

MEEWASIN EXPLORER

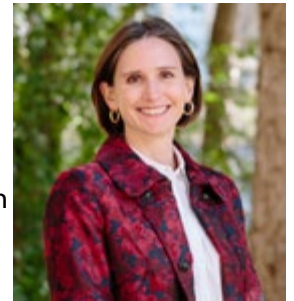
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Meewasin Appoints 9th Chair

The Meewasin Valley Authority appointed Toddi Steelman as Chair of the Board of Directors replacing Acting Chair, Charlie Clark. Upon the retirement of Chair Jack Vicq from the Board in June of 2014, City Councillor and Vice-Chair Charlie Clark accepted the position of Acting Chair until such time that a new Chair could be appointed. Meewasin extends its sincere gratitude to Councillor Clark for his services and welcomes new Chair Toddi Steelman.

"What really inspires me about the Meewasin Valley Authority as an organization is the dedication of many to protecting, maintaining and investing in the river valley – an area that is so integral to the quality of life enjoyed in Saskatoon," said Steelman. "I'm honoured with this appointment and look forward to working as board chair with the diverse groups that care deeply about Meewasin and its importance as the heart and beauty of our city."



HELP MEEWASIN COMPLETE OUR WANUSKEWIN TO CHIEF WHITECAP PARK CAMPAIGN GOAL!

The Meewasin Valley Authority exists to ensure a healthy and vibrant river valley with balance between human use and conservation for the benefit of present and future generations.

Think of what Meewasin means to you and your family. Please consider making a spring donation to help complete the Meewasin Matters Trail Fundraising Campaign.

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Yes! I want to donate to the Meewasin Matters Campaign!

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Province/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I give permission for Meewasin to:

- Publish my name & donation amount
- Publish my name only
- Publish my donation amount only
- Do not publish either my name or donation amount

Thank you for your support!

Please cut this section of the page off and drop it off at our offices or mail it to the address below.

My cheque is attached

(payable to Meewasin Valley Authority)

Please process my credit card (circle card type)

Visa Mastercard American Express

Card Number: _____

Name on Card: _____

Expiry Date: _____ CVV: _____

Donation Amount (circle amount):

\$1000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other: _____

Authorization

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Meewasin Matters

Wanuskewin to Chief Whitecap Park Campaign

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OFFICE HOURS 8:15 - NOON AND 1:00 - 4:30 WEEKDAYS
CLOSED WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MEEWASIN

OPEN 9:00 TO 5:00 WEEKDAYS - 10:30 TO 5:00 WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS

MEEWASIN VALLEY CENTRE

INTERPRETING SASKATOON'S BUILT CULTURAL HISTORY

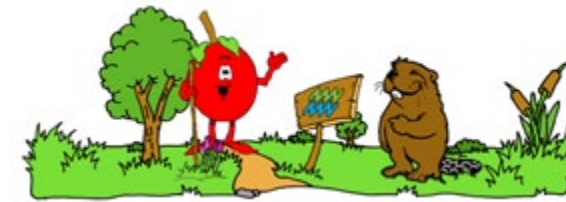


2015 Plant-A-Tree Ceremony

The Meewasin Plant-A-Tree program provides an opportunity for the cycle of life to continue for generations to come. The 2015 Ceremony to celebrate recipients and donors of the program will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. in Boomtown at the Western Development Museum. All are welcome to attend!

Preserve your memories through Meewasin.

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On Display at the Meewasin Gallery from May 2, 2015 to June 30, 2015
"Bold & Old through my lenses I show"
by Kate Cronin

Meewasin Pelican Watch 2015

The Pelicans Have Landed
April 17, 2015 at 12:40 p.m.

2015 marks the 20th year for the Meewasin Pelican Watch Contest. The winners will be announced at a later date. Thank you to all who participated, including the Saskatoon media, and businesses that have supported the contest with prizes. For more information visit our website meewasin.com.

Thank You For Your Donations

In October of 2013 Meewasin announced the Meewasin Matters Capital Campaign for the purpose of extending the Meewasin Trail to Wanuskewin Heritage Park in the northwest and Chief Whitecap Park in the southeast adding 16 kms of trail to the Meewasin Trail; these two segments are also part of the Trans Canada Trail.

In support of the capital fundraising campaign, Craig Campbell of CHOO IT agreed to donate \$.25 from all 125 g bags and \$.50 from all 225 g bags of CHOO IT Bites (Meewasin Edition) sold from retail outlets within Saskatoon and area. Funds received by Meewasin this past year totaled \$1310. Thank you to CHOO IT and all of the campaign donors.

We have \$280,931 to go. Donations can be made online at meewasin.com.



Meewasin is excited to be supporting We Are Cities, a campaign that will engage citizens and organizations across the country to create a new vision and action plan for how we can build livable cities – exciting and healthy places for all Canadians to live, work and play.

