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From: City Council
Subject: FW: Email - Request to Speak - Randy Pshebylo - Riversdale Business Improvement District - Letter of Support for Meewasin - CK 1700-1
Attachments: MVA Budget Letter of Support 2023.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 9:35 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 - 09:09

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

First Name: Randy

Last Name: Pshebylo

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: 306 [REDACTED]

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Province: Saskatchewan

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Riversdale Business Improvement District

What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

Comments:

Support of Meewasin (MVA) for the City meeting on Preliminary Business Plan and Budget Review commencing November 28th, 2023 at 930am.

Attachments:

- [MVA Budget Letter of Support 2023.pdf](#) 305.36 KB

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



November 20, 2023

The Mayor and Saskatoon City Council
c/o City Clerks Office
City Hall, 222 - 3rd Avenue South
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Your Worship and City Councillors:

The Riversdale Business Improvement District (RBID) Board of Management has heard firsthand of the exciting future for the Meewasin Valley Authority and remains mindful and supportive of the improvements made along our boundary of the RBID. Meewasin's commitment to preserving the South Saskatchewan River Valley includes the key driver of economic development in our District and supports local commerce stemming from the over 2 million visitors per year to the Meewasin Trail.

Future plans need to include upgrades to Victoria Park given the predictable success of the new home of the Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, drawing thousands of people to our area, and supporting our member businesses. Greater opportunities can come forward with the Seasonal Commercial Enterprise applicants that can further enhance the experiences along the well-maintained trail and river banks. Funding Meewasin appropriately will ensure momentum continues.

Whereas many of our member stakeholders have experienced tremendous financial headwinds and shifts in property taxes and assessments affecting business operations, what is not lost is the value realized with Meewasin by our citizens and customers. Given the National Urban Park policy underway, and the financial leverage the organization has been demonstrating, it bodes well for our Meewasin neighbour to continue helping Riversdale along its boundary.

The RBID Board of Management is supportive of Saskatoon City Council providing every consideration shown to the Meewasin Valley Authority at the Preliminary Business Plan and Budget Review in the pursuit of maintaining and growing business in our District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Frost', is written over a horizontal line.

James Frost
Vice Chair

Riversdale Business Improvement District