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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:** 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):** Swale Watchers

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** Multi-year budget deliberations, Nov 28-30

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Community Support grant for Meewasin Valley Authority

**Comments:**

See attached letter

**Attachments:**

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



November 18, 2023

For more than a dozen years, Swale Watchers have been attempting to secure effective, permanent protection for the Northeast and Small Swales, two of the best – indeed only – surviving areas of natural grassland and wetlands in our region.

This work, yet unachieved, has brought us into frequent contact with the staff and board of the Meewasin Valley Authority. As a result, we know how many important initiatives Meewasin has been carrying forward for the City and the region. In our own advocacy, we have often relied on Meewasin's data collection and expert analysis. We have been at the table with Meewasin personnel as they contributed to City decision-making on many conservation-related issues. And we have found inspiration and encouragement in Meewasin's leadership, particularly their ongoing work toward the creation of a National Urban Park.

For all these reasons and more, we are grateful for the City's investment in Meewasin and urge you to stay the course. Please maintain all funding to Meewasin, including infrastructure funding, and reinstate the previously planned CPI increase for 2024 & 2025.

Thank you for considering this request.

Meghan Mickelson and Candace Savage, co-chairs  
Swale Watchers

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