13:23	1.7	5.6
19:37	4.3	14.1
2022-03-21 (Mon)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
01:24	2.4	7.9
07:18	4.6	15.1
14:04	1.4	4.6
20:40	4.3	14.1
2022-03-22 (Tue)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
02:09	2.8	9.2
07:46	4.5	14.8
14:49	1.2	3.9
2022-03-23 (Wed)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
03:03	3.2	10.5
08:19	4.4	14.4
15:39	1.1	3.6
23:10	4.4	14.4
2022-03-24 (Thu)		
Time PST (m)	(ft)	
04:12	3.5	11.5
08:59	4.3	14.1
16:35	1	3.3



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...continued from P.3 Arbour recalls discussing affordability with Hillary Brown when he moved to Hornby. Brown had been the very first Chair of the Islands Trust in the 1970s, and even back then discussions were occurring about the value and risks of capping zoning. In some ways 40 years later it is foreseeable that without effort, the affordable housing situation could continue to get worse. "We are having debates in every community on Vancouver Island: can development relieve the price of housing? I think it is not, because the demand is so great, the supply too little. Everyone in Canada wants to move here, especially post-Covid. Then you have India and China - Vancouver is the next natural step. You are seeing a really significant population from abroad: if you go to North Island College, it's exploding."

Long term-growth in adjacent communities may not help. Development of Union Bay to a community about the size of Comox over the next fifty to one hundred years with ten to fifteen thousand residents may do little to alleviate affordability because the homes will all be higher end.

Arbour sees the need to follow the lead of many jurisdictions who have purposefully secured a range of below-market housing options, and make sure that those options are secured for the long-term. He hopes that the housing service feasibility study will bring in the islands' housing organizations, key stakeholders, and local government to forge a path that bears results: "At the end of the day, once we succeed in securing 100 or so homes on each island that are affordable and secure, our job could be done for generations to come. Doing this will ensure that we maintain diverse communities where low income households can thrive in safe and secure homes, and feel respected and supported by our communities". 🍷

Phoenix Riting! A Hornby Perspective

By Phoenix Bee

WELL hello there! So lovely to see your beautiful smiles! I truly am enjoying the newly naked faces, though I don't judge if you still feel safer or more comfortable wearing a mask. You do you! For me, it's a joy to smile at someone in public and see their smile in return.

We need all the reasons to smile we can find these days. That's easy, spring is here! Nettles are standing like soldiers ready to lend valiant assistance to your immune system (and your taste buds). Toss them raw into a green smoothie if you have a decent blender, or cook them like spinach; their meaty texture and delicate flavour make steamed nettles a real spring treat! You can make anything with nettles, from nettle beer to nettlekopitas. And nettle pesto, wow, the secret is in the garlic. It's hard to find good garlic now, as it's growing season: new garlic is busily poking up green spears in the garden. Thank God for spring. It comes around so reliably every year, indifferent to war, plague, tyranny or other apocalyptic horrors. Nature abides.

We are so blessed! The worse other people have it, the more grateful I am for the beauty and resilience of this land. That's allowed. Some people say, "Only a horrible person could enjoy themselves while others are at war!" But the math doesn't add up. Other's suffering does not negate our personal positive experiences. It is entirely possible to feel heartbreak, compassion and horror for others within a context of enhanced gratitude for one's personal blessings, and that can actually increase our desire to be of help and service. The truth is, there isn't usually much you can do to alleviate the pain of folks in far flung places. Fill your own cup. There is too much guilt in the world. Reality is complicated and holds space for a wide spectrum of responses.

Contrariwise, it's not a good idea to invalidate one's feelings, like heartbreak or trauma, by comparing it with folks in other parts of the world. "Others have it so much worse, I have no reason to feel this way" is not helpful when it comes to navigating our emotions. You are allowed to suffer your personal pains without

having to place them within a context of all the pain that exists in the world. Your experience is valid, without comparison. Period.

Existence happens within the context that embraces us, starting in our own body, mind, emotions, spirit. We need to locate ourselves in the here and now. Abstracting the self into a global context as a lifestyle is bad for bodies. We so easily use up our resources struggling to emotionally problem-solve for people who will never even know it, while our own lives suffer for lack of our attention and focus.

What I'm saying is, it's time for a social media fast. I've got to leave Facebook for a while. Forever would be best, but realistically unlikely. The world has crawled into my brain and it's occupying way too much space. I want to go into the real world, the actual real world of dirt and sea and sky. There I will pick nettles, watch wildlife, soak in the sunshine (if we ever get any). And I will smile at unmasked faces. I hope to see you there!

What do you think? I would love to hear your point of view! Maybe we can talk? Email phoenixhornby@gmail.com 🍷

Green Wizardries: Alban Eilir

By Maxine Rogers

SPECIAL INTEREST

WHEN I was a little girl, I found out about the longest day of the year and the shortest day of the year, the Summer and Winter Solstices. I thought it was odd we didn't celebrate such days. No one told me about the Equinoxes until much later and I felt we should celebrate these days too.

The Solstices and the Equinoxes are celebrated by Druids and other nature-based spiritual traditions and can be celebrated even by rational materialists because they signal important events in nature. At 8:33 A.M. on Sunday March 20, the Spring Equinox takes place. The Spring Equinox marks a time of perfect balance between night and day; each being exactly 12 hours long. Druids call this day, Alban Eilir. The name Alban Eilir is in the Welsh language and is said to mean the Light of

the Earth.

Some people think of Alban Eilir as the first day of spring but it is really the midpoint of spring as June 21 is midsummer, not the first day of summer.

In the agricultural year, this day marks a time to take a deep breath and prepare to plunge into the extremely busy season of planting, grazing, harvesting, preserving, milking and cheese making. I expect other rural economies also gear up at this time but I know little of logging and fishing and so will leave that for others to discuss.

This festival is adorned with primroses, the beautiful blue chionodoxa flowers also called, "the Glory of the Snow," crocuses, the first of the daffodils and the last of the snowdrops. The birds will be singing a great chorus on the morning of the twentieth and there may even be a few herring left alive to lay some eggs.

