Religious, cultural celebration to draw more than 100,000 Sikhs
Parades in Surrey, Vancouver mark highlight of calendar similar to Christmas

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Large crowds are expected to attend Sunday's parade, which starts at 2 p.m. at City Hall and winds through downtown Vancouver. The parade is part of the annual Diwali celebrations, which coincide with the Hindu festival of lights.

The parade is expected to feature cultural performances, floats, and participants dressed in traditional clothing. The route will be filled with music, dance, and festive decorations as the community comes together to celebrate.

In addition to the parade, there will be a Diwali market where visitors can purchase traditional Indian snacks, textiles, and souvenirs. The market will also feature live music and entertainment throughout the day.

The event is open to the public and is a great opportunity for people to experience the rich culture and traditions of the Indian community in Vancouver.
Meat can be moved after risk factor reviewed: CFIA

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The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has announced plans to move meat processing facilities from rural areas to larger cities in order to reduce the risk of contamination. This decision was made after a thorough review of the risk factors associated with meat processing, including the potential for contamination by E. coli and other bacteria.

The CFIA has calculated that the risk of contamination is significantly lower in larger cities, where there is better access to clean water and more rigorous hygiene practices. In addition, the agency has determined that the cost of moving the facilities would be offset by the increased safety and efficiency of the new locations.

The decision has been met with mixed reactions from industry insiders, with some in favor of the move and others expressing concern about the potential impact on rural communities.

"We understand the concerns of the rural communities," said CFIA spokesperson, "but we believe that this move is necessary to ensure the safety of our food supply."