

*Please join the BCFED, the Bal, Punia and Sidhu families, Archway Community Services, PICS and the City of Abbotsford for our annual memorial to remember Amarjit Kaur Bal, Sukhvinder Kaur Punia, and Sarabjit Kaur Sidhu, the three women farmworkers killed on the morning of March 7, 2007, while being transported to work in an overloaded and poorly maintained passenger van.*

*These senseless deaths sparked a province-wide review of farm transportation and a coroner's inquest that gave rise to stronger rules, regulations and enforcement, making farm work safer.*

*The Golden Tree stands as a monument to these women, the sacrifices of their families and friends, as a powerful reminder of the consequences of unsafe work.*

*This ceremony also honours all farmworkers in recognition of the important work they do and their ongoing struggle for dignity and safety.*

*The beautiful Golden Tree was built with the generous support of donations from the families, government, labour organizations, business, community groups and individual donations.*

*The ceremony is followed by a candlelight procession to the Golden Tree in the Friendship Garden.*

*Delicious pakoras and samosas will be served with chai.*



## Farmworkers' Memorial Vigil

Sunday, March 8th, 1:00 pm

Matsqui Centennial Auditorium and Friendship Garden  
Abbotsford City Hall 32315 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford BC



## WELCOME AND TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### HOST

**Sussanne Skidmore**  
President, BC Federation of Labour

### REMARKS

**Hon. Patricia Driessen**  
Deputy Mayor of Abbotsford

**Hon. Jennifer Whiteside**  
BC Minister of Labour

**Hon. Raj Chouhan**  
MLA and Speaker of the British Columbia Legislature

**Avneet Sidhu**  
Daughter of Sarabjit Kaur Sidhu

**Avnoor Sidhu**  
Daughter of Sarabjit Kaur Sidhu

**Claudia Stoehr**  
Legal Advocate, Archway Community Services

**Raminder Kang**  
Director, Settlement and Integration Services  
Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society (PICS)

**Sukhdev Mann**  
Tarksheel Society

**Laird Cronk**  
Chair and Public Interest Representative of the WCB Board of Directors

2:00 - MOMENT OF SILENCE

2:05 - CONCLUSION AND THANKS

2:10 - CANDLELIGHT PROCESSION TO GOLDEN TREE

3:00 - CONCLUSION OF EVENT