This is a season to clean the house and get winter out. Some people clean the whole house and then have their kids run through each room in the house and chase winter out the front door. There are other customs I have read about such as an old custom from the Welsh Borders of decorating a chair with flowers and ribbons and carrying it around the house. Then, each female in the household would sit on the chair in turn and be lifted up. This was said to have something to do with the Resurrection of Christ but in that case, why was it only for the females? It sounds a pleasant tradition and would be a fun way to celebrate with children and then make a special meal.

A custom has to start somewhere so this year, I will be baking gluten-free hot crossed buns. In ancient Rome, cakes were marked with an equal-armed cross to represent the four seasons as an offering to the moon Goddess Diana. I also will cook some nettles and an egg dish to celebrate the return of the health-giving nettles, a wonderful spring tonic. Eggs are a symbol both of the spring and of eternal life. The hare, the original Easter bunny, is also an ancient symbol of eternal life.



I will also be digging some planting holes in the garden as this is an auspicious day to break the soil. I will pray to Priapus, a Roman God of fertility who has been very kind to my household, for fertility as I dig these holes. This is a custom I have from my Irish ancestors who used to pray in the fields on the first day in the spring it was dry enough to plow. I will mix in some of the ashes from last year's Parilia fire into the planting holes to receive the blessings of the Gods on my garden. My British ancestors would have saved ashes from the Midsummer bonfire for such a purpose. I believe the custom began in ancient Rome and was brought to Britain but it may have another origin.

Alban Eilir is a great day to plant seeds. I will be starting some herbs to use in culinary and healing magic. This is a great day to plant a tree. Just be sure to water it well and consistently as it is pretty late in the year to be planting a tree.

Just as we plant seeds or trees on this sacred day, we can also plant seeds in our lives. As we go into the bright half of the year, what do we want to accomplish? How would we like to change ourselves? Would we like to be happier? Healthier? More financially secure? I will decide how I want to change and I will create a mantra to help me get there. If a person struggles with painting, their mantra might be, "Painting is so fun and easy for me." If a person wants to be more happy their mantra might be, "I am filled with boundless happiness." If a person needs help succeeding at work their mantra might be, "I love my job and I am good at it." The key here is to remember to repeat the mantra 100 times a day for a year. *continued on P.6...*

...continued from P.5 You will be amazed at what this can do to improve your life.

Half the battle in life is getting your mind right. Once you do that, the rest has a tendency to fall into place. We all have to be careful about negative self talk and exposing ourselves to negative people and events. I always feel better when I can ignore the news. After all, if there is a war in a far-off country, what can I do about it?

We are headed into the bright half of the year and I hope everyone will enjoy the good weather and opportunities to get out and enjoy nature. The old comfortable world is gone and we need to adjust to this new, more challenging world. One of the ways to do that is to concern ourselves only with the events we have some hope of being able to influence. I wish everyone a pleasant spring in their garden. 🍷

Letter to the Editor *There's this narrative that the Russian oligarchs will straighten Putin out. They've too much to lose. The last one who challenged him lost an election. Got ten years in jail. Lost an oil company. Much of the oligarchs billions are now socked away in unregulated Wall Street firms. In numbered accounts.*

The Russian rouble and stock market are in turmoil. Putin's fortune is tied in with the oligarchs. Given his fabled wealth, it's hard to imagine that he doesn't have a backup plan. Using his proxies as fronts. Russia exports 10% of the world's oil. It still flows. No change in supply and demand. So why has the price tripled? Russia exports 12% of the world's nickel. It's going through China. Again, no change in supply and demand. So why has the price doubled?

Trump was a convenient distraction while Putin messed with the world. A pandemic of right wing fascists and racists make up the bulk of the world's political class. The West is still being played. This is the true new world order. Putin's war is less about conquest, and more about corruption. By manipulating commodities, he's using the very foundation of capitalism to finance his invasion. American imperialism goes for the ownership of foreign resources. Putin is after America. We're the collateral damage.

Hersh Chernovsky 🍷

Strengthening Senior Services

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Ukraine's Nuclear Mistake

By Gwynne Dyer

• OP March 14, 2022

OPINION

have invaded if Ukraine had even one nuclear missile capable of reaching Moscow.

WOULD Vladimir Putin's Russia have invaded Ukraine three weeks ago if it had 1,900 nuclear warheads on 176 ICBMs and 2,600 tactical nuclear weapons? Of course not. He wouldn't

When the Soviet Union was dissolved in 1991, Ukraine got custody of all those nuclear weapons because they had been based on its territory at the time of the break-up. Suddenly, Ukraine was the world's third biggest nuclear power, with more warheads than Britain, France and China combined.

I was in Kiev several times in that period. I interviewed quite a few of the Ukrainian nationalists who had suddenly emerged into the open (having been in deep cover during Soviet times), and I don't recall a single one who mentioned those nuclear weapons. And neither did I, to be honest. It didn't seem very relevant at the time.

But it certainly feels relevant to a lot of Ukrainians now. They gave away the one thing that could have kept them from being invaded.

The Russians and the Americans were very unhappy about Ukraine's nukes in the early 1990s, as they both saw them as a kind of 'proliferation'. More fingers on more triggers (Belarus and Kazakhstan also inherited smaller numbers of Soviet nukes and delivery vehicles) made the task of maintaining mutual nuclear deterrence more complex and unstable.

So the two 'superpowers', as they were still known, used political pressure and judicious bribes to persuade the new Ukrainian government to hand all its nuclear weapons over to Russia for destruction. Post-apartheid South Africa was getting rid of its nuclear weapons at the same time, so it didn't seem to be a bizarre or foolish decision at the time.

The great difference, of course, was that South Africa did not have a nuclear-armed great power as a neighbour. Ukraine did, and it has come to rue its mistake. This is a stake in the heart of the anti-nuclear proliferation campaign that was once seen as mere common sense.

It is, in fact, the third stake to be pounded into that rather crowded heart, but the first two were less convincing. Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi dictator, had a nuclear weapons programme during his war with Iran in the 1980s, but it was comprehensively dismantled by UN inspectors after he invaded Kuwait and was defeated in the first Gulf war in 1990-91.

