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On Saturday May 25, the Harris Barn Grand Opening celebration was held. Following the formal ceremony, the celebration featured entertainment, a live and silent auction, and a barn dance. Clearly, from the number of people in attendance, the Harris Barn is truly ‘the barn that the community raised’.

“Our Government is proud to have provided funding for the renewal of the Harris Barn, and it is truly a pleasure to celebrate today’s grand opening,” said the Honourable Kerry-Lynne D. Findlay, Associate Minister of National Defence and Member of Parliament for Delta—Richmond East, on behalf of the Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification. “Not only has this project highlighted our commitment to jobs and growth, but it has also ensured that this community asset will remain a treasured part of Delta’s physical and cultural landscape for years to come.”

“With the opening of the Harris Barn as a community amenity, we have managed to preserve some of Delta’s heritage and celebrate Delta’s agricultural history at the same time,” said Mayor Lois E. Jackson. “This structure first served this community as a functioning barn and now everyone in Delta will be able to enjoy it as a place for gatherings, celebrations, and events.”



The master of ceremonies for the Grand Opening was George V. Harvie, Chief Administrative Officer and speeches were made by The Honourable Kerry-Lynne Findlay, PC, QC, MP, Associate Minister of National Defence, Mayor Lois E. Jackson, Councillor Robert Campbell, Chair of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Commission, and Colin Campbell, representing the Kirkland House Foundation.

The Kirkland House Foundation has been a longstanding partner with Delta on the operation and improvement of the Kirkland House. The addition of the Harris Barn provides a new venue for large special events that had previously been lacking in Delta. The Harris Barn has proven to be so popular that weekend weddings are already fully booked for the summers of 2013 and 2014.

Repurposing the Harris Barn was supported by funding from the Government of Canada. This funding recognized the importance of preserving Delta’s heritage and transforming the Harris Barn into a community amenity.

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