
Climate Change on Denman Island

Climate change is a global problem that demands local action. The Islands Trust is committed to taking meaningful action to reduce the carbon footprint of our islands.

What can Denman Islanders do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions or meet the challenges we are facing from climate change and peak oil?

How can we meet the May 31, 2010 deadline imposed on all local governments in BC to craft community plan policies and actions on greenhouse gas reduction targets and integrate them into our Official Community Plan?

Climate Change in Our Official Community Plan

In the Islands Trust Area, Local Trust Committees have authority to regulate land use. Local Trust Committees and the residents of Denman Island can significantly influence future greenhouse gas emissions through Official Community Plan policies and actions.

For example, the design and layout of roads, buildings and communities directly influence GHG emissions. Plan policies can encourage “green” building. The Official Community Plan can also highlight local initiatives and practices that help to reduce GHG emissions.

Because the Islands Trust’s primary responsibility is land use planning, we are committed to creating sustainable island communities through innovative land use planning and advocacy initiatives in partnership with other levels of government and local community groups. The changes proposed to the Official Community Plan will focus actions that can be taken by the Islands Trust and island residents, but we will also make recommendations to other agencies on how they can help us achieve its targets.

You are invited to attend a **Community Meeting** on implementing changes to the Denman Island Official Community Plan on Monday, November 16, 2009 at the Denman Island Community Hall. An Open House will be held from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm. A Working Session will follow from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Please attend and help to craft locally-based policies and targets that make sense for Denman Island.



Notice of a Community Meeting

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Denman Island Community Hall
1196 Northwest Road (Back Hall)
Open House 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Working Session 7:30 to 9:30 pm

Questions or comments? Please contact staff at the Northern Islands Trust Office...

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Climate Wise Islands

This project is part of a larger goal held by the Islands Trust.

By May 31, 2010, all 19 Official Community Plans for island communities will be amended to include **targets** for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the area covered by the plan, and **policies** and **actions** of the local government and the community for achieving those targets.

What will the targets, policies, and actions look like in the Denman Island Official Community Plan? The islands are different and special places, and the urban-style solutions proposed for larger centres may not be relevant to the islands. What do you see happening on your island?

Get Involved!

Detailed information on this initiative is available on a new climate change section of the Islands Trust website at

<http://islandstrust.bc.ca/climatechange/climatehome.cfm>.

The webpage includes key decisions and other resources about climate change relevant to island communities. Subscribers to "climate change news" can also receive e-mail alerts of significant project updates.

We need your help to decide on targets and policies and to develop effective climate change actions in our Official Community Plan! Come out and be a part of this creative and collaborative process!

As noted by Sheila Malcolmson, Chair of the Islands Trust Council,

"Climate change is a global challenge that demands creative solutions at the local level, and because the Islands Trust's primary responsibility is land use planning, we are uniquely positioned to take leadership on reducing greenhouse gas emissions with land use planning tools."

Please visit www.islandstrust.bc.ca/climatechange for more information.

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*Do you have any questions or comments on the climate change initiative?
Please contact one of your Local Trustees or the Northern Islands Trust office.*