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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: Tuesday, November 21, 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): Friends of the Saskatoon
Afforestation Areas inc.

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: 2024/2025 Multi-Year Business Plan and
Budget

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Environment/Meewasin

Comments:
attachment

Attachments:

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



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Dear His Worship Mayor Charlie Clark, City Council Members,

RE: Support Meewasin in 2024/2025 Multi-Year Business Plan/Budget review

The Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas are writing to express our support for Meewasin's work in conserving the rich biodiversity and ecology of our region and promoting sustainable practices in the Saskatoon region. The organization's commitment to environmental education and outreach programs plays a pivotal role in raising awareness and fostering a sense of responsibility for the river valley in the community.

As costs for all operations increase a proposed freeze of CPI increases will have negative effects for their organization and its many important conservation and education programs which were budgeted based on a CPI increase. It surely must be clear that Meewasin's work is central to several of the key goals of Saskatoon's current Strategic Plan, namely Quality of Life, Environmental Leadership and an active transportation corridor for Moving Around.

Surveys by Meewasin show that 90% of respondents agree that the river valley is a central attribute of the city. The vision of the Strategic Plan, "Saskatoon is a great place to live, work, learn, and, play" depends on, to a significant degree, Meewasin's infrastructure and conservation assets. This in turn depends on Meewasin's talented and dedicated team.

Meewasin has proven itself to be very effective in leveraging the core funding from the City and its other partners and beyond that attracting people to visit or live in Saskatoon. Beyond that it has been a model for many other communities working to balance the needs of urban development with the imperative to safeguard natural heritage. These add-on benefits are incalculable.

On behalf of Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas, a local organization committed to advocating for nature and conservation, we wholeheartedly encourage continued support for Meewasin's vital conservation work. Their dedication to environmental stewardship is an inspiration to us all, and we are confident that with ongoing support, they will continue to make a significant impact on the preservation of our natural treasures.

In conclusion, we urge you to reinstate Meewasin's CPI funding for 2024 & 2025 and maintain all funding including infrastructure funding to support Meewasin's crucial mission that so greatly benefits our community and contributes so much to other goals such as reducing climate impact, linking and enhancing green infrastructure, and encouraging tourism and population growth.

Thank you for considering our perspective.

Sincerely,
Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc