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Letter of support for Meewasin Funding - CK 1700-1Attachments:WR2A Support letter meewasin Nov 2023 KPN.pdf; WR2A Support letter meewasin Nov 2023 KPN.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 20, 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): Western Region 2A - Metis Assoc. Inc.

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: City meeting on Preliminary Business Plan and Budget Review

Comments: Attached letter of support for Meewasin

Attachments:

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



Mayor Charlie Clark & Council

November 20, 2023

Dear Worship Clark and Council,

I am writing on behalf of MN-S WR2A to express our support for Meewasin's work in conservation in the Saskatoon region. The dedication and passion exhibited by the Meewasin team in conserving and protecting our natural environment are truly commendable.

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.

Through various initiatives and projects, Meewasin has proven itself to be a key player in the conservation landscape, working to balance the needs of urban development with the imperative to safeguard our natural heritage. The Meewasin Valley is a testament to their successful endeavors, providing a haven for wildlife, a recreational space for the community, and a source of inspiration for all who visit.

I believe that 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. Their work goes beyond mere conservation; it is a commitment to creating a sustainable and harmonious relationship between humanity and nature. As part of the Metis Sask. Government, we recognize the long standing relationship and partnership building that Meewasin has done and continues to build on. We are hopeful these relationships "Wahkohtowin" will continue as we work together to respect, value, and protect our waters, plants, and earth.

Further, we are on the cusp of making National History, with the high potential for Saskatoon to host an Urban National Park. Meewasin once again has been leaders in this collaborated approach to share our unique terrain, waters and communities.

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On behalf of MN-S WR2A, a local Metis organization committed to advocating for nature and conservation, 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.

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,

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Kathie Pruden Nansel MN-S WR2A Regional Director

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