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Dear Joan Mayo:

On behalf of the Province of B.C., the Royal BC Museum and University of the Fraser Valley, thank you for your participation in the South Asian Canadian Historic Places Project nomination process. The purpose of this project is to promote the heritage values of historic places that demonstrate the contribution of South Asian Canadians to the development of British Columbia.

Thirty-four nominations representing 26 places were received throughout a nomination period held September 16 through November 30, 2016. Following a thorough evaluation by sector and community experts, 15 historic places were chosen to receive provincial recognition status. Please refer to Appendices A and B for a complete list of nominations and mapping of historic places that will be recognized under the *Heritage Conservation Act*.

Acknowledgement of the heritage values associated with these places will broaden understanding and appreciation of the diversity of cultures that are part of British Columbia's heritage. Heritage values articulated by the South Asian Canadian community relate to several themes including immigration, fighting for equality and justice, building community, and celebrating cultural diversity.

Sites chosen for formal recognition will be included on the BC Register of Historic Places, and will be put forward for inclusion on the Canadian Register of Historic Places.

As a nominator, your contribution in the selection of these significant historic places is fundamental to the success of this project, and we are grateful for your input.

Yours truly,

Berdine Jonker
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Appendix A

Provincially Recognized South Asian Canadian Historic Places

1. Akali Singh Sikh Temple, Vancouver
2. Burrard Inlet-Coal Harbour, Vancouver
3. Mahal Cranberry Farms, Richmond
4. Golden Sikh Temple, Golden
5. Gur Sikh Temple, Abbotsford
6. Guru Nanak Mining & Trust Co. Commercial Building, Vancouver
7. Joginder Bains Park, Lake Cowichan
8. Kapoor, Sooke Lake
9. Khalsa Diwan Society Gurdwara, Vancouver
10. Paldi, Vancouver Island
11. Punjabi Market, Vancouver
12. Simcoe Park, New Westminster
13. Tod Inlet, Vancouver Island
14. Topaz Street Sikh Gurdwara, Victoria
15. Youbou Mill, Lake Cowichan