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Submitted on Saturday, November 18, 2023 - 15:35

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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: Saturday, November 18, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Kiwanis Club of Saskatoon

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

Comments:

Attached letter in support of Meewasin Valley Authority
Please acknowledge receipt and acceptance.

Attachments:

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



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November 21, 2023

Mayor and Council
222 Third Avenue North
Saskatoon, SK. S7K 0J5
Via email: city.clerks@saskatoon.ca

Dear Members of City Council,

The Kiwanis Club of Saskatoon is keenly aware of the challenges our city faces regarding budgetary decisions and we applaud the effort that members of council and administration are devoting in prioritizing the expenditures budget. Within the context of these budgetary deliberations, we respectfully submit that the Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA) merits a high priority assignment for the following funding supports in the forthcoming fiscal years:

- Reinstating the Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment for 2024 and 2025 contributions.
- Maintaining all funding, including trail infrastructure funding currently in place within all budget documents.

We understand that costs for all operations are increasing. We wish to underline, however, that for the MVA, a freeze in funding is a significant detriment and will have negative effects for the MVA and its many partners who may also consider reducing their input contributions. Further, the funds the city continues to allocate to support trail infrastructure is invaluable to maintain a meaningful corridor for active transportation and recreation for over two million visits per year.

The MVA's commitment to preserving the South Saskatchewan River valley is not only a testament to its dedication to environmental stewardship but is also a key fundraising success. It effectively gathers the community in support of important infrastructure projects. Specifically the MVA continuously engages with the Kiwanis Club of Saskatoon as a contributing partner in support of its commitment to enhance the accessibility, interpretation and historical importance of Kiwanis Memorial Park with timely upgrades in cooperation always with Community Services management and staff.

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The Meewasin Valley provides an exceptional natural backdrop for community events and public access to nature in an urban environment, making our city and surrounding region an attractive destination for visitors and residents alike. Its well-maintained riverbanks, trails, and green spaces contribute to the high quality of life that draws people to our community and supports local commerce.

The MVA's efforts to protect and enhance this unique urban wilderness are instrumental in supporting community connection and ensuring learning and recreation opportunities to support a healthy next generation. We believe that their mission aligns seamlessly with the interests of the vision for the City of Saskatoon, and we are committed to working collaboratively to ensure the ongoing success of this cherished organization.

Yours truly,

The Committee on Kiwanis Memorial Park
On behalf of Kiwanis Club of Saskatoon
per:



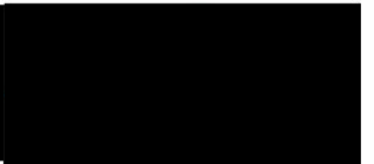
Jerry Helfrich
Chair



Roberta Wells



Bob Tyler



Terry Ross