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Heritage B.C. has conferred an Award of Honour to the Corporation of Delta for our *Westham 100* event. The *Westham 100* celebration was held on March 27, 2010 to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the opening of the swing bridge that connects the farming community of Westham Island to Delta.

The *Westham 100* event was organized by a subcommittee of Delta's Heritage Advisory Commission, led by Commission Chair, Councillor Anne Peterson who explains, "it is an honour to be recognized for a community led celebration of this distinctive landmark in Delta. Good ideas can only succeed with the wholehearted support and efforts of our volunteers and sponsors. My congratulations and thanks to the community of Westham Island and all those who participated."

*Westham 100* volunteers included Robert Butler and Gordon Ellis, who were acknowledged with the *Friends of Heritage Award* for their work on this project; the Delta Farmers' Institute, Delta Museum and Archives, Bruno Marti, La Belle Auberge staff and many others.

Nearly 300 Deltans, including many descendants of Westham Island's original settlers, came together to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the bridge, sharing stories and reminiscing about 100 years of farming and moving produce over a single lane bridge.

"Our heritage is a valuable part of community pride and identity and the *Westham 100* celebration represents both of these values," said Mayor Lois E. Jackson.

The award will be presented tonight at the Heritage B.C. Annual Awards Ceremony.

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