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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Meewasin's 36<sup>th</sup> Dedication Ceremony

June 24, 2022

Meewasin works closely with donors to create their own legacy in the Meewasin Valley through gifts to commemorate events, relationships, or occasions, as something that can be enjoyed for a lifetime, not just as a memory. Meewasin wants to thank every participant in this year's program.

Meewasin is honored to be able to offer many opportunities for individuals to help us in maintaining the unique aspects of the Meewasin Valley as well as the City of Saskatoon, including dedication of trees, benches, shrubs, bricks, and more! It is because of the generosity of those who enjoyed the valley before us, that we are able to continue to enjoy and share our vibrant river valley today.

So far, we've had the following dedications made in the 2022 Dedications Program:

- 17 Benches
- 16 Trees
- 22 Bricks
- A variety of other shrubs, grasses and other areas

CEO of Meewasin, Andrea Lafond spoke about the occasion, "We look forward to our Dedication Celebrations every year as it is an opportunity to thank each and every one of our supporters and partners that have been a part of the dedications program; dedicating trees, shrubs, bricks, benches, and more to commemorate special people or to commemorative times. We hope that you can enjoy the moments in your special places along the Meewasin Trail. Thank you for aiding us in our ability to steward the Meewasin Valley."

We celebrate, offer our gratitude and look forward to the future of our vibrant river valley; a place that everyone can feel welcome!

Media is invited to join the event at 1 pm on Saturday June 25th at the WDM. Speakers in attendance include emcee Brent Loucks, Mayor Charlie Clark, MLA Marv Friesen, Meewasin Board Chair Ryan Walker and special guest speaker.

For more information, contact Andrea Lafond, Chief Executive Officer at alafond@meewasin.com or (306) 665-6887



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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 more than 105km of established Meewasin 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 Meewasin 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 <a href="https://www.meewasin.com">www.meewasin.com</a>