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A bylaw respecting the requirements and process for public hearings.

SHORT TITLE

1. This bylaw may be cited at the "Public Hearing Bylaw"

INTERPRETATION

2. In this bylaw:
 - a) "Act" means The Meewasin Valley Authority Act, S.S. 1979, Chapter M-11.1;
 - b) "Authority" means the Meewasin Valley Authority;
 - c) "Meewasin Valley" means those lands as defined in The Meewasin Valley Authority Act, S.S. 1979, Chapter M-11.1 and amendments thereto, and as may be amended from time to time;
 - d) "Participating party" means the Government of Saskatchewan, the City of Saskatoon, or the University of Saskatchewan.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

3. To outline the items that require a public hearing pursuant to section 12 (1)(p) of the Act.

APPLICATION

4. This bylaw shall, upon coming into force, apply to the whole of the Meewasin Valley.
5. This bylaw applies to the:
 - a) adoption, amendment or repeal of a Development Plan;
 - b) adoption, amendment or repeal of bylaws;
 - c) adoption, amendment or repeal of policies that direct planning, conservation, education, or development, except those solely intended for the internal government or administration of the affairs of the Authority;
 - d) development review process for improvements pursuant to section 19 of the Act and concept plans pursuant to section 10 of the Act;
 - e) altering of the jurisdiction of the Meewasin Valley; and
 - f) delegation of authority pursuant to section 29 of the Act.

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RESOLUTION

6. The following shall be adopted by resolution:
 - a) adoption, amendment or repeal of policies that direct planning, conservation, education, or development, except those solely intended for the internal government or administration of the affairs of the Authority;
 - b) the development review process for improvements pursuant to section 19 of the Act and concept plans pursuant to section 10 of the Act; and
 - c) Delegation of authority pursuant to section 29 of the Act
7. The following shall be adopted only by special resolution:
 - a) adoption, amendment or repeal of a Development Plan;
 - b) adoption, amendment or repeal of bylaws; and
 - c) alteration of the jurisdiction of the Meewasin Valley.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. The public hearing shall be limited to the matter as advertised.
9. The Authority shall hear any person or group of persons, or person acting on his or their behalf, who wishes to make representations.
10. The Authority may receive all representations on the same day or, where it considers it advisable; adjourn the hearing until all representations are received.
11. Where a hearing is adjourned, the Authority may subsequently sit and receive the representations on the date fixed for the reconvened hearing.

ADVERTISING

12. The Authority shall advertise its intention to consider any matters listed in section 5 of this bylaw, except those affecting a development plan, by:
 - a) an advertisement inserted at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper published or circulated in the area affected by the bylaw;
 - b) posting on the Authority's website at least one week prior to consideration of the bylaw by the Authority; and
 - c) where a site is concerned, by posting a notification on the site.

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13. The Authority shall advertise of its intention to adopt, amend or repeal a development plan by:
- a) an advertisement inserted at least once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper published or circulated in the area affected by the bylaw.
 - b) The first of the notices required by subsection (a) shall:
 - (i) in the case of a proposed development plan, be published at least four weeks; or
 - (ii) in the case of a proposed amendment to, or repeal of a development plan be published at least three weeks;before the date fixed by the authority for a public hearing to consider any representations respecting its proposal.
14. The notification shall:
- a) contain a summary of the intent of the proposed items subject to resolution or special resolution;
 - b) specify any places where and the hours during which the items subject to resolution or special resolution may be inspected by any person;
 - c) specify any dates, places and times that the authority will hold a public hearing with respect to the items subject to proposed resolution or special resolution;
 - d) outline the procedure by which the public hearing will be conducted; and
 - e) describe the affected area by:
 - (i) reference to street names and addresses and commonly understood area designations; and/or
 - (ii) publication of a map of the area.

DECISION

15. The Authority may deliberate and make its decision in camera; however, the decision shall be a matter of public record and be posted on the Authority's website.
16. Unless there is a clear reason for confidentiality, the deliberation and decision should be made in public. Reasons for confidentiality include:
- a) The purchase of lands or property matters;
 - b) Third party trade secrets;
 - c) Information obtained in confidence from other governments; or
 - d) Personal Information of identifiable individuals who have not given their consent for the release of the information.

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DATE ON WHICH BYLAW TAKES EFFECT

17. This bylaw shall have force and effect on and after that date on which it is published in The Saskatchewan Gazette.



Chief Executive Officer