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**From:** Web NoReply <[web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca](mailto:web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca)>  
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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:** Friday, June 06, 2025

**To:** Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

**First Name:** Mike

**Last Name:** Velonas

**Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:** Vuh-low-nuss

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** 402 3rd Ave N

**Ward:** Ward 6

**Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):** Meewasin Valley Authority

**What do you wish to do ?:** Request to Speak

**If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely:** In person

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

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** National Urban Park Exploration

**Comments:**

I will speak to the project, including work done to date and next steps.

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

# Meewasin Valley Authority

miywâsin is nêhiyawêwin/Cree for “it is beautiful”

*Stewards of the river valley corridor*

Meewasin is located on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We humbly acknowledge the traditional caretakers of the land and honour the First Nations and Métis people of this place.

Meewasin 

# Steering Committee

**Government of Saskatchewan**

**Saskatoon Tribal Council**

**Métis Nation - Saskatchewan**

**Parks Canada**

**City of Saskatoon**

**RM of Corman Park**

**Wanuskewin Heritage Park**

**University of Saskatchewan**

**Meewasin Valley Authority**

**Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth**





# Work to Date

- **Established Steering Committee**
- **Early engagement**
  - **Explore Vision**
  - **Boundary Criteria**
  - **Governance Models**
- **Accessibility and Inclusion Assessment Tool**
- **Conservation Tools Update**
- **Development of options: vision, boundary, governance**
- **Draft Conceptual Capital and Operating Plan**
- **Pre-Feasibility Report**



## Parameters for NUP exploration

- Retain local autonomy;
- Governed under the *Meewasin Valley Authority Act*;
- No new or additional federal regulations;
- Establish sustainable, long-term federal funding;
- Boundary that creates a connected corridor
- Ensure a willing buyer, willing seller approach for any potential future land securement

### Legend

- Meewasin Jurisdiction
- City of Saskatoon

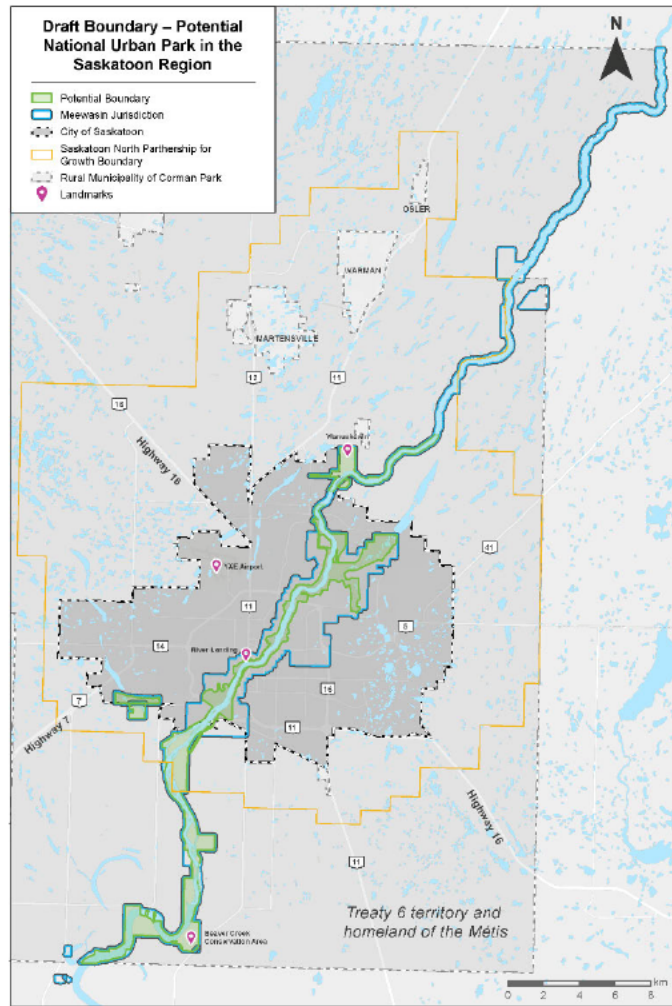


# Jurisdiction

The Meewasin Jurisdiction runs **75 km along the river**, and is a vast area, about the size of **13 thousand football fields!**

Meewasin is the steward of **Canada's largest urban conservation zone.**







# Potential National Urban Park – Next Steps

- **Public, First Nations and Métis Engagement**
  - July - September 2025
- **Feedback will inform a plan for the potential national urban park designation**