He never restarted that nuclear weapons programme, but the United States invaded Iraq anyway in 2003 and the puppet government it installed in Baghdad hanged him.

Saddam Hussein richly deserved it for his many other crimes, no doubt, but the take-away was: for a dictator, nuclear weapons are the only life insurance that really works. North Korea tested its first nuclear weapon in 2006.

The Libyan dictator, Muammar Gaddafi, was so frightened by the American display of lawlessness in the 2003 invasion of Iraq that he let himself be bullied into closing down his own decade-old nuclear weapons programme. Big mistake.

Eight years later, in 2011, Gaddafi himself was driven from power by NATO air strikes, and then murdered by NATO-backed rebels. His own fault: he had jumped the wrong way. But once again, it was a cruel dictator who paid the price, so who cares?

In 1994, Ukraine let itself be sweet-talked into giving up all its nuclear weapons. In return it received solemn 'assurances' in the Budapest Memorandum that Russia, the UK and the US would "refrain from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of Ukraine." That worked well, didn't it?

A week ago, Sky News asked Svitlana Zalishchuk, foreign policy adviser to the Ukrainian deputy prime minister, if giving up the country's nuclear weapons had been a mistake.

"Yes, without a doubt," Zalishchuk replied. Countries that own nuclear weapons are "untouchable", and it is "because we voluntarily gave up on our nuclear weapons and the Budapest Memorandum has been ignored (that)

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...continued from P.7 we find ourselves in the situation that we are in.”

It turns out that not only evil dictators need nuclear weapons. Any country that has a nuclear-armed neighbour with a grievance urgently needs them too. Indeed, any country that thinks it might one day find itself in a confrontation with a nuclear-armed country, however far away it may be, needs nuclear weapons.

If you doubt me, just ask the Iranians, or the Taiwanese, or the South Koreans, who are all watching closely. Or even the Japanese and the Vietnamese, come to that.

If you get into a confrontation with a nuclear power, and you don't belong to a nuclear-armed alliance like NATO, then you cannot trust any other country to risk a nuclear war on your behalf. 'Guarantees' and 'assurances' are useless. You need to have your own nukes. 🍷

Islands Trust Council Approves 2022/23

Budget

PRESS RELEASE

By Islands Trust

Lək wəŋən, METULIYE/Victoria, B.C. – Islands Trust Council approved a budget of \$9.1 million for 2022/23.

"This budget responds to concerns and priorities expressed from across the entire Trust Area," said Islands Trust Council Chair Peter Luckham. "Trust Council made some tough choices in response to public feedback. Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation. Your input was heard and carefully considered when we made final decisions on the budget that will guide the coming year's work."

The approved budget for 2022/23 (\$9.1 million) assumes that Islands Trust will maintain existing land use planning service levels, add a part-time Conservancy fund development specialist, and will implement the following initiatives from Trust Council's 2018-2022 Strategic Plan:

- Official Community Plan update for the Hornby Island Local Trust Area
- Official Community Plan update for the Gambier Island Local Trust Area
- Housing project for the Denman Island Local Trust Area
- Ganges Village planning project, Coastal Douglas-fir zone and associated ecosystems protection project for the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area and a housing action program for the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area
- Improvements to development application processing services
- Affordable housing model bylaws project for use by local trust committees and Bowen Island Municipality
- Groundwater Sustainability science program in 2022/23 is focused on mapping recharge potential on Bowen Island, and Gambier, Lasqueti, Thetis and Salt Spring Local Trust Areas as well as select associated islands in the Islands Trust Area.
- Heritage preservation overlay mapping and model bylaws project for use by local trust committees, Bowen Island Municipality and Islands Trust Conservancy
- Stewardship education program
- Administrative support to regional coordination groups (e.g. Southern Gulf Islands Forum, Rural Islands Economic Partnership)
- Species at risk protection program through Islands Trust Conservancy
- Administration of trustee elections

In addition, Trust Council will continue to implement its Reconciliation Action Plan.

Highlights of the approved 2022/23 budget:

- 2.0% increase to the existing local trust area tax base plus an additional 1.25% tax revenue expected from new construction and development in local trust areas
- \$323,769 Bowen Island Municipal tax levy. This is a 4.0% (\$12,581) increase comprised of 3.09% increase to be levied against the existing tax base plus an additional 0.95% tax levy expected from new development and construction in the Municipality.
- 2.9% (\$259,238) increase in total planned spending for operations, projects, and capital purchases. This includes
 - \$141,000 for administration of trustee elections
 - 8.3% (\$760,501) of overall budget funded by approved external grants
 - \$264,724 in application fee revenue (increased from 2021/22)
 - \$395,500 budgeted for transfers from Island Trust surplus and reserve funds (reduced from 2021/22)
 - \$60,000 Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area special tax levy (reduced from 2021/22)

Further details of the approved 2022/23 budget are available on the Islands Trust website: <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/budget/> 🍷



Doreen Hynd taught Tai Chi Ch'uan on Hornby and Denman Island for many years. A film was made in 2018. She also participated in many cultural and community events on the Islands. Sadly, Doreen died at the age of 95 years old on March 12th, 2022, in hospital in Port Townsend, Wa. where she had been living for the last few years. She stays in our minds as an energetic, strong, compassionate, and generous woman. We always think of her doing our Tai Chi Ch'uan practice.



We are having a celebration of life for our dear friend Willo via Zoom towards the end of March. If you would like to join us for this worldwide event, please Text Elena at (250) 331 1344 or send an email to devaganary@gmail.com

An email link to access this event via zoom will be sent to you a few days prior with access instructions.

