

**From:** Riane daSilva [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 10, 2022 3:54 PM  
**To:** E O'B  
**Cc:** northinfo; Laura Busheikin; David Critchley; David Graham;  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Denman Housing Review Project Open House and Survey

Also Erin, please note that the advertisement itself mentions housing as "[critical issues related to housing](#)"

Yet, the inadequate advertising and the fact this is student-led both show how little respect there is for the reality that housing is indeed a Critical Issue on Denman. Critical Issues require good timely communication and respect for community when asking them to engage. 4 days notice is neither respectful, nor adequate.



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On Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 03:36:56 p.m. PST, Riane daSilva <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Yes please, Erin. Permission for you, and anyone else who needs to share this.

Please share and amplify.

I am a multiply disabled person and can only do so much. There is always so much to do in response to this "dysfunctional" (as per last year's review of Islands Trust) system that consistently disregards, disappoints and spends far too much money needlessly - while ignoring the basic human right to adequate housing.

Many hands make light work, together we can build so much.

Riane



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On Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 03:23:06 p.m. PST, E O'B [REDACTED] wrote:

Thank You for your email Riane.

Can i have your permission to forward this to Minister Cullen?

[Nathan.Cullen.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Nathan.Cullen.MLA@leg.bc.ca)

Respectfully,

Erin O'Brien-Hornsey

On Thu., Nov. 10, 2022, 2:18 p.m. Riane daSilva, [REDACTED] wrote:

Your organization (Islands Trust) consistently sends out information at the very last minute. This is yet one more example.

Do you do everything last minute, or only communicate with us last minute?

Our community has been given 4 days notice about something that deserves far more priority and is so vitally important to all of us.

This is yet another example of how the Islands Trust staff and organization is both out of touch with our lived realities on our islands, and of the disrespect with which the Islands Trust treats residents of these communities.

Imagine if you had 4 days notice to respond to something that could make the difference between whether or not you have a home in which to be warm and safe!?!

Multiple people have attempted to complete the survey linked. They have found it unnecessarily wordy, irrelevant to our actual situation, full of confusing statements (not to mention actual errors) that they can't answer to, since what is being asked is unclear and misleading. Not to mention the fact that most of our farmers are too busy and/or exhausted to even look at it. And our artisans and crafts people are all scrambling to make stock to sell at seasonal craft fairs.

Why was this process even begun, with students at the lead of such a complex community situation, that they couldn't possibly begin to understand?

I request our current leadership to halt this process and stop throwing money away into such a hugely flawed process. We need community building, not more confusion and ineffectual (or non existent) communication.

I request our incoming leadership to immediately halt this process (if our outgoing Trustees can't or won't do so) and begin a Denman discussion about how OUR COMMUNITY will effectively deal with housing.

I request Islands Trust Staff to please get back in your lanes. Your job is to communicate effectively and timely (which you haven't done in this case, and so many others) and to LISTEN to what our community wants. Not support and enable a process that confuses our community even more.

I hope you are all warm and cozy in your homes. I wish peace upon your homes. I am too busy trying to keep others warm in their inadequate and unlawful homes to be more diplomatic than this.

Sincerely, and always here, fighting for people to be safe at home,

Riane da Silva



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On Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 01:02:04 p.m. PST, Islands Trust <[northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca)>  
wrote:

Have your say! Tell us what you want to see for the future of Denman Island

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11/10/2022



## Have Your Say! Open House Nov. 14th & Online Housing Survey Now Open



### DENMAN HOUSING REVIEW PROJECT

#### Tell us what you want to see for the future of Denman Island

You are invited to participate in an **Open House** on **November 14th** from **2-4pm or 5-7pm** at the Denman Activity Centre to share your thoughts on critical issues related to housing on Denman Island and share concerns and aspirations.

#### Complete the Online Housing Survey

The online survey is open until **November 28th, 2022** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Denman2022>. Paper copies of the survey are available on Denman Island at the Freepost at Abraxas Booksore, the General Store and the Library. Please return completed surveys in a pre-addressed envelope at any of the above locations.

For more project information, visit the [Project News Page](#), email [northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca) or call 250-247-2063. For a list of documents related to this Housing Review Project, please visit the [Denman Island Project Page](#).

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