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Meewasin Welcomes New Board Members February 10, 2022

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.

Julian Demkiw is Senior Strategist in the Office of the President at the University of Saskatchewan and provides oversight and leadership for all strategic project initiatives for the Office of the President and the President’s Executive Committee. Julian has worked at the University of Saskatchewan for almost 20 years in various roles related to teaching, fundraising, community relations, and student services.

Dr. Angela Bedard-Haughn, PAg is Dean of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources. She is an associate member of the School of Environment and Sustainability, a member of the Global Institute for Water Security, and is a highly accomplished researcher, educator and administrator. Over the course of her career, she has served as Head of the Department of Soil Science and as Associate Dean (Research and Graduate Studies) for the College of Agriculture and Bioresources.

Interim Chair Ryan Walker is pleased by these new appointments, “Meewasin is central to enhancing the quality of life in our region through public access to nature, culture, and wildly engaged programming. Our Board of Directors provides direction, strategic planning, and guidance in pursuit of Meewasin’s mandate. Angela and Julian will bring their valuable expertise and passion for the Valley to Meewasin’s governance, helping us achieve new heights.”

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.

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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 105km of established trail, which has seen up to 2.24 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