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## **Meewasin Welcomes New Board Members**

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**The Meewasin Valley Authority is pleased to welcome two new members to its Board of Directors, each one of them bringing a unique skillset to the organization.**

Gurpartap Kals is an immigration consultant with Kals Immigration INC. As part of this role, he assists his clients with all aspects of the immigration process, including paperwork and legal issues. That experience combined with his background in mechanical engineering make Gurpartap an incredible asset to Meewasin.

Nydia Pobran spent 30 years in the world of education, 16 as a teacher and principal and the rest as an educational consultant. The level of knowledge and experience she has developed through her extensive career will undoubtedly be key to the ongoing governance of the Meewasin.

Gurpartap and Nydia will serve alongside Marv Friesen, MLA for Saskatoon Riversdale, and City Councillor David Kirton, both of whom became Board Members earlier in 2021.

Board Chair Colin Tennent spoke to the addition new members throughout 2021, “The Meewasin Valley Authority has always been fortunate to have incredible people serve on its Board of Directors. This governance board provides insightful direction for Meewasin and strategic planning alongside the organization’s leadership team. Gurpartap and Nydia are both superb additions to this team, and we look forward to working with them.”

The Meewasin Board of Directors is made up of four representatives from the City of Saskatoon, four from the Province of Saskatchewan, and four from the University of Saskatchewan. Each appointment from the Province of Saskatchewan rotates through based on interest in participating.

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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)*