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**City of Saskatoon Prioritizes Meewasin in 2019 Budget
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As part of the City of Saskatoon Budget for 2019, the Meewasin Valley Authority will receive specific support for the outdoor skating rink operations, upgrades to the Meewasin Trail and operational funding. “We are pleased with the City’s continued support of Meewasin and its vital role in creating a city that is a great place to live, work and play.” said Colin Tennent, Chair of Meewasin’s Board of Directors.

In 2019, Meewasin will continue to focus on protecting our natural resources with efforts to eradicate the valley of invasive plants, trail construction, the implementation of a master plan for the Meewasin Northeast Swale, and operate the downtown skating rink which counted 46,000 skaters last year. Meewasin delivered educational programs and events at a variety of locations last year including Beaver Creek Conservation Area which saw 14,611 general public and 3,012 students, the Meewasin Northeast Swale and Saskatoon Natural Grasslands which saw 7,400 students and many other public users, and over 1.4 million visitors to the Meewasin trail system.

“I appreciate the City of Saskatoon annual core funding which historically and presently increases through consumer price index (CPI).” says CEO Andrea Lafond. “We invite the public to get outside this winter and join us at the skating rink for some wonderful events coming up soon. The Tim Horton’s Twinkle Light Skating Party on December 18 lights up downtown and a special New Years Eve event being aired on CBC.”

Meewasin is a registered charity and those interested can donate at meewasin.com or by visiting us in person at our office, located at 402 – Third Avenue South Saskatoon, SK S7K 3G5.

“Thank you to the many people and organizations who continue to support Meewasin - our Board and funding partners; the City of Saskatoon, the University of Saskatchewan, the Government of Saskatchewan, our trail and valley users, donors, volunteers and corporate sponsors.” Tennant adds.

All upcoming rink events at Cameco Skating Rink @ *Nutrien Plaza*:

- Tim Hortons Twinkle Light Skating Party – December 18, 2018 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. with featured lighting of the holiday trees
- New Years Eve Skating Party – December 31, 2019 from 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. featuring a mock countdown aired on CBC’s New Years special
- Nutrien Wintershines Skating Party – January 27, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Cameco Family Skating Party – February 18, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Admission to the rink is by donation and there are skates to borrow in the lodge.

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