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Meewasin Skating Rink Opens & Tim Hortons Twinkle Lights Ceremony Set For Tuesday December 18, 2018

The Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @*Nutrien Plaza* will open for public skating Tuesday December 18, 2018, at 12:00 noon. Weather permitting; the rink will continue to be open for the season daily from noon to 9:00 p.m. Admission to the rink is by donation and there are skates to use in the lodge.

The Tim Hortons Twinkle Lights ceremony to officially open the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @*Nutrien Plaza* is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Twinkle Lights event is a tree lighting ceremony. Sponsored by Tim Hortons, Meewasin has installed thousands of mini lights on the evergreen trees in the middle of the ice surface, and to kick off the skating season will light them in a special ceremony starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Special guests include His Worship Charlie Clark, Mayor of Saskatoon, Janna Dutton, Tim Hortons' owner and Andrea Lafond, CEO of Meewasin.

"Tim Hortons' owners in Saskatoon and area are thrilled to continue their sponsorship of the Meewasin skating rink," said Janna Dutton, on behalf of Tim Hortons' owners. "The rink is a wonderful community treasure and we hope the twinkle lights will elevate the experience and be one of Saskatoon family's best winter memories."

Andrea Lafond, Meewasin CEO spoke, "We are so proud of our rink and its significance to our community, welcoming over 46,000 guests last year. Opening in 1980, and has become an iconic part of downtown Saskatoon. We are grateful for Tim Hortons and the City of Saskatoon for providing much needed support for operations of the rink, as well as Cameco and Nutrien who provided major capital investment into our facility." Lafond reminds everyone, "Meewasin is a charitable organization that could not operate without generous support from corporate and private donors and we encourage you to think of the value of free public access to the Meewasin Valley when planning your holiday giving."

The celebration will include Tim Hortons complimentary hot chocolate and coffee, festive music, prize giveaways and of course an opportunity to skate.

Group rentals or events can be booked at the rink beyond regular hours by calling 306-229-8827.

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

- New Years Eve Skating Party – December 31, 2018, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. featuring a family countdown aired on CBC's New Years special at 9 p.m.
- 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.

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