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### **NEWS RELEASE**

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# Hand-feeding at **Beaver Creek Conservation Area Returns!**

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Back in the spring, the avian influenza was detected in Saskatchewan at the advice of the provincial wildlