From: City Council

Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Mark Arcand - Saskatoon Tribal Council - Letter to Support Meewasin -

CK 1700-1

**Attachments:** Letter to Support - Meewasin - November 20 2023.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca> Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 5:10 PM To: City Council < City. Council@Saskatoon.ca>

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Submitted on Monday, November 20, 2023 - 17:09

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): Saskatoon Tribal Council

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments? (if known):: November 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Support Meewasin for the City meeting on Preliminary Business Plan and Budget Review - November 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

# Comments:

Please find attached letter supporting Meewasin.

# Attachments:

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

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Office of the Tribal Chief

November 20, 2023

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# **Re: Meewasin Letter of Support:**

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing 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.

On behalf of Saskatoon Tribal Council, a local 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.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (306) 280-5394.

Sincerely,

Tribal Chief Mark Arcand Saskatoon Tribal Council

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