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## Riverfront at River Landing Update

The Riverfront at River Landing is the most exciting public renewal project in Saskatoon's 100 year history and Meewasin has been there since construction began in 2003.



Pedestrian Bridge at River Landing, Spring 2007

We are managing both Phase I (Traffic Bridge to Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge) and Phase II (Senator Sid Buckwold Bridge to Victoria

Park). When complete the site will have viewing areas, river tributaries and gardens, a promenade linking Friendship to Victoria Parks, a boat dock, pavilion, children's water play area and links to Riversdale, the downtown, and Broadway.

Construction work on Phase 1 continued throughout the winter. This included work on the amphitheatre, seating areas, plaza/pedestrian links and the river basin feature. The river base feature is scheduled for completion by mid-summer. Laura Hale, our Artist in the Community, has been working with grades 3 and 4 students to "test" the idea of embedding tile fish mosaics into the feature. The pavilion contract has been awarded. We are planning to have the pavilion and water play area completed by mid-August.

Work scheduled for Riverfront Phase 2 over the next two years includes the establishment and armoring of the shoreline, construction of shorewalls, retaining walls, earthworks, site services, pathways, lighting and site furnishings. The goal is to complete and open a safe and functional segment of the riverwalk in the fall of 2008.

In order to complete Riverfront Phase 1, Meewasin has launched a \$2 million public campaign which has been underwritten by Cameco. This campaign, which started in mid-2006, will run to 2008. For more information on sponsorship opportunities contact our Meewasin campaign office at 665-6887.



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# Meewasin - F1RSTSASK Credit Union Clean-Up Campaign 2007 - THANK YOU!

Meewasin & FirstSask Credit Union

A big thank you to everyone who took part in this year's campaign! Over 25,000 Saskatonians volunteered to help clean up our beautiful city in preparation for Summer. Your support of this event is greatly appreciated.



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## Celebrate Canadian Rivers Day on Sunday June 10!



Join Meewasin and the Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin in celebrating the fourth annual **Canadian Rivers Day!** This celebration takes place across Canada to celebrate, commemorate, and preserve Canada's spectacular rivers. Canadian rivers represent adventure and discovery. They are a continuing source of beauty and joy for all of us.



Meewasin will be organizing a Shearwater River Celebration Cruise and barbeque from 7 – 9 pm. The cost is \$30.00/person which includes a river cruise and a delicious barbecue on board the Saskatoon Princess. Pre-registration is required and will be done on a first come/first pay basis. Register soon, as this event fills up quickly. Contact the Meewasin Valley Centre at 665-6888 for details and to register.



## Meewasin Plant-A-Tree & Memorial Forest Commemoration

Meewasin's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Plant-A-Tree & 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Forest Commemoration will be held June 23, 2007, at Innovation Place, 15 Innovation Boulevard. In the case of inclement weather, the event will be held at The Atrium, 111 Reserach Drive. Final preparations for the event are in progress. Please call 665-6887 for more information.

## Meewasin Rink

The Meewasin Skating Rink, located in Kiwanis Memorial Park beside the Delta Bessborough Hotel, enjoyed an excellent 2006/2007 skating season. The skating rink was open for a total of 89 days.



Thanks to our supporters, sponsors, and staff, it was a very good season indeed. We had more than 10,230 skaters from all over the world enjoy the rink this season. One of the highlights this year was when the Meewasin Rink was named best outdoor rink in Canada by Reader's Digest magazine. The Meewasin team hopes you enjoyed using the rink this winter and looks forward to seeing you again next winter!

## Third Annual Doors Open Saskatoon - June 3, 2007 - Noon - 5 pm

Event Sponsors - the Saskatoon Heritage Society, Meewasinthe City of Saskatoon and the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committe - offer **the 3rd Annual Doors Open Saskatoon**. This unique program offers the opportunity to visit spaces not generally accessible to the public. Call 242-7700 for more information or visit the website at [www.doorsopensaskatoon.ca](http://www.doorsopensaskatoon.ca).



## Birds of BCCA Thank Saskatoon Nature Society

"Spring has sprung at the Creek and our need for seed is almost done. During the winter we ate a ton, 1,920 pounds of seed, to be precise. Many of us visited the feeders throughout the site taking turns to grab a space, grab some seed, and take off with great haste. Thanks again to the Saskatoon Nature Society for their donation of money to ensure that there was seed in my tummy so I could make it through to the season that is sunny."

# Meewasin Valley Centre *and Gift Shop*

402 Third Avenue South ~ 665-6888

Open 9 to 5 Weekdays - 10:30 to 5 Weekends & Holidays



## Discover Saskatoon's Past in May

### Held Over by Popular Demand for May and June - Near and Far: Views of Saskatoon - Pat Clarke.

Enjoy Pat Clarke's original watercolor paintings depicting the Saskatchewan landscape and the birds that visit our beautiful Meewasin valley.

