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**I have read and understand the above statements.:** Yes

**I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.:** No

**I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.:** No

**Date:** Thursday, November 09, 2023

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

**First Name:** Peter

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**Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):** University of Saskatchewan

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**Comments:**

Support of Meewasin for the City meeting on Preliminary Business Plan and Budget Review, commencing November 28, 2023 at 9:30am.

**Attachments:**

- [Support Letter CPI - University PS Signed.pdf](#) 119.72 KB

**Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No**

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November 9, 2023

Mayor & Council  
222 Third Avenue North  
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Dear His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council,

I am writing this letter in strong support of the Meewasin Valley Authority and their invaluable contributions to our community. As the President of the University of Saskatchewan, I am delighted to endorse Meewasin's commitment to preserving and enhancing the natural beauty, cultural heritage, and recreational opportunities in the Meewasin Valley.

Meewasin plays a pivotal role in our region by promoting environmental sustainability and conservation, and their dedication to the protection of the South Saskatchewan River valley is vital to the functioning and success of student recruitment and many research projects. The Meewasin Valley not only serves as a picturesque backdrop for our university, but it also provides a unique outdoor classroom for our students. The natural beauty of the valley and its diverse ecosystems have allowed us to offer educational experiences that enrich our students' understanding of the environment and ecology.

Furthermore, Meewasin's cultural and educational programs, as well as their stewardship of historical sites, have been instrumental in promoting local history and heritage. These programs not only enrich our community but also provide opportunities for our students to participate in meaningful and educational activities.

I strongly support the Meewasin Valley Authority and believe that their mission aligns perfectly with the values and goals of the University of Saskatchewan. We value their time and resources working together and have formally signed a new three-year MOU committed to achieving shared goals that are important for Saskatchewan. Completing this work takes significant resources and I urge you to reconsider the CPI freeze on Meewasin's funding. As costs for all operations increase this is a significant detriment and will have negative effects for their organization and many partners. Further, the funds the city continues to allocate to support for trail infrastructure is invaluable to a meaningful corridor for active transportation for our students and staff. Their dedication to environmental conservation, education, and cultural preservation has made a positive impact on our community, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with them.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Stoicheff, Ph.D.  
President and Vice-Chancellor  
University of Saskatchewan