

PROJECT: City of Saskatoon Permanent Outdoor Festival Site Phase 1

COS PROJECT NO: 21-0132

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Meewasin Valley Authority Application

See attached application form and information in addition to this document.

PROJECT VISION: City of Saskatoon endeavours to begin developing the approved Permanent Outdoor Festival Site.

PROJECT SUMMARY:

Phase 1 Development: This Phase 1 development of the City of Saskatoon (COS) Permanent Outdoor Festival Site includes the design and development of the first major elements of the City and Meewasin Valley Authority approved Functional Concept. The major components of this project include the entry bosque at 19th Street, north of the Meewasin building and the festival multi-purpose headquarters building, situated immediately north of the Broadway Bridge. Please see attached Drawings and Documentation.

Description of areas:

Entry Bosque: multi-surface zone for gathering, line queues, shaded plaza for recreational use or organized markets and other related events.

Multipurpose Headquarters Building: total footprint of 300 sq.m.(gross), including 6 independent public accessible washrooms, 50 sq.m. (gross) storage space for the City of Saskatoon Parks and two multipurpose community spaces that can be joined into one larger space.

Overview City of Saskatoon Permanent Outdoor Festival Site Phase 1 Design Build Development within the Meewasin trail system

1.0 Coordination	
1.1	The project has been coordinated with current Meewasin trail and BRT development goals; multi-use pathway widths are designed to meet current 6m wide recommendation per Meewasin Trail Study.
1.2	Connectivity to the proposed BRT Stop on 19 th and new ramp from Broadway down to Spadina north of the Broadway Bridge will increase pedestrian and cyclist options for trail use; 33% documents were prepared for this connection to ensure future connectivity.
2.0 Engagement:	
2.1	See attached COS Engagement Report for full description of engagement completed to date. COS has engaged with numerous residents and appropriate stakeholders that include indigenous, heritage, environmental groups, event organizers, tourism industry, and the business community.
2.2	Engagement with previous stakeholders and indigenous groups will continue in future phases of the project.
3.0 Planting Information	
3.1	Plant material in the project, while limited, focuses on hardy, naturalizing and edible plants. Phase 1 Plant material selection will occur in coordination with COS Parks, Forestry and Meewasin.
3.2	Phase 1 Multipurpose Headquarters building requires six trees to be removed, which is offset by planting of ten additional trees in the Bosque area. At full build out, the Festival Site will provide an overall increase the urban canopy and riparian planting in Friendship Park and Kiwanis Memorial Park.
4.0 Benefit to the Meewasin Trail Users	
4.1	Overall site development will positively influence the image of Friendship Park and Kiwanis Park South.
4.2	Development of new programmable spaces will promote increased legitimate use of the parks and features.
4.3	Increased interactions in festivals and events will allow our community to get to know each other again as we come out of the pandemic. Design and development of these 2 critical areas of the Permanent Outdoor Festival Site that can allow for group or individual meetings, celebrations or ceremonies.

5.0 Partnership Opportunities	
5.1	Addition of Headquarters building and incorporation of Park Branch area will help provide consistent ownership of the building and area. Governance and Operational Plan development in the future should consider ownership and potential additional partnerships with future Meewasin building development. The current building can and will have value with an additional site near or in the Meewasin building.
5.2	It is noted several of Meewasin long term development goals are in line with Festival Site goals.
6.0 Cultural and Heritage Features:	
6.1	Gabriel Dumont Statue: Steering Committee, Stakeholders, Indigenous groups and the public have previously expressed support for the importance of the statue as a ceremonial and sacred space during development of the previous Feasibility Report. Support for increased educational opportunities and improved gathering area has been strong; this feature is central to the design of the space and has been maintained in its current location and position.
6.2	Historic Trees: Several mature elms exist in Friendship park that align with the original Spadina Crescent alignment: the current plan maintains these trees. Several elms also exist in Kiwanis Memorial Park South; this planning maintains these trees as well. Future phase planning should continue to focus on green infrastructure and preservation of historic spaces.
7.0 Lighting:	
7.1	Lighting design of the Bosque will be addressed in future phases; however the recommended approach is to provide lighting for a park setting. Festival and event lighting will be temporary and reviewed by COS on a case by case basis through the approval process.
7.2	Lighting design for the building exterior is provided by International Dark Sky Association compliant, full cut off, LED wall packs. Additional site lighting around the building is taking advantage of bridge and street lighting, to create a well-lit, comfortable space around the entire building.
7.2	COS commits to the standard that lighting will be designed with consideration of and adherence to required standards and recommendations, such as the International Dark Sky Association.

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