Ukraine Lament

by Bill Engleson www.engleson.ca

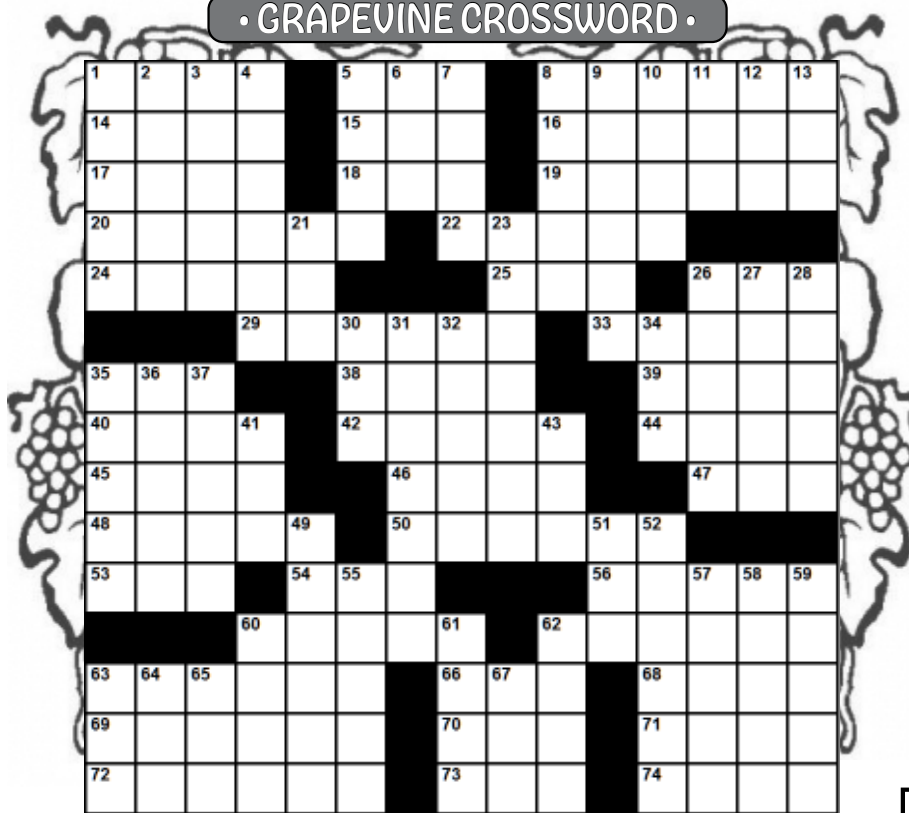
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that one eventful nuclear pall.
Will he unleash that dreadful squall,
press the button, his toxic look,
explode the nuke, his callous rook?
We freeze in time, lost in the night,
his armies march in deadly fright.
We wait on tortured tenterhook.

Post Pandemic

by Thomas Provençal

Pandemic in the media
is only here in thought
with rules construed to weaken
the human social knot
and rights and freedoms trampled,
the Charter near forgot.
Economies are suffering under strain.
An insidious dichotomy
has now become the norm:
the rebels, the obedient,
the question, to conform.
Ideas are seeded in the fear
to feed a psychic storm.
People will comply when feeling pain.
With trust now at a breaking point
and masks disturbing diction,
propaganda memorized,
each side within their fiction,
people brace while government
plays with each restriction.
The challenge now: to dispel the disdain.

• GRAPEVINE CROSSWORD •



• ACROSS •

1. Exotic island
5. Aves, once
8. Deep red garnet
14. Anemic's supplement
15. Affected manner
16. Hat sandwich on rye
17. Civil unrest
18. Bio-pouch
19. Radio standards
20. Conquer
22. Foreigner, to Hawaiians
24. Informal speech
25. Craft of sci-fi
26. Drop back
29. Abysses
33. Convolution
35. Half a dance
38. Act like a fan
39. Alpine sound
40. Drape
42. Accurately pitched
44. A sound of pride
45. Actress Magnani
46. 100 cents overseas
47. Farm abode
48. Put out a fire
50. Alters

53. Actor Alastair

54. Cal. page
56. Chilled
60. Contract makeup
62. Kin of bingo
63. Fill with oxygen
66. Barn nester
68. Ain't right
69. Not release
70. Air-traffic org.
71. Construction toy
72. Camel's cousin
73. Burnt tree
74. Call a halt to
76. Conveyed

• DOWN •

1. Aviary residents
2. Disney mermaid
3. Vegetable sponge
4. Have in mind
5. Hops oven
6. By means of
7. Curved doorway
8. Math discovery
9. Cowardly
10. Ill mannered
11. Decorative belt
12. Carolina river, --- Dee
13. Mil. rank
21. Aquarius, e.g.
23. Somber and grave
26. Crazy ones
27. Buddhist nirvana attainer
28. Great brilliance
30. Anti anti
31. Phonograph part
32. Bunk
34. Him's opposite
35. Ballot residue
36. Asian city
37. Year, lat.
41. Ammonia, e.g.
43. Over there
49. Like ipecac
51. Anonymous Jane
52. Escargots
55. Action setting
57. Detail map
58. African river
59. Bar, in law
60. Bark cloth
61. Couch
62. Dull as dishwater
63. Alias acronym
64. Adult elver
65. Account exec.
67. Ain't no more

• TEST YOUR MATH SKILLS •

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Grumpism



“To the person who stole my glasses. I will find you. I have contacts.”

(Thank you Leo Simmons)

• LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS •

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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 17

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5-7pm



FRIDAY 18

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 19

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9-Noon
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am

SUNDAY 20

MONDAY 21

TUESDAY 22

WEDNESDAY 23

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm

THURSDAY 24

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5-7pm

FRIDAY 25

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 26

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am
- FREE STORE 9-Noon

SUNDAY 27

MONDAY 28

TUESDAY 29

WEDNESDAY 30

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm

THURSDAY 31

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm
- FREE STORE 5pm-7pm



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Denman Island Farm Regulations Review Project Questionnaire

The Denman Island Local Trust Committee wants your feedback. This will help us inform the Denman Island Farming Regulations Review Project. The project will result in updates to the Denman Island Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw, which were key recommendations of the Denman Island Farm Plan. This questionnaire has 11 questions so could be filled out quickly. However, it also has lots of background material because agricultural regulations are complex and involve both provincial and local government oversight. We highly recommend you set aside 15-20 mins to read through all the material before answering the questionnaire.

There are several ways that you can fill out and submit your questionnaire: in person, online, or by phone.

