

SURREY TO CELEBRATE KHALSA DAY WITH 2019 VAISAKHI PARADE

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SURREY BC: On **April 20, 2019**, Gurdwara Sahib Dasmesh Darbar is once again hosting its annual **Vaisakhi Parade**, a lively and celebratory event that marks the birth of the Sikh faith, pays tribute to the harvest and commemorates one of the most important days in the Sikh calendar, the creation of the Khalsa. The Khalsa was founded to fight adversity over 300 years ago and has since continued to be at the heart of Sikhism. Vaisakhi is celebrated worldwide to recognize the evolvement and importance of this heroic group of people.

For more than 20 years, the parade has been held in Surrey and has brought together crowds that have reached an estimated count of 500,000 in the largest Khalsa Day Parade held outside of India. It is an occasion of performance, live music, decorated floats and food and drink complimentary of local residents and businesses. The annual Vaisakhi Parade invites people of all cultures and religions to experience the joyous day and savor the unique food and entertainment.

Parade Route: The Khalsa Day Parade is scheduled to begin at approximately 9:00 am at the Gurdwara Sahib Dasmesh Darbar, located at 12885-85 Avenue. The Parade will conclude there at approximately 5:00pm (see map for route).

For more information about the event including the Parade route visit: www.surreyvaisakhiparade.ca. To arrange an on-site interview on the day of the event, please refer to media contacts below.

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