Saskatoon and region is quickly developing creating a unique opportunity to participate in the We Are Cities campaign and animate the conversation and visions for the type of future we want to see for Saskatoon and its region. Meewasin hosted a roundtable conversation in Saskatoon for key stakeholders with a focus on the value of a natural corridors system with active transportation networks in a quickly developing region. This conversation proved extremely valuable for highlighting the important ecological, social, and economic benefits of enhancing and conserving natural corridors as the Saskatoon region develops. We encourage you to visit the We Are Cities webpage at wearecities.ca and join the conversation by hosting your own roundtable wearecities.ca/roundtables or submitting or voting on ideas that express your visions and ideas to create livable, exciting and healthy cities and regions! Speak up and have your voice heard!

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May

Flower Crafts

Weekend Drop-In Craft at the MVC -
For Everyone (12-4 p.m.)

May 2 & 3
May 9 & 10

Pop down to the Meewasin Valley Interpretive Centre and create your own beautiful bloom!

May 16, 17 & 18 - Victoria Day - For Everyone (12-4 p.m.)

Victoria Day is here! Drop in and learn some facts and history about the day, and make an old fashioned silhouette portrait!

May 23 & 24 - Nature Craft - For Everyone (12-4 p.m.)

The birds are singing, the bees are buzzing, and flowers are blooming. Stop in when you're out enjoying the valley and make a nature inspired craft.

May 30 - Art Show Opening for - "Bold & Old through my lenses I show" - (1:30-3:30 p.m.)

Come down to the Meewasin Valley Interpretive Centre to view a selection of photographs by local photographer Kate Cronin. This exhibit will be on display in the Meewasin Gallery for May and June.

May 31 - Saskatchewan Marathon Water Station

The Saskatchewan Marathon is happening again! Meewasin will have a water station on Spadina Crescent next to our building.

For more information about our programs please call 306-665-6888.

Please note:
Program cost is by donation to help cover supplies, unless otherwise stated.

June

June 6 & 7 - Explore the MVC - For Everyone (12-4 p.m.)

After spending time in the sun at the Children's Festival come down to the Meewasin Valley Interpretive Centre (MVC) and explore our galleries. Dress up and play on our stage, watch short presentations about our history, and have fun! Take some time to check out the newest part of our display, the anchor from the S.S. City of Medicine Hat.

June 7 - Caswell Art Festival - For Everyone (12-5 p.m.)

Visit the 14th annual Caswell Arts Festival, **Art in the Park**, that celebrates culture and community. This **free** one day festival is entirely volunteer-run and community-based. It highlights local talent in the heart of the Caswell Hill neighbourhood and features a variety of art & entertainment, including an artists' village, children and teen's art festival, collaborative art-making, and more! The event is being held at **Ashworth Holmes Park** on Ave E North & 31st Street West.

Musical Crafts

Weekend Drop-In Craft at the MVC -
For Everyone (12-4 p.m.)

June 13 & 14
June 20 & 21
June 27 & 28

The Jazz Festival starts in June. Come down and make a selection of simple musical instruments!

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Above programs are for the general public. If you wish to book a group program please call 306-665-6888. A nominal fee may be charged for group bookings.

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BEAVER CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

INTERPRETING SASKATOON'S NATURAL HISTORY

Beaver Creek Programming May and June

Spring Sightings - May Weekends

Come out and enjoy the wonders of spring. Who is that honking by and what colour is a hare anyways? Discover what is springing to life out at the creek and around the Saskatoon area. Join an interpreter Sundays at 2:30 p.m. for an indoor introduction followed by an outdoor hike.

Beaver Fever - June Weekends

Is the beaver really busy? Come out and find out what the beaver is doing at this time of year and then look for signs of the beaver as you hike along the creek. Join an interpreter Sundays at 2:30 p.m. for an indoor introduction followed by an outdoor hike.



*Every Saturday and Sunday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Nature inspired craft available
craft cost is by donation*



Mother's Day - Sunday, May 10th

Bring Mom out to enjoy a walk on the wild side. Discover what Moms in the wild are up to at this time of year. Ask an interpreter how to enter the draw for a Folkmanis puppet.



Father's Day - Sunday, June 21st

Come out and hike one or more of the nature trails with Dad. Enjoy discovering what animal dads are up to at Beaver Creek. Make sure you enter the draw for a Folkmanis puppet.

Did you know?

Fledglings, or young birds who are just learning to fly, often do so from the ground rather than from a nest up in a tree. This is a normal stage of development for birds. Bird parents carefully watch their grounded fledglings and continue to feed them. You can help by keeping pets at a safe distance away or inside the house. By not interfering Mom and sometimes Dad will have the best chance at keeping their young safe.

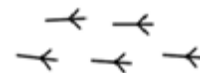
MAPS - Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship

This summer, Beaver Creek is again running the MAPS bird banding program which collects data that provides critical information relating to the ecology conservation of landbirds. Call or visit us at the creek to find out more.

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.



A Creek Forming A Valley; A Valley Forming Habitats

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