



## **GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

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### **National Urban Park: Vision, Governance and Boundaries**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the vision and governance as set out in this report for the National Urban Park led by Meewasin Valley Authority and Parks Canada be endorsed;
2. That the provisional boundary for the National Urban Park led by Meewasin Valley Authority and Parks Canada as shown in Appendix 3, subject to engagement and possible future refinements, in the University Heights Neighbourhood #3 (UH3) Concept Plan and consideration of Council's direction regarding Swale boundaries from February 22, 2023 be endorsed; and
3. That the Administration be directed to provide a letter supporting Meewasin and Parks Canada entering into a Memorandum of Agreement for National Urban Park Designation, subject to Federal funding confirmation and the principles of shared understanding outlined in this report.

#### **History**

The Governance and Priorities Committee, at its meeting held on March 11, 2026, considered a report of the Utilities and Environment Division regarding the above.

Your Committee received presentations from the following:

1. Raeanne Kurtz, Parks Canada, dated March 6, 2026
2. Mike Velonas, Chief Executive Officer, Meewasin Valley Authority, dated March 9, 2026
3. Candace Savage, Swale Watchers, dated March 9, 2026
4. Joanne Blythe, Wild About Saskatoon, dated March 9, 2026

And in addition, also received 86 letters which are listed in the attachments.

The above recommendation was amended from the what was recommended by the Administration.

#### **Attachments**

1. Admin Report - March 11, 2026 report of the Utilities and Environment Division;



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2. Append 1 - National Urban Park Exploration Background;
3. Append 2 - National Urban Park Process Framework;
4. Append 3 - Vision and Governance - National Urban Park for the Saskatoon Region;
5. Append 4 - Proposed National Urban Park (NUP) Boundary Refinement; and
6. Append 5 - Engagement Executive Summary
7. Letters from the following:
  1. Raeanne Kurtz, Parks Canada, dated March 6, 2026
  2. Mike Velonas, Chief Executive Officer, Meewasin Valley Authority, dated March 9, 2026
  3. Candace Savage, Swale Watchers, dated March 9, 2026
  4. Joanne Blythe, Wild About Saskatoon, dated March 9, 2026
  5. Kira Penney, dated March 7, 2026
  6. Nadine Poulton, dated March 7, 2026
  7. Hannah Pilat, dated March 7, 2026
  8. Bre Hipkin, dated March 7, 2026
  9. Sheri Benning, dated March 7, 2026
  10. Ryan Bradshaw, dated March 7, 2026
  11. Char Burns, dated March 7, 2026
  12. Joseph Monahan, dated March 7, 2026
  13. Monika Kinner, dated March 7, 2026
  14. Jan Shadick, Living Sky Wildlife Rehabilitation, dated March 7, 2026
  15. Anaiah Adair, dated March 7, 2026
  16. Katarina Nechvatal, dated March 7, 2026
  17. Carol Kavanagh, dated March 7, 2026
  18. Jessica Hoehn, dated March 7, 2026
  19. Emily Lischynski, dated March 7, 2026
  20. Leanne Grieves, dated March 7, 2026
  21. Joan Feather, dated March 7, 2026
  22. Andreas Lohstraeter, dated March 7, 2026
  23. Margaret Corbett, dated March 7, 2026
  24. Jennifer Briere, dated March 7, 2026
  25. Andrea Carroll, dated March 7, 2026
  26. Jonathan Fortier, dated March 7, 2026



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27. Murray Gross, dated March 7, 2026
28. Glennis Killoran, dated March 7, 2026
29. Joanne Augusta, dated March 7, 2026
30. Kristi Fedoroff, Green Sanctuary, Unitarian Congregation Saskatoon, dated March 7, 2026
31. Ulrich Teucher, dated March 7, 2026
32. Cathy Holtslander, Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas, dated March 7, 2026
33. Julia Adamson, dated March 7, 2026
34. Sonja Vrinten, dated March 7, 2026
35. Brooke Maatman, dated March 7, 2026
36. Angela Sykes, dated March 7, 2026
37. Richard Huziak, dated March 7, 2026
38. Sharissa Hantke, dated March 7, 2026
39. Morgan Reschny, dated March 7, 2026
40. Crystal Shain, dated March 7, 2026
41. Kristie Romanow, dated March 8, 2026
42. Lynnea Moore, dated March 8, 2026
43. Elizabeth Bekolay, dated March 8, 2026
44. Rena Bartsch, dated March 8, 2026
45. Karen Davidson, dated March 8, 2026
46. Kara Hume, dated March 8, 2026
47. Lesa Shea Giesbrecht, dated March 8, 2026
48. Katie Salmers, dated March 8, 2026
49. Kenneth Wilson, dated March 8, 2026
50. Janet McVittie, dated March 8, 2026
51. Ron Jensen, dated March 8, 2026
52. Helen Pridmore, dated March 8, 2026
53. Carly Schmidt, dated March 8, 2026
54. Jody Busch, dated March 8, 2026
55. David Forbes, Saskatoon Nature Society, dated March 8, 2026
56. Rod Bartsch, dated March 8, 2026
57. Jan Norris, dated March 8, 2026
58. Raylene Hartl, dated March 8, 2026



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59. Holly Knuttila, dated March 9, 2026
60. Robin Karpan, dated March 9, 2026
61. Arlene Karpan, dated March 9, 2026
62. Denise Beaulieu, Swale Watchers, dated March 9, 2026
63. Aakashdeep Mundi, dated March 9, 2026
64. Sabine Kirsch, dated March 9, 2026
65. Kathryn Green, dated March 9, 2026
66. Meghan Mickelson, dated March 9, 2026
67. Elaine Wheaton, dated March 9, 2026
68. Louise Jones, dated March 9, 2026
69. Lauralene Van Loon, dated March 9, 2026
70. Susan Cross, dated March 9, 2026
71. Warrick Baijius, dated March 9, 2026
72. Michelle Wiebe, dated March 9, 2026
73. Madison Pascal, dated March 9, 2026
74. David Abraham, dated March 9, 2026
75. Kevin Stewart, dated March 9, 2026
76. Eunice Bergstrom, dated March 9, 2026
77. Angela S. Ko, dated March 9, 2026
78. Caroll Chubb, dated March 9, 2026
79. Martha Carter, dated March 9, 2026
80. Anne Coxworth, dated March 9, 2026
81. Berold Baijius, dated March 9, 2026
82. Brette Crockett, dated March 9, 2026
83. Fraser Baalim, dated March 9, 2026
84. John Penner, dated March 9, 2026
85. Jamie Schmidt, dated March 9, 2026
86. Michael Malagride, dated March 9, 2026
87. Jory Vermette, Saskatoon Climate Hub, dated March 9, 2026
88. Stewart Coles, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, dated March 9, 2026
89. Daniel Schott, dated March 9, 2026
90. Maria Virgin, All My Relations Enterprise, dated March 9, 2026