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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# Southwest Trail & Site Enhancements Board Resolution

February 18, 2021

At the Meewasin Board meeting on February 5, 2021 the board passed a resolution in regards to trail enhancements as follows:

To accept the recommendation that the application by Meewasin to construct trail and site enhancements along the closed portion of Spadina Crescent be approved subject to final details on:

- Planting plan
- Lighting
- Biomass replacement

The area, adjacent to the Holiday Park neighbourhood, starts at the Gordie Howe Bridge and continues north to the Sanatorium Site. The project includes the development of 1.3 kilometers of new primary trail through the site, including enhancements to adjacent areas. The planned trail will be developed on the existing Spadina Crescent road (now closed to vehicles).

The estimated total cost for construction is approximately \$1M. Meewasin is a charitable organization that relies on fundraising to support trail enhancements. Construction timelines are often dictated by our ability to raise funds.

For more information, contact Alan Otterbein or Andrea Lafond at 665-6887 or meewasin@meewasin.com

#### **About Meewasin Valley Authority**

The Meewasin Valley Authority exists to ensure a healthy and vibrant river valley, with a balance between human use and conservation by:

- Providing leadership in the management of its resources;
- Promoting understanding, conservation and beneficial use of the Valley; and
- Undertaking programs and projects in river valley development and conservation,

for the benefit of present and future generations.

There are 67 square kilometers of land and over 90km of established trail, which has seen up to 1.65 million trail visits per year, in the Meewasin Valley. The area also features sites that help people to connect to nature through experiences such as Beaver Creek Conservation Area, the Northeast Swale, Saskatoon Natural Grasslands, the River Landing Spray Area, and the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @Nutrien Plaza. Meewasin is a non-profit organization that relies on donations and volunteers for sustainability. To get involved or learn more visit <a href="www.meewasin.com">www.meewasin.com</a>



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