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Yesterday's snow not quite April record

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Processional for re-installation of Holy Sikh Scriptures (Sri Guru Granth Sahib) makes its way into restored heritage Sikh Temple in Abbotsford on Sunday following a huge parade. Below: On an outdoor stage, Premier Gordon Campbell and former federal heritage minister Sheila Copps share a moment before they and other dignitaries and politicians addressed the crowd.

Thousands celebrate restoration of 1911 temple

Ageless history: Culture preserved



by ROCHELLE BAKER
Abbotsford News

THOUSANDS of people braved inclement weather and poured into the compound of the newly renovated Gur Sikh Temple – the oldest in North America – for its ceremonial re-opening on Sunday.

Winds tore at vibrant shawls and saris, splashing them against a dull sky while people ward off the chill with steaming cups of chai, warm greetings and hand shakes.

Members of all levels of government were in attendance to pay their respects to the resilience of Sikh pioneers and the contributions the community has made to both the province and country.

Hundreds crowded under rocking tent canopies to listen to speaker after speaker commemorate the significance of the 96-year-old heritage building.

Premier Gordon Campbell, with golden garland strung around his neck and dressed in a traditional tunic, said the temple, or gurdwara, was symbolic of the faith, dreams, tenacity, and commitment of the Sikh community.

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by NEIL CORN
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