

# **Denman Island Parks & Greenways Master Plan**

## **Community Open House Meeting, 23 June 2010**

### **Summary**

An open house meeting was held in the Community Hall from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 23 June 2010. A total of 28 people attended the meeting in addition to the consulting team.

BC Parks, the Islands Trust, the Islands Trust Fund, the Denman Conservancy Association (DCA), Island Equines, and three Denman Island Residents Association (DIRA) committees – the Parks Committee, the Trails Committee and the Graham Lake Swim Dock Committee – were invited to participate in the open house meeting and to exhibit their current plans or initiatives. BC Parks was not yet in a position to participate, as the North Denman Lands' parks project has not been finalized. It is hoped that they will be able to participate in the next community meeting.

The other agencies or groups were able to provide information on some of their projects or initiatives, and six of the 28 attendees were available, as representatives of the participating groups, to explain the projects and answer questions.

This format worked very well and offered attendees more information than would have been possible with only the Parks & Greenways draft maps and listing of parks, conservation lands, nature reserves and provincial lands. The combined displays allowed a much broader appreciation for the range of related initiatives that are currently being undertaken on the island than a single perspective could have done.

A number of residents brought the survey form to the open house with them and finished completing it after reviewing the material on display.

The feedback received at the open house was very positive and supported the findings of the parks and greenways survey. Attention focused predominantly on existing trails, both on private and public land, and on the potential for connecting trails.