

## WORLD'S LARGEST KHALSA DAY (VAISAKHI) PARADE SET FOR APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> IN SURREY

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Surrey, British Columbia: Gurdwara Sahib Dasmesh Darbar, organizers of the Surrey Khalsa Day Parade are thrilled to announce that the 2025 event will take place on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> in Surrey, British Columbia.

The day-long celebration is the largest Khalsa Day (Vaisakhi) Parade in the world, that draws in excess of 500,000 guests across cultures and religions expected to attend.

The Parade begins at 9:00am at the Gurdwara Sahib Darbar (12885 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Surrey) and travels along 124<sup>th</sup> Street, turns left onto 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue, continues on 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue onto 128<sup>th</sup> Street then returns to the Temple at approximately 5:00pm.

Vendors offering free food; music and festivities occur along the Parade route, but due to heavy traffic organizers encourage attendees to walk to the festival area. There is no parking in the area of the event.

Any business or individual wishing to serve food at the event MUST obtain a food permit through Fraser Health, for more information visit: <u>https://www.surreyvaisakhiparade.com/applications/food-premises-application/</u>

For more information including a map, transit and shuttle information visit: <u>www.SurreyVaisakhiParade.com</u>.

Please note, there is no designated media parking for this event.

Surrey Vaisakhi Khalsa Parade Background:

The annual Surrey Khalsa Day (Vaisakhi) Parade in Surrey, British Columbia attracts over 500,000 people annually in a celebration of one of the most significant days in the Sikh calendar, the creation of the Khalsa in 1699. The event welcomes people of all cultures and communities who come together in this communal gathering of understanding, sharing, and goodwill.

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