#### May 6 - "On With the Show" - For Everyone (2 pm)

Let us entertain you with the many pictures and personal stories in this look at Saskatoon's earliest theatres. Everyone is welcome.

#### May 13 - Mother's Day - Painted Flower Pot Craft - For Kids (2 pm)

For Mother's Day, join the Meewasin team while we learn about the history of Mother's Day and make a beautiful painted flower pot craft to take home. Please call 665-6888 for more information and to register.



#### May 20 - History Nature Walk - For Everyone (2 pm)

Join Meewasin Interpreters this afternoon for a walk along the riverbank as we learn about the cultural and natural history of our river. Please call 665-6888 for more information and to register.

#### May 21 - Queen Victoria's Birthday - For Kids (2 pm)

Learn about Queen Victoria and why we celebrate her birthday every year. We'll make a craft that was popular during Queen Victoria's reign and share birthday cake! This program fills up quickly, so please call 665-6888 to pre-register now! Parents/guardians must accompany. Cost \$2.00/child.



#### May 27 - Nutana Walking Tour - For Everyone (2 pm)

Join us on a walking tour of the Nutana area and learn some of the history behind the original settlement of Saskatoon. Please call 665-6888 to register.

## Join the MVC as we Welcome Summer!

### June 3 - Third Annual Doors Open Saskatoon - For Everyone (Noon - 5 pm)

Doors Open Saskatoon returns for its third year, unlocking the secrets of more than 30 remarkable buildings, most of which are normally closed to the public. These buildings of architectural and historic interest are located in the Downtown, Riversdale, Broadway and University areas. The Meewasin Valley Centre is pleased to be both a sponsor of, and the headquarters for, this event. Please call 242-7700 for more information.

### June 10 - National Rivers Day Celebrations - For Adults (7 pm)

In celebration of Canadian Rivers Day, Meewasin is planning an evening boat cruise and barbeque along the beautiful South Saskatchewan River. (Please see previous page for more information.) Please call 665-6888 to pre-register for this program.



#### June 17 - Father's Day - Cruising with Dad - For Kids (2 pm)

This Father's Day come to Meewasin to learn about the history of boat traffic along the river and then make your own Paddlewheeler boat to take home. Please call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany. Cost \$2.00/craft.

#### June 24 - Come Fly Away Kites - For Kids (2 pm)

Participants will watch a presentation on the history of kites, learn interesting kite facts, and build their own kites to take home. Please book early as space fills up quickly. Call 665-6888 to pre-register for this program. Parents/guardians must accompany. Cost \$2.00/craft.

### July 1 - Canada Day! - For Everyone (2 - 4 pm)

Come and join the Meewasin staff in a celebration of Canada Day. Learn more about the history of our flag, make a Canadian Flag windsock and enjoy some "Canada" birthday cake! Cost \$2.00/craft.



# Beaver Creek Conservation Area

Invites You to Explore...

## Sensational Scenes of Spring

### Marvelous May - Sundays at 2:30 pm

Awaken all your senses on an interpretive hike and discover who's back and 'springing' to life. Birds, bees and budding trees will all be here for you to see. Binoculars will be provided.



### Jubilent June - Sundays at 2:30 pm

Jump into June by participating in an interpretive hike that celebrates the wonder of water. Discover the diversity of wildlife in and around the watery world of Beaver Creek through Project Wet & Wild activities.



### Beaver Creek Group Bookings

Book your next group adventure at Beaver Creek Conservation Area. Environmentally based programs offer a variety of guided hikes and nature games. We'll tailor the program to meet the specific needs of your group. Daytime and evening (July and August) group bookings are available. Call Beaver Creek at 374-2474 for more information.

### Wild Mother's Day May 13 - 12:00 to 4:00 pm

Visit Beaver Creek Conservation Area on Mother's Day to discover the life of wild mothers. The program is available from 12:00 to 4:00 pm as come & go discovery stations.

### Forest Father's Day June 17 - 12:00 to 4:00 pm

The Wildlife Rehabilitation Society of Saskatchewan, Beaver Creek Conservation Area, and Brightwater Science and Environmental Centre (just upstream from BCCA) will raise awareness of wildlife rehabilitation in Saskatchewan through live animal visits from the Wild and Exotic Animal Medicine Society - Western Canada College of Veterinary Medicine and the Saskatoon Zoo Society. Wildlife artists will be producing and displaying their art at BCCA and BWSEC along with family activities, tours, and refreshments. The programs at both sites are a come & go with activities available from Noon to 4:00 pm. Call Beaver Creek Conservation Area at 374-2474 for more information.

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Open May 1 to June 30  
9 am to 5 pm Daily  
July 1 to September 3  
9 am to 9 pm Daily

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