

[Information brochure on the Abbotsford Sikh Temple]



Name
Abbotsford Sikh Temple— a place where Sikhs gather for their religious practices and the neighbourhood is considered to be a place where it rises. *Constance*

Location
17029 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford, British Columbia, V2S 1N8. Just across a few miles Sikh Temple is 55154, South Fraser Way.

Brief History
It was built in 1987 by a group of Sikhs who came from Punjab, India and was one of the early gurdwaras in the Fraser Valley. The gurdwara was built by the community of the temple, which is a mixture of people of various backgrounds. The gurdwara was founded by Gurbachan Singh, who worked for the Abbotsford Landfill Company and was one of the founders of the Sikh community. Gurbachan Singh purchased the parcel and the property, and on a parcel of land, he built the Abbotsford Sikh Temple and a small hall for \$1000. This amount he lent to the Sikh community and the rest of the land from his own money. He had to pay from his

private bank of \$100,000 in 1987. It has been designated a National Historic Site, and is now a place of learning for the community. Sikh temples are a place where the early period of Sikh settlement is preserved. The gurdwara is the headquarters of the Sikh and their community. It is a place where the community of Sikhs gather for their religious practices. At the early stage, in their migration to the Sikh Temple, the Sikh community had to be very careful, either that it was a place where it rises.

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