We would request that all responses be returned by April 15th, 2022.

In person: Drop it off in the folder labelled "Islands Trust" in the Free Post section of **Abraxas Books & Gifts:**
1071 NW Rd (open Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:00pm; Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm; closed Sundays).

Online: Complete the survey using this link (all responses are anonymous):
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OR

Scan this QR code using your phone



OR

By phone or email: Call the consultant, **Ione Smith**, at 778-999-2149 to provide your responses over the phone or email ione@uplandconsulting.ca

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Questionnaire topic areas:

1. Definitions of agriculture, horticulture, and intensive agriculture
2. Housing in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)
3. Agri-tourism and associated tourist accommodation
4. Setbacks for agricultural buildings and practices from waterbodies

Please note that any cannabis-related land use issues are outside the scope of this project. The Islands Trust intends to undertake a separate initiative to review cannabis-related bylaws.

The Regulatory Context

Any local government bylaws (such as the Denman Island Farming Regulations) covering land in the ALR must adhere to all other provincial legislation, including the provincial *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (ALCA). Section 46 of the ALCA says that local governments must adopt bylaws that support farm activities and that those bylaws must be consistent with the ALCA and any orders of the ALC.

Regulations allow local governments, such as the Islands Trust, to authorize how a landowner can use a piece of land and how much of that use is allowed on the land. However, because the ALR is provincially regulated, Denman Island Farming Regulations must generally align with the province's policies and regulations and the Islands Trust must not prohibit agriculture in the ALR.

Topic 1. Definitions of Agriculture, Horticulture, and Intensive Agriculture

Definitions are important because we use them in regulations to clarify what is and isn't allowed in various zones. When a definition is not included, it's generally not an allowed use. **This table shows what is allowed currently on Denman.** You will likely want to refer back to this chart when answering the next five questions.

Zone	Agriculture	Horticulture	Intensive Agriculture
Agriculture	✓	✓	✓
Forestry	✓	✓	✓
Resource	✓	✓	✓
Residential (R1 and R2)	✓	✓	X

In the ALR, certain forms of agriculture can be restricted but not prohibited. The *Local Government Act* specifies that intensive agriculture permitted in the ALR, regardless of any local zoning bylaw regulations.

A balance will therefore need to be struck on certain definitions, whereby the character of the farming community is protected through policy but the definitions in the Land Use Bylaw remain legally acceptable.

Q1) In which of the following zones within Denman Island do you live? (Check *one* box below).

☐

I am in the Agriculture (A) Zone but outside of the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)

☐

I am in the Agriculture (A) Zone and also within the ALR

☐

I am outside of the Agriculture (A) Zone

☐

I don't know which zone I live in

Definition of Agriculture

Some local governments provide a detailed explanation of agriculture while others provide a broader definition. The detailed explanations provide a lot of clarity around what is allowed but risk omitting specific activities from the list.

Q2) Which of the following definitions of “Agriculture” do you prefer? (Check *one* box below)

☐

“Agriculture” means the use of land, buildings or structures for any of the following activities: growing, producing, raising or keeping animals or plants, including mushrooms, or the primary products of those plants or animals; clearing, draining, irrigating or cultivating land; using farm machinery, equipment, devices, materials and structures; applying fertilizers, compost, manure and other growing agents; intensively cultivating, in plantations, speciality wood crops or speciality fibre crops prescribed by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries; turf production; aquaculture; raising or keeping of game, within the meaning of the Game Farm Act, by a person licensed to do so under the Act; raising or keeping fur bearing animals, within the meaning of the Fur Farm Act, by a person licensed to do so under the Act; storage, processing or direct marketing by a farmer of farm products; but does not include any of the following activities: a forest practice defined in the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act; the sale of processed wood products; breeding pets; operating a kennel or equestrian stable; growing, producing, raising or keeping of exotic animals as defined by the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries. (*Denman Island, current*)

☐

"Agriculture" means the use of land for the growing, rearing, harvesting, or production of plants, crops, livestock and other farm animals. (*Mayne Island*)

☐

“Agriculture” means the use of land, buildings, or structures for the growing, rearing, harvesting, processing, marketing or production of agricultural plants, crops, or livestock. (*Hornby Island*)

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“Agriculture” means the use of land, buildings, or structures for the growing, rearing, producing, packing, storing and harvesting and wholesaling of agricultural crops or raising livestock; includes processing crops grown on the land, the storage and repair of farm machinery and implements of husbandry used on that farm, and the storage, sale and processing of agricultural products harvested, reared or produced by the agricultural use. For the purpose of this bylaw, Agriculture also includes apiculture and aquaculture, but excludes cannabis production (*Comox Valley Regional District*).

Definition of Horticulture

Some local governments prefer to include “Horticulture” within the overarching definition of “Agriculture” while others prefer to define it separately. If defined separately then it can be allowed in some areas, while the remainder of agricultural activities (e.g. livestock production) would be restricted.

Q3) Which of the following definitions of “Horticulture” do you prefer? (Check *one* box below).

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“Horticulture” is the growing of flowers, fruits, vegetables, and other plants and includes the sale of such products when grown by the landowners on their lot (*Denman Island, current*)

☐

“Horticulture” is the use of land for the rearing of plants (*Mayne Island*)

☐

“Horticulture” means the cultivation of fruits, vegetables, herbs, flowers and ornamental plants (*Sunshine Coast Regional District*)

☐

Prefer not to define “Horticulture” at all (this will mean it is allowed wherever agriculture is allowed).

Definition of Intensive Agriculture

Intensive agriculture is permitted in the ALR and in agriculturally-designated zones outside the ALR, but not in residential areas (e.g. R1 or R2). Some jurisdictions, such as Mayne Island and Hornby Island, do not define intensive agriculture at all and therefore do not restrict it outside of the ALR, regardless of parcel size.

