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## **Meewasin Plans National Tree Day Celebrations**

**September 13, 2021**

**In partnership with Tree Canada and the City of Saskatoon, Meewasin is holding a planting event in Diefenbaker Park to celebrate National Tree Day on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Trees are incredibly beneficial to our world. They help clean the air, provide habitat for a variety of wildlife, and vastly improve both the physical and mental health of humans. For all those reasons and more, National Tree Day was established to celebrate the key role trees play in all aspects of our environment.

For ten years, Canadians have been celebrating National Tree Day across the country. As part of that effort, Tree Canada, the City of Saskatoon, and Meewasin have organized a massive planting event in Diefenbaker Park, that will see **100 new trees planted!**

This 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event for National Tree Day will take place on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and will run from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Meewasin is also putting out the call to volunteers who want to get involved and help green up our environment just a little bit more. Those who are interested can register through the Meewasin website.

Andrea Lafond, CEO of Meewasin spoke to the importance of National Tree Day, “Trees play such an important role in our environment. Meewasin and our partners for this event see that and want to share their passion for trees with others. We all love celebrating this day so much. And we’re looking forward getting our hands dirty at an excellent day of planting!”

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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 1.65 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 [www.meewasin.com](http://www.meewasin.com)*