



Meewasin Announces the Dedication of the Diana Sproat Memorial Trail Counter

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Dedication of this wonderful memorial will take place on Friday, November 12 at 4:30 PM in River Landing. Applicable COVID restrictions will be followed.

From inscribed stones to plaques on benches and everything in between, Meewasin is pleased to help residents find ways to memorialize their loved ones in the Meewasin Valley. But a couple of years ago, we were challenged by Dean Sproat to find something unique for his late wife.

Diana Sproat passed away on September 2, 2019 after a long battle with brain cancer. A long-time math consultant and teacher, Diana was both a mother and grandmother. She was also an avid runner who spent a significant amount of time on the Meewasin Trail. As such, a state of the art trail counter placed in her memory only made sense.

This new type of trail counter tracks the total number of pedestrians and cyclists, giving numbers for each one as it is able to differentiate between them. Meewasin has a number of these new and interactive trail counters planned for new enhancements throughout the Meewasin Trail that can also be dedicated. These dedications help to support the cost of trail improvements and are an important part of continuing free public access in the Valley.

Andrea Lafond, CEO of Meewasin who had to say about the dedication, “Everyone at Meewasin is proud to help Dean honor his late wife as we are with anyone who comes to us with a memorial idea. We take great pride in being a part of so many people’s lives in this city.”

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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.