



Islands Trust

**DENMAN ISLAND
LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

**REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
OF THE DENMAN ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE**

held at 10:30 am on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at the Denman Seniors Hall,
1111 Northwest Road, Denman Island, BC

LATE ITEMS, ADDITIONS

**AMENDMENTS/ADDITIONS
TO ITEMS:**

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 10.1 Email from Lucinda Abbott dated June 4, 2014 regarding Vancouver Island Regional Library Branch on Denman Island

Late Item 10.1

From: Lucindawabbott@gmail.com [<mailto:Lucindawabbott@gmail.com>]

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Contact: Denman Island Local Trust Committee

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If you would like to be contacted using a different method than E-mail, please enter the details:

Write your message: Hi-- I have had a home on Lacon Road for the last 11 years, although my official residence is in California. I love Denman Island, and would like to see the community and especially young families be able to live and thrive here. I am also a children's librarian. I've heard talk over the years of establishing a branch of Vancouver Island Regional Library here on Denman, even to the point of representatives of VIRL making a presentation to the community, which was well-received by at least some islanders (I read the letters in the Flagstone). To my great disappointment, I was told that the offer from VIRL was turned down, largely because of sentimental attachment to the Dora Drinkwater volunteer library. More recently, I heard that the decision was made by Islands Trust! I am appalled at the decision being made on this basis, if it is true, that some residents of the island could deprive others of the valuable service and enhancement a public library brings to a community. The collection of VIRL is huge, and having a library on the island would greatly improve islander's access to it. A professional librarian can assist with catalog & database searches, teach essential skills in evaluating information, and provide valuable Readers Advisory. It has been clearly demonstrated that schools with access to a library have more successful students, not the least because there is an additional professional in the community who can collaborate with teachers to help children thrive in their learning. Even on a small island, information that is passed word of mouth is not necessarily reliable, and I would like find out if it is in fact true that Islands Trust was involved in the decision to refuse a branch of VIRL for Denman Island. If this is the case, I urge you, for the sake of the larger community to reverse that decision. Thank you.