



Denman Island Local Trust Committee Public Hearing Record

Date: February 17, 2026
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Electronic Meeting

Members Present: David Maude, Chair
Sam Borthwick, Trustee
David Graham, Trustee

Staff Present: Marlis McCargar, Island Planner
Lisa Millard, Meeting Administrator/Recorder

Others Present: There were approximately 11 members of the public in attendance.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Maude called the meeting to order at 11:22 p.m. He acknowledged that the meeting was held on the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations.

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENING STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Maude welcomed the public and acknowledged that the meeting was held on the territory of the Coast Salish First Nations. He introduced himself, Trustees, staff and recorder.

Chair Maude read a statement outlining the content, purpose, and process of the Public Hearing regarding Proposed Bylaw No. 256 and No. 257 according to Section 465 of the *Local Government Act*. He advised that all persons who believe their interest is affected by the bylaws would be given the opportunity to speak and submit written comments, and that further submissions cannot be received by the Local Trust Committee after the close of the Public Hearing. He noted that all relevant documents are contained in the Public Hearing binder and on the Islands Trust website, which is available to the public.

3. PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 256 (Official Community Plan) and NO. 257 (Land Use Bylaw)

Planner McCargar summarized the proposed changes to the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB) that are being considered.

Summary of changes to Bylaw No. 256 and 257 which, if adopted, will amend the OCP and LUB by:

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- Proposed Bylaw No. 256 will amend the Official Community Plan land use designation from Sustainable Resource to Conservation with the Agricultural portion remaining unchanged and this will add four residential densities to the density bank;
- Proposed Bylaw No. 257 will amend the Land Use Bylaw to rezone the subject properties from Forestry to Conservation.

4. REVIEW OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Planner McCargar reviewed the Public Hearing Notice procedures for posting of notices and publication of Public Hearing according to statutes, and noted that all notification requirements have been completed. She advised that the Public Hearing binder is available for review during this Hearing, pointed out the location of the binder, and noted that it is also available on the Islands Trust website.

She identified the agencies, non-agencies and First Nations referrals that were sent out for comment, and provided a brief overview of responses received, which are also posted on the Islands Trust website. There were 5 public submissions received in response to the notice as of the end of day February 16^h, 2026.

5. PROPOSED BYLAW NO. 256, 257 (Official Community Plan) AND NO. 250 (Land Use Bylaw)

Chair Maude asked if any members of the public would like to speak to proposed Bylaw No. 256 and 257.

Laura Busheikin spoke in support of the application, stating it furthers the work of conservation on Denman Island and she appreciates densities being donated to the density bank.

Chair Maude asked the public for any other comments or submissions. He called a second time for any comments or submissions on the proposed bylaws. He called for submissions a third and final time.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Maude noted that upon closure of the Public Hearing, any further questions or submissions should be forwarded to staff, as Trustees cannot hear or receive anything further on the application post-Public Hearing.

There being no further submissions, Chair Maude declared the Public Hearing closed.

By general consent the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A FAIR AND ACCURATE SUMMARY OF THE NATURE OF REPRESENTATIONS RESPECTING THE MEETING HELD:

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Lisa Millard, Recorder