From: City Council

Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Kelvin Kelly - Tree Canada - Support for Meewasin Valley - CK 1700-1

**Attachments:** Meewasin Valley Support Lettter.pdf

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Submitted by user:

Submitted values are:

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: Monday, November 13, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Kelvin

Last Name: Kelly

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: 306

Phone Number: 306

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Address: Atton Cr.

**Neighbourhood:** Evergreen

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: S7W

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Tree Canada

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments? (if known):: Preliminary Business Plan and Budget Review November 28.

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Support for Meewasin Valley.

## Comments:

Please refer to my attached "Letter of Support for Meewasin Valley!"

## Attachments:

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

## Dear Mayor Clark and City Councillors,

I am forwarding this letter to express our support for Meewasin's work in conservation in the Saskatoon region in the upcoming city meeting on "Preliminary Business Plan and Budget Review", scheduled for November 28,2023.

The Meewasin Valley is a huge attribute to the city of Saskatoon for its environmental, ecological and recreation importance to both the city residents and visitors.

Meewasin's efforts in conserving the rich biodiversity of our region, maintaining the health of our ecosystems, and promoting sustainable practices are crucial in ensuring a vibrant and resilient community for generations to come. The organization's commitment to environmental education and outreach programs plays a pivotal role in raising awareness and fostering a sense of responsibility among the community members.

I believe that by supporting Meewasin is an investment in the well-being of our environment, our community, and our shared future. As costs for all operations increase a freeze is a significant detriment and will have negative effects for their organization and many partners such as Tree Canada. Their work goes beyond mere conservation; it is a commitment to creating a sustainable and harmonious relationship between society and nature.

On behalf of Tree Canada, a national organization dedicated to supporting the "greening of communities" for nature and conservation in partnership with groups like Meewasin Valley, I wholeheartedly endorse and encourage continued support for Meewasin's vital conservation work. Their dedication to environmental stewardship is an inspiration to us all, and I am confident that with ongoing support, they will continue to make a significant impact on the preservation of our natural treasures which provides enjoyment and mental well-being for the people who use the Meewasin Valley.

Thank you for considering my perspective, and I urge you to reinstate CPI for 2024 & 2025 and maintain all funding including infrastructure funding to support Meewasin's crucial mission for the benefit of our community and the environment.

Sincerely,

Kelvin Kelly RPFT, ISA Cert. Arborist

Tree Canada Forestry Specialist

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