Q4) Which definition of Intensive Agriculture do you prefer? (Check *one* box below)

☐

"Intensive agriculture" is defined as: the use of land, buildings and structures by a commercial enterprise or an institution for the confinement of poultry, livestock or fur bearing animals, or the growing of mushrooms, except for forest fungi, and excludes feedlots. (*Denman Island, current*)

☐

"Intensive agriculture" means agriculture that involves the confinement of more than 4,550 kg (approximately 10 Animal Unit Equivalents e.g. 8 horses, 10 cows, 10 pigs, 30 sheep, or 250 chickens) or the operation of a fur farm or the manure-based cultivation of mushrooms. (*Salt Spring Island*).

☐

"Intensive agricultural use" means the use of land, buildings and structures for the confinement, growing, producing, harvesting, slaughtering, processing of poultry, livestock or fur bearing animals, including the operation of feedlots, or for the growing of mushrooms. (*Comox Valley Regional District*).

☐

Prefer not to define "intensive agriculture" at all (note that this will not stop it from being a permitted use in the ALR as per provincial regulations and it would also be allowed outside of the ALR wherever "agriculture" is allowed, such as in Zones R1 and R2).

Definition of Residential Agriculture in R1 and R2

Agriculture is also permitted outside the ALR and Agricultural Zones. Please note that if any changes to the regulations are made, current activities in R1 and R2 could be grandfathered in.

Q5) Would you support using a new definition of "Residential Agriculture" to replace the broader definition of "agriculture" in R1 and R2 in order to clarify what subset of agricultural activities would be allowed in these residential zones? (Check *one* box below).

Proposed new definition:

"Residential Agriculture" is the production of crops and livestock that provides the dual role of being a source of household food security as well as income from the sale of surplus product. The use of agrochemicals is limited. Sale of products produced is limited to the local area and farmers markets."

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Yes

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No (status quo – currently the bylaws do not specify "Residential Agriculture")

Q6) Would you support the permitted use of Intensive Agriculture in R1 and/or R2 zones on Denman Island on land that is outside of the ALR? (Check *all* that apply)

☐

Yes without any additional restrictions

☐

Yes but only on R1 or R2 lots larger than 5 acres

☐

Yes but only to a maximum of 10 Animal Unit Equivalents (e.g. 8 horses, 10 cows, 10 pigs, 30 sheep, or 250 chickens)

- ☐ Yes but only to a maximum of 5 Animal Unit Equivalents (e.g. 4 horses, 5 cows, 5 pigs, 15 sheep/goats, or 125 chickens)
- ☐ No I do not support Intensive Agriculture in R1 or R2 zones (status quo)

Please provide any comments regarding DEFINITIONS here:

Topic 2. Housing in the ALR

Housing in the ALR is regulated by the province (ALC). Local governments can be more restrictive than what is allowed by the ALC (e.g. allow smaller or fewer houses) but cannot be less restrictive (e.g. allow larger or more houses).

Two important changes have recently occurred at the provincial level (ALC) that affect housing in the ALR:

1. The **total floor area of any new principal residence must be 500 m² or less**, though a local government may impose a lower size cap. Some local governments, require a smaller house size, or require that the total floor area of ALL residences on the property are less than 500 m² combined. The rationale for house restrictions is that bigger houses (or more houses) on a farm property tend to result in a higher property values, which can lead to greater affordability challenges for new farmers.
2. **The ALC is now allowing a 'secondary dwelling' on properties in the ALR** that have one principal residence of 500 m² or less. These properties do not need to have Farm Tax status, however, a second dwelling must not already exist and the new secondary dwelling must be 90 m² or less on parcels less than 40 ha or 180 m² or less on parcels greater than 40 ha.

Any existing principal residences greater than 500 m² and/or secondary dwellings greater than 90 m² that were legally constructed would be "grandfathered-in".

Unless the local government applies additional conditions, the secondary dwelling can be a garden suite, a guest house, a suite above an existing building, or a manufactured home. However, it cannot be divided up into multiple units. **The ALC will not be restricting the occupancy of the secondary dwelling:** it can be used as farm worker housing, or to provide housing for those who are not directly engaged in farm work. **Unless local bylaws say otherwise, it will be up to the landowner to decide who can reside in the secondary dwelling.**

For context, there are 171 parcels of land on Denman Island that are currently in (or partially in) the ALR and that may be eligible for a secondary dwelling. While not all of these parcels would qualify for a secondary dwelling, and not all landowners would choose to build a secondary dwelling, this number provides an upper estimate for how many new secondary dwellings could possibly be built on the Island based on the new ALC regulations, if local regulations don't impose any further restrictions. According to the 2021 Census there are already 881 dwellings on the entirety of Denman Island (both in and outside of the ALR).

Size of Principal Residence in the ALR

Q7) Based on the above context, which of the statements below best shows your level of support for limiting the total floor area of a principal residence on a property in the ALR on Denman Island? (*Check one box below*)

- ☐ I would support restricting the principal dwelling to a total floor area less than 500m² (e.g. 300 m² or 400 m²)
- ☐ I would support restricting the total floor area of ALL dwellings on the property to a total less than 500m² (e.g. 410 m² for principal dwelling and 90m² for secondary dwelling)
- ☐ I would not support any additional floor area restrictions for principal dwellings (e.g. the status quo of ALC's 500 m² maximum would apply)

Secondary Dwellings in the ALR

Q8) Based on the above context, how would you indicate your level of support for secondary dwellings on ALR land on Denman Island? (*Check one box below*)

- ☐ Secondary dwellings should be allowed in the ALR on Denman Island as per the ALC regulations, with no additional restrictions placed by Islands Trust.
- ☐ Secondary dwellings should be allowed in the ALR on Denman Island as per the ALC regulations, but only if a Temporary Use Permit is issued by Islands Trust (*this is the current status quo*).
- ☐ Secondary dwellings should be allowed in the ALR on Denman Island, subject to certain additional conditions to be put in place by Islands Trust (***select all conditions that you would support***):
- ☐ Lots must be over a certain size (e.g. 5 acres) to qualify for a secondary dwelling
 - ☐ The property must have Farm Tax status (e.g. the farm must be a commercial operation) to qualify for a secondary dwelling
 - ☐ The property must have adequate potable water and septic capacity for the additional secondary dwelling
 - ☐ Other (please specify): _____
- ☐ Secondary dwellings should not be allowed in the ALR on Denman Island.

