From: City Council

Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Peggy Clark - Saskatoon Nutana Rotary Club - Letter of Support for

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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>

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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: Sunday, November 19, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Peggy

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Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: 1

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Province: Saskatchewan

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

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Budget Meeting

Comments:

This is a letter of support for Meewasin CPI funding for 2024 from the Saskatoon Nutana Rotary Club.

Attachments:

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



November 17, 2023

Re: Letter of Support for Meewasin CPI Funding

This letter is on behalf of the Saskatoon Nutana Rotary Club, a local club dedicated to building goodwill and peace in the world. We support for the Meewasin Valley Authority, an institution that has played a crucial role in the development and enhancement of our region's natural and outdoor recreation assets.

Meewasin's commitment to preserving the South Saskatchewan River valley is not only a testament to their dedication to environmental stewardship but a key fundraising institution for gathering the community to support important infrastructure projects, like necessary trail infrastructure upgrades. The Meewasin Valley provides an exceptional natural backdrop for community events and public access to nature in an urban environment, making our region an attractive destination for residents and visitors 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.

As costs for all operations increase, a freeze 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 and recreation for over 2 million visits per year.

Meewasin'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. Nutana Rotary has a long association with Meewasin and this has contributed to greater awareness and appreciation among elementary school students on preserving the natural habitat and the need for taking action against climate change.

In conclusion, we are asking that CPI for 2024 & 2025 be reinstated for Meewasin. As well we ask that all other funding, including the trail infrastructure funds provided to Meewasin annually are not impacted.

Sincerely,

Pegg Clark
Co-President

Betty Ann Arscott Co-President