

Service 675 Denman Island Community Facilities

PURPOSE

The purpose of the briefing note is to provide supplementary information on the requests for operational and capital funding from community halls within the Denman Island Community Facilities service area.

OVERVIEW

Facility operators throughout the service area continue to offer a variety of important programs, spaces, and services to members of their communities. Costs to operate facilities on Denman Island appear to be relatively stable for 2026 as the request for funding has increased only slightly from what was granted in 2025, a change from \$81,000 in 2025 to \$86,500 requested for 2026.

2026 Community Hall Funding Requests

2026		2025	2026 Budget Year				
Name	Description of request	Approved Grant	Operations Funds Requested	Capital Funds Requested	NFP Contribution	NFP Total Budget	Funds in Reserve (approximate)
Denman Island Recreation Commission	Operations & metal siding for back hall	\$47,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$42,500	\$94,500	Unknown at this time
Denman Seniors & Museum Society	Operations & complete accessible washroom upgrade	\$34,000	\$19,500	\$15,000	\$55,750	\$90,205	Unknown at this time
Total operations requested			\$45,500				
Total capital requested			\$41,000				
TOTAL ops & capital		\$81,000	\$86,500				

5 Year Capital Projects Profile

The following table provides the Committee with an overview of potential capital projects that community halls have forecasted over the next five years. These projects have not yet been submitted for funding assistance from the CVRD. Including this information offers the Committee insight into future funding requests that may arise. As staff work to establish agreements with facility operators in 2026, this list will help inform planning and prioritization.

Organization	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
Denman Island Recreation Commission	\$26,000 Metal siding replacement	\$25,000 Refinish flooring \$15k, TBD \$10k	\$27,000 To be determined	\$27,000 To be determined	\$27,000 To be determined	\$132,000
Denman Island Seniors & Museum Society	\$15,000 Accessible washroom (from 2025); entrance & lounge	\$10,000 Lounge, office, entrance re-roofing	\$10,000 Entrance & courtyard upgrades	\$0 None identified	\$0 None identified	\$35,000
TOTAL	\$41,000	\$35,000	\$37,000	\$27,000	\$27,000	\$167,000

The maximum levy for the service in 2025 was \$161,972 with a maximum tax rate of \$0.20 per \$1,000 on land and improvements. Over the last three years, the tax rate and requisition have been as follows:

	2023	2024	2025
Requisition	\$111,000	\$86,000	\$86,000
Tax rate	\$0.1298	\$0.1052	\$0.1044

Options:

1. That the proposed 2026-2030 financial plan for the Service 675 Denman Island Community Facilities be approved.

The proposed budget includes grant funding of \$81,500 for operating and capital expenses for community halls within the service.

2. That, given the increasing costs of operating facilities and capital improvements needed to maintain the facilities, the Committee may wish to increase the budget in 2026.

The current proposed budget includes grant funding of \$81,500 for operating and capital expenses for community halls within the service. The total requested amount of funds in 2026 is slightly higher at \$86,500. The Committee may wish to provide additional funding to one or more of the organizations, up to the total funds requested.

2026 Workplan

In 2026, staff aim to:

- 1) Develop a policy for the Electoral Area Services Committee’s consideration that establishes criteria and thresholds for funding in order to ensure sustainability of the service while supporting valuable community organizations; and

- 2) Establish long-term agreements with each community association that operates a facility and receives consistent funding from the CVRD under the various community facility support services. Establishing long-term agreements with community hall operators will provide the CVRD with predictable budgets over the term, reducing financial uncertainty. At the same time, these agreements give hall operators the stability they need to plan annual budgets and develop workplans with confidence.