Please provide any comments regarding SECONDARY DWELLINGS here:

Topic 3. Tourist Accommodations in the ALR

Within the ALR, tourism and related accommodations are strictly regulated by the province (ALC). Local governments, such as the Islands Trust, can be more restrictive, even prohibiting tourism accommodation entirely in their bylaws, but they can't be less restrictive than the provincial regulations.

There are 2 types of tourist accommodations that are permitted in the ALR by the ALC:

- 1) Agri-tourism accommodation: this **must be associated with an agri-tourism activity directly related to the farm itself, as listed by ALC Policy L-04** (e.g. farm tours, farm workshops, petting zoos, harvest festivals, corn mazes) and the property **must have Farm Tax Status**. If these 2 criteria are not met then agri-tourism accommodation in the ALR is not permitted. The total area used for the accommodation must be less than 5% of the parcel and must be limited to a maximum of 10 sleeping units. A sleeping unit could be a tent, a trailer, or a bedroom in a cabin or cottage. It does not include accommodation within a principal residence. Agri-tourism accommodation must be seasonal (offered during a specific time of year, but not all year) and short term (less than 30 consecutive days per guest). The number of sleeping units can be restricted to less than 10 by local governments or can be outright prohibited. **The current local bylaws do not allow agri-tourism accommodation at all on Denman Island.**
- 2) Bed and Breakfast (B&Bs): This type of accommodation can only occur within the principal residence and must be limited to 4 bedrooms maximum. It must be provided for short-term accommodation only. The farm does not need to have Farm Tax Status, but it must be listed as a permitted use within local bylaws. **Up to 3 bedrooms for B&Bs within principal residences are currently allowed on Denman Island through the local bylaws.**

Local governments that allow agri-tourism accommodation in the ALR may require a **Temporary Use Permit (TUP)** to ensure the occupation of the accommodation meets the requirements of local bylaws. TUPs provide up to 3 years of approved use and can be renewed. The intent is to use a TUP for a maximum of 6 years. Some landowners point out that investing in new buildings and other infrastructure, such as for agri-tourism accommodation, is only worthwhile if the use is going to be permitted over the long-term, and not temporarily.

Q9) Would you support the allowance of agri-tourism accommodation in cottages, cabins, tents, or trailers in the ALR on Denman Island? (Check *one* box below)

- ☐ I would support up to 10 tent sites, trailers, or bedrooms in cabins or cottages and up to 5% total coverage of the parcel (ALC maximum).
- ☐ I would support a more restrictive approach to agri-tourism: e.g. less than 10 tent sites, trailers, or bedrooms in cabins or cottages.
- ☐ I would support some types (e.g. tent or trailer sites) but not others (e.g. cabins or cottages) or vice versa. Feel free to specify: _____
- ☐ I would *not* support agri-tourism accommodation in the ALR (*this is the current status quo*).

Q10) What additional local government restrictions, if any, should Islands Trust require for agri-tourism accommodation providers? (Check *all* that apply)

- ☐ Lots must be over a certain size (e.g. 5 acres) to qualify for agri-tourism accommodation
- ☐ The property must have adequate potable water, septic capacity, and servicing for the agri-tourism accommodation
- ☐ A Temporary Use Permit should be required for agri-tourism accommodation
- ☐ No additional local government restrictions should be required for agri-tourism accommodation
- ☐ I do not support any agri-tourism accommodation in the ALR on Denman Island
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

Q11) Do you support the continued ability for landowners in the ALR to offer B&Bs within their principal residences on Denman Island? Please select the answer that best fits your preference:

- ☐ Yes, up to 3 bedrooms in the principal residence (*this is the current status quo*)
- ☐ Yes, up to 4 bedrooms in the principal residence (this is the ALC maximum allowable)
- ☐ No I do not support any B&Bs within the ALR

Please provide any comments regarding TOURIST ACCOMMODATION in the ALR here:

Topic 4. Setbacks between Agriculture and Watercourses

Healthy vegetative buffers between farming and waterways and/or wetlands can provide important habitat to support biodiversity, filter runoff, and stabilize streambanks. Most setbacks for the protection of water resources on farmland are set by the BC Ministry of Environment through the *Agricultural Environmental Management Code of Practice (AEM Code)* and are therefore not regulated through local bylaws. The AEM Code is a relatively new regulation that was enacted in 2019.

The **AEM Code** defines "**watercourse**" as:

- (a) an area of land that perennially or intermittently contains surface water, other than
- (i) puddles,
 - (ii) groundwater and dugout ponds for livestock watering, and

(iii) furrows, grassed waterways and other temporary ponded areas that are normally farmed, and
(b) drainage ditches that lead to an area described in paragraph (a);

Sections 15-19 of the AEM Code specify setbacks required from areas where livestock or poultry are being kept and/or fed (either intensively or non-intensively), where by-products, nutrients, or wood residue are being stored, and where composting structures and/or piles are located.

Section 64 (1) of the AEM Code states that “a person responsible for a grazing area, seasonal feeding area or temporary holding area in which livestock or poultry have direct access to a watercourse must ensure that effective controls are in place to minimize (a)trampling and erosion of soil into the watercourse, and (b)contaminated runoff, leachate and solids entering the watercourse.”

Islands Trust can require that agriculture in the ALR adhere to local Development Permit Area Guidelines for Environmental Protection near waterways, wetlands, waterbodies, shorelines, and other sensitive ecosystem areas. Local bylaws can't be so restrictive as to prohibit agricultural production completely. For example, local bylaws could require fencing to prevent livestock from entering ponds, streams, wetlands, lakes, or other waterbodies but could not prohibit livestock from grazing on the property entirely.

Q12). Would you support updating Denman Island's Development Permit Area #4 (Streams, Lakes, and Wetlands) to include requirements for fencing and/or other measures to keep livestock and poultry out of waterways and/or to establish riparian buffers within specific setback areas?

☐

Yes

☐

Maybe – I would need to learn more about it

☐

No

Please provide any comments regarding SETBACKS here:

Please provide any GENERAL comments regarding the FARM REGULATIONS REVIEW PROJECT here:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

More information: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/denman/projects/>



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Farm to Family Spring 2022 Fundraising Drive!!

Submitted by Erika Bland

F2f has planned our menus and booked the hall kitchen for the upcoming 6 months. Lee Andra Jacobs and our other wonderful volunteers are graciously taking the helm while I take a break to have a baby! We are looking for a little bit of support from the community to help with ongoing funds for this program when our grant funding runs out at the end of March 2022. Previous grants from United Way and DenmanWorks!, and support from Denman Better at Home, DICES and DIRCS have helped us purchase wonderful equipment and get set up and running these past 2 years. We are a registered nonprofit society in BC. Our ongoing basic expenses are not huge, but we always need ingredients for cooking, funds to purchase non-food consumables / supplies and funds to rent the hall kitchen (DIRCS generously provides us with a 20% discount). In the past year, we have distributed 3406 meals to Denman seniors & elders and produced an average of 154 meals per cooking session!! The cost of ingredients for an average single meal is about \$2.50-\$3.00, however, recipients receive meals at no cost. Approximately 40-50 volunteer hours go into each cooking session!

Here are some ways you can contribute to this program!

1. Make a Donation to Support Our Work!

- Cheques made out to "Farm to Family Meals Service Society" can be mailed to 1200 Lacon Road, Denman Island, BC V0R 1T0 or left in the Farm to Family folder at Abraxas.
- Etransfers can be sent to acctfarm2family@gmail.com
- Cash donations can be left in our jar at the General Store in the last 2 weeks of March.

How much should I give? Here are some ideas of approximate costs:

Sponsor the approximate cost of an ongoing expense!

- ⇒ 1 cooking session at the hall, 1 day kitchen rental (includes DIRCS 20% discount) - **\$40**
- ⇒ 1 package of 500ml mason jars - **\$17**
- ⇒ 1 printer Ink cartridge, good for ~15 cooking sessions - **\$30**
- ⇒ 1 package of 100 self-print label sheets, good for ~14 cooking sessions - **\$29**
- ⇒ 1000 foil distribution containers, good for ~12 cooking sessions) - **\$250**
- ⇒ 1000 distribution container lids, good for ~12 cooking sessions) - **\$130**
- ⇒ 1 online Foodsafe course registration fee for a dedicated volunteer - **\$115**
- ⇒ Cleaning supplies, hair nets, cloths, scrubbies, bleach, etc. for 1 year - **\$60**

Sponsor a regular ingredient!

- ⇒ Big bottles of water for cooking for 1 month - **\$40**
- ⇒ Canned goods for 1 month - **\$85**
- ⇒ Veggie /Olive Oil for 1 month - **\$20**
- ⇒ Dairy/Dairy alternatives for 1 month - **\$65**
- ⇒ Beans/Pulses for 1 month - **\$60**
- ⇒ Local Veggies for 1 month - **\$250**
- ⇒ Local Meat for 1 month - **\$150**
- ⇒ Pasta, flour, spices and other dry goods for 1 month - **\$80**
- ⇒ Budget for 1 month's worth of ingredients (2 cooking sessions, 4 recipes) - **\$750**

2. Sponsor a one-time purchase of something we need!

- We need to purchase a commercial Ice Wand for cooling big pots of soup (we have two and need a third) - **\$100**

Keep reading on other side!

3. Donate a gift card of any amount for one of the Stores where we do our regular shopping:

- Denman Island General Store → We will have a donation Jar until the end of March. We will put some of these funds into a General Store account for our ongoing use.
- Denman Island Earth Club Factory Bulk Food Store
- Costco
- Thrifty Foods
- Edible Island
- Quality Foods
- Planet Clean

4. Donate of one of the following items***:

- Biodegradable/septic safe dish soap
- Biodegradable/septic safe laundry detergent for the hall
- 500ml wide mouth mason jars and lids – individual clean jars/lids, or new cases of 12
- Baked treats for our kitchen volunteers!

5. Donate your refundable bottles/cans at the Recycling Centre:

- Our Bin is marked “Meals on Wheels”
- Thanks to Denman Island Waste Management for counting these refundables and providing a quarterly cheque that supports our work!

****Tangible donations can be dropped off at the Community hall on one of our cooking days, every other TUESDAY, between 9 and 10 am – Look at the Denman Hall online calendar to check our schedule.** <https://denmanhall.wordpress.com/upcoming-community-hall-events-and-activities/>*

6. Support one of our partners:

- The Denman **Better at Home Program** supports F2f by taking orders, printing labels and coordinating volunteer drivers to distribute meals. They also help seniors and elders on Denman with all kinds of other things. To volunteer with the Better at Home program on Denman, send an email to jenny@hornbydenmanhealth.com or phone (250) 898-0245
- **Denman Island Recreation Commission Society (DIRCS)** provides us with an affordable kitchen rental every 2 weeks and ongoing maintenance of the hall! They need funds for their work which supports our meal delivery: hydro costs for heat and hot water, laundry, and for paying custodial staff and systems maintenance expenses. One thing that will be needed soon is two new range hoods for the hall kitchen. To find out how to donate to DIRCS, send an email to farmtofamilydi@gmail.com or denmanhallbookings@gmail.com.
- **Denman Growers and Producers' Alliance (GPA)** provides supports to local farmers who grow our produce! By helping them, you are helping to ensure we have lots of local stuff available all year round for make these meals! You can get a membership to the GPA on their website, or make a donation through paypal, at www.denmangpa.ca.



Islands 2050 Policy Statement Amendment Project

Phase three public engagement
February 25 to April 17, 2022

In-person engagement opportunities

Islands Trust is hosting a series of engagement events to share project updates, answer questions and listen to your input and ideas.

Hornby Island

Friday, March 18, 2022

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Drop-in event at Hornby Island
Community Hall

Saturday March 19, 2022

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Event booth outside Co-op Grocery Store

Denman Island

Friday, March 18, 2022

10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Event booth in downtown Denman

Saturday, March 19, 2022

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Drop-in event at Denman Island
Community Hall



Learn more at islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/islands-2050

