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Meewasin Appoints Colin Tennent as 10th Chair



Colin Tennent began serving Meewasin in 1999 as a member of the Development Review Committee and was appointed to the Board of Directors in 2008 as a representative of the University of Saskatchewan, where he served in the capacity of Associate Vice-President of Facilities Management and University Architect. Mr. Tennent guided the university through a 15 year period of unprecedented capital growth. Before joining the University of Saskatchewan, Colin worked in private architectural practices across Canada, leading design of diverse institutional facilities including the College of Agriculture and Bio-Resources at the U of S and the Ontario Provincial Police headquarters in Orillia, Ontario.

Tennent holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Saskatchewan and a Master of Architecture from the University of Calgary's Faculty of Environmental Design. He is a registered member of the Saskatchewan Association of Architects where he served a term as President of the Association and was invested as a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Architects in 2014. His current role involves leading the institution's fourth campus master plan, taking measures to dramatically increase environmental sustainability at the U of S. For a dozen years Colin has provided leadership in promotion of the proposed School of Architecture and Visual Arts program at the University of Saskatchewan.

Tennent made the following comment, upon his appointment as 10th Meewasin chair:

"Meewasin is an enduring organization that has consistently created a unique and essential experience for Saskatoonians throughout this remarkable river valley. I am impressed by the degree of public access to the river, afforded by consistent application of the wisdom contained within Raymond Moriyama's 100 Year Concept Plan. No other North American city has this degree of public access. The quality of development of our beloved river valley is, in my experience, also unrivaled. Meewasin is also singularly equipped to address many of the conservation tasks necessary for the ecological health of the valley, whether that involves eradication of invasive species or managing controlled burns.

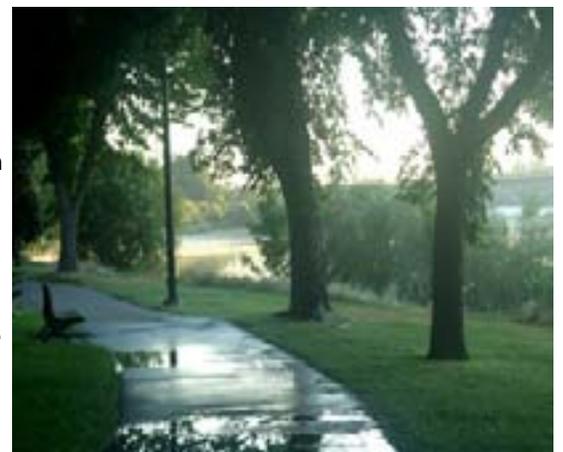
This is a time of deep reflection for Meewasin as we come to terms with a dramatically different funding model. However, this is also a time of great opportunity for positive and transformative change. I look forward to contributing my part in leading Meewasin into a new era of public service."

Meewasin thanks you!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the time they gave to Meewasin for the Trail Survey and Count. Your time and dedication to Meewasin are greatly appreciated. The count and survey were very successful with an incredible amount of volunteers giving up their time to stand on the Meewasin Trail (even in the rain) and count trail users. The data will provide us with valuable information for future planning of the existing and new trail systems.

Next steps: Over the summer months, Meewasin will work to input and analyze the data. Our goal is to complete a report in late fall/early winter that will be made available to the public.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts!
The Meewasin Team



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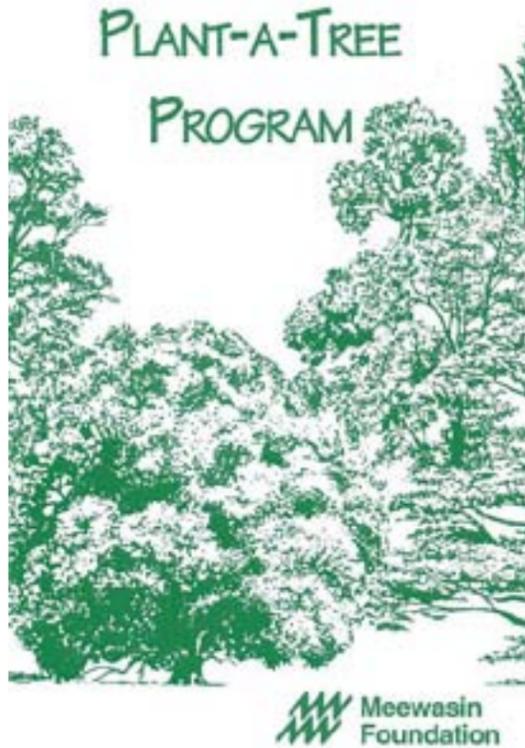
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MEEWASIN

Meewasin's 31st Annual Plant-A-Tree Dedication



The 31st annual Meewasin Plant-A-Tree Dedication was held on Saturday, June 17, 2017, 1:00 p.m. in Boomtown at Saskatoon's Western Development Museum.

Meewasin would like to thank the more than 150 families, groups of friends and colleagues who came together in the last year to green the Meewasin Valley. These donors made gifts to honour the special people and events in their lives. Donors looked to the Meewasin Plant-A-Tree program (which also offers brick and bench sponsorship) to honour the memories of those most dear to them and to celebrate the joyous occasions in their lives, such as weddings, births, graduations and anniversaries.

