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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release this Thursday, April 11 related to the Vaisakhi celebrations in Vancouver this weekend. Please keep this news release embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account this morning.

Maria will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Best,  
Paul

**Paul Mochrie** (he/him)  
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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱m̱əθḵʷəy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

**City of Vancouver**  
**News release**  
**April 11, 2024**

## **Celebrate the First Harvest at the Vancouver Vaisakhi Festival**

*Road closures for Punjabi Market area on Saturday, April 13*

Thousands of residents and visitors will be in the heart of South Vancouver this weekend to celebrate the First Harvest at the annual Vaisakhi Festival and Parade.

“Vaisakhi is a cultural celebration for our South Asian community that brings joy and vibrancy to Vancouver,” said Mayor Ken Sim. “It’s a fantastic display of culture, with community performers and live music for all Vancouverites to enjoy. I invite everyone to visit Punjabi Market this weekend to attend the parade, take in the delicious food, and support our local businesses.”

The parade will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 11am to 4pm. View the [parade route](#) and [learn more about the event](#).

## **Traffic impacts and road closures**

To accommodate the parade, road closures will be in effect on Saturday, April 13, from 10am to 6pm on sections of the following streets:

- Main St closed from E 49th Ave to SE Marine Dr
- Fraser St closed from E 41st Ave to SE Marine Dr
- Westbound SE Marine Dr closed from Knight St to Main St
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- 57th Ave closed from Knight St to Ontario St
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Vehicles in the area should plan ahead and expect traffic impacts. Information about parking near the event can be found [here](#).

To help the parade operate as smoothly as possible, attendees are encouraged to:

- Walk, bike, roll, or take transit whenever possible.
- Be mindful of road closures.
- Don't let waste become litter: put waste in its place in the nearest garbage, recycling or organics bin. Additional temporary waste bins will be added for the events.
- Be considerate of the neighbourhood and keep noise to a minimum when leaving.

## **More upcoming special events this spring**

- [Vancouver Sun Run](#), April 20

- [BMO Marathon and Half Marathon](#), May 5
- [Italian Day on the Drive](#), June 9
- [Dragon Boat Festival](#), June 22-23
- [Jazz Festival](#), June 21-30
- [Vancouver Half Marathon](#), June 23
- [Greek Day on Broadway](#), June 23

## **Resources**

If you are travelling in and around the event areas, plan ahead and expect delays.

- Follow all detours and abide by no parking signs in the area.
- Learn more about [road closures](#) across the city.
- Follow #VanTraffic or use our [traffic cameras](#) to check traffic conditions along your commute.
- Visit [translink.ca/alerts](https://translink.ca/alerts) for changes or disruptions to your bus service.

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