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Warming Weathers Call for Closure of Meewasin Rink March 12, 2021

Spring is just around the corner, and although the mild temperatures bring a sense of joy, it is a bittersweet time of year for Meewasin as warm and sunny weather also brings slushy and unfavourable ice conditions for skating.

Given current warming temperatures and expected forecasts for mid-March, the Cameco Meewasin Rink @Nutrien Plaza closed for the season as of Friday, March 5, 2021.

We want to thank everyone for supporting the Cameco Meewasin Rink @Nutrien Plaza this season! A major priority of the 2020/21 season was safety; following provincial COVID-19 restrictions and initiating additional precautions led to safety measures in place for the comfort and wellbeing of our community.

This season, the rink opened on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 for a total of 51 days of operation. Given maximum capacity restrictions, skating parties were limited to video celebrations, and visitor numbers were significantly lower than typical years, which see over 31,000 visitors.

“Thank you to all the skaters who came out to enjoy the atmosphere at the rink this winter. Meewasin strives to offer our community opportunities for outdoor activities and experiences throughout the entire year, and in the face of the pandemic, we worked hard to provide a safe place for people to enjoy the classic Saskatoon experience. We are grateful for every individual who kindly donated to the rink, and want to recognize our sponsors: Cameco, Nutrien, Downtown Saskatoon, Tim Hortons and the City of Saskatoon for providing significant support for operations of the rink, and the Community Initiatives Fund, which has made our skating outdoor education program possible!” Said CEO of Meewasin, Andrea Lafond. She continues to remind everyone, “Meewasin is a charitable organization that could not operate without generous support from corporate and private donors and we encourage you to participate in the upcoming spring and summer activities that we have planned.”

Thank you to all the staff and visitors who contributed to the remarkable season, and who have joined us at the “Best Outdoor Skating Spot in Canada” for more than 40 years.

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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 1.87 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 www.meewasin.com