Since 1988, Meewasin has planted over 4,000 trees and shrubs in the valley that have been sponsored by individuals and groups. Since 2000 alone, there have been almost 200 donations to the Memorial Forest in Gabriel Dumont Park.

The 2017 program included the placement of more than 100 trees and shrubs, Meewasin Trail benches, seating blocks, bricks at the Saskatoon Road Runners Seating Node, the Saskatoon Community Foundation Plaza at River Landing, the Factoria Seating Node, and the Rotary International Peace Plaza. A special red granite brick was donated to recognize Nobel Peace Laureate Malala Yousafzai recipient in 2014 for her role as an advocate for human rights and female education.

Special thanks to the following individuals who made the program meaningful: emcee Wayne Dyck, the Honourable Ken Cheveldayoff, the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, the Saskatoon Men's Chorus, Piper Brad Fenty, Board Chair Colin Tennent, Mayor Charlie Clark, Meewasin Fund Development Chair Evan Howlett, donor representatives Robin Chapman and Ian Judd-Henrey. Approximately 500 donors, sponsors and Friends of the Valley attended the ceremony.



Each year, Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin (PFSRB) strives to bring quality speakers, water experts, non-profit, and industry representatives together to talk about the interconnectedness and importance of water, our most valuable resource.

This year's conference will be held October 17 - 19, 2017 at the Executive Royal Hotel in Leduc, just outside Edmonton, Alberta. The theme will be "Flowing Waters: Water Quality and Transboundary Issues in the Saskatchewan River Basin".

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Please visit www.floatingwatersconf.com for registration and sponsorship opportunities.



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Invasive Plant Spotlight – What do you have growing in your yard?

Dame's Rocket (*Hesperis matronalis*) a.k.a Dames Violet or Sweet Rocket



Photo credit: Glen Lee of <http://www.saskwildflower.ca>

Dame's Rocket is an invasive plant and designated as noxious in Saskatchewan by the Ministry of Agriculture. Being designated as a noxious plant means that landowners, both urban and rural, have a duty to control these plants on their property, due to the economic, health, and environmental damage the plant may cause (Statutes of Saskatchewan, 2010). Dame's Rocket is a biennial plant, producing a rosette in the first year and a flowering bolt in the second year of growth. It grows up to about 1 m tall and was introduced from Europe as an ornamental plant. Its popularity as a garden ornamental plant has increased its spread across North America. Its leaves are dark green, hairy on both side, lance shaped, and have serrated edges. Leaves are typically alternating. Flowers are white or pink to purple in colour with 4 petals and are borne in loose clusters atop the stems. Flowers are very fragrant and Dame's rocket is a prolific seed producer. Dame's Rocket often comes in generic wildflower mixes (in addition to a host of other non-native and potentially invasive species) so avoid planting mixes that do not list the species or list invasive species in their contents. To control this plant, you can repeatedly hand-pull or dig plants (including as much of the roots as possible) before seed production, mowing repeatedly before full flower to reduce seed production, or use a recommended herbicide that is suitable for the task. Plants will re-bloom if only deadheaded. Hand-pulling is considered to be the most effective method as roots are easily removed from soft soil. Bag dead plants to take to the landfill and to prevent spread, avoid composting and minimize soil disturbance.

Meewasin has Dame's Rocket on a number of its sites due to the very invasive nature of this plant. Meewasin's Resource Management crew is actively working to control this plant through various integrated invasive species management methods such as: repeated cutting, digging, herbicide, monitoring and awareness. The use of a variety of integrated management methods help to increase overall effectiveness in the removal of this plant, both within Meewasin's jurisdiction and across the province.

Meewasin Rural Canoe Launch Sites to Remain Open

Friday May 19, 2017 - Meewasin announced river access sites at Paradise Beach, Fred Heal Canoe Launch, and Poplar Bluffs will be open and maintained by Meewasin. Meewasin is asking for and has been receiving excellent cooperation from site users. Please be aware of the following:

- No open fires;
- Alcohol is illegal;
- Pick up your garbage;
- No parking on the shoulder of the road;
- All-Terrain vehicles on river sand bars are illegal; and
- Vehicles use of the sites is Sunrise to Sunset.



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BEAVER CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

INTERPRETING SASKATOON'S NATURAL HISTORY

Beaver Creek Programming

Beaver Creek Conservation Area is open July and August, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. seven days a week.

Beaver Creek Conservation Area offers four nature trails and an Interpretive Centre with hands-on activities, puppet theatre, and the SaskEnergy Beaver Pond.



Bring family and friends out for a visit and enjoy this natural area. Access to the site is free with donations appreciated.

*Interested in making a group booking?
Guided Interpretive Programs can be booked
pending available staff. Fee for interpretive services
is \$75.00 per hour per interpreter.
Call 306-374-2474 for more information.*



About Beaver Creek Conservation Area



Beaver Creek Conservation Area offers the general public and schools opportunities to discover the wonders of nature. Hands-on activities in the Interpretive Centre give children the opportunity to learn more about Saskatchewan's wildlife. Their experience is enhanced through creative play such as the puppet theatre and animal costumes. A selection of four nature trails are available year-round for all ages to enjoy.

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