



# Proclamation

Punjabi Literature Week

November 10 – 16, 2024

- WHEREAS** Punjabi has been spoken in the City of Surrey for over 125 years; and
- WHEREAS** People of Punjabi descent have played a historic and important role in the social and economic development of the City of Surrey and continue to make significant contribution to Canadian society through their hard work and generosity; and
- WHEREAS** Modern Punjabi literature is transnational in scope, while embedded in the rich cultural and literacy traditions of Punjab; and
- WHEREAS** the Dhahan Prize for Punjabi Literature promotes the preservation of this distinct culture and heritage through cultivation and recognition of literacy works from authors; and
- WHEREAS** the Dhahan prize for Punjabi Literature aims to share Punjabi Literature with non-Punjabi speakers in Canada through the promotion of translation, connection and engaging communication through storytelling; and
- WHEREAS** the 2024 Dhahan Prize Awards Ceremony is being held in Surrey; and
- WHEREAS** The Mayor of the City of Surrey is pleased to enact a Proclamation on November 10, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Brenda Locke, do hereby proclaim November 10-16, 2024, as “Punjabi Literature Week” in the City of Surrey.

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Mayor Brenda Locke  
City of Surrey