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Kinsmen Riverfront 2022 Trail and Site Enhancements

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The site adjacent to Kinsmen Park, east of Spadina Crescent in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan will be undergoing construction shortly. The project includes enhancements to 300 meters of existing primary trail (on a new alignment), new stairs and ramps down to the dock, and 180 meters of secondary trail along the river heading north from the dock. There will also be new plantings of over 1,200 trees and shrubs. **Construction will be underway in early May and continue through the summer of 2022.**

Meewasin conducted a Trail Study in 2014 of the entire network, and the Meewasin Trail in this area was identified as a high priority for enhancements. This area has some of the oldest sections of trail in the city, with some of the highest user volumes. The existing trail is narrow with safety and accessibility issues including blind corners, unlit areas, and steep grades and cross slopes, with poor connections to adjacent areas.

“We want to thank significant donors in this area including the Government of Canada, Province of Saskatchewan, City of Saskatoon, Trans Canada Trail and many individual donors. Construction through downtown Saskatoon will continue for the next few years and additional donors are required to complete the projects, we would love to speak with anyone further about donating to these important projects”, says CEO Andrea Lafond.

Closures and detours will be necessary to allow constructions to proceed while maintaining public and contractor safety. Users will be directed to detour around the work zone, with barricades, fencing and signage in place. Access will be maintained for the public washrooms, Prairie Lily, Shakespeare and Nutrien Wonderhub facilities. Closures and detours will change as the project proceeds as different components are being done. Site users are asked to respect the construction activity and use designated detours, outside of the work zone.

Be sure to check www.meewasin.com for any updates on these expected closures and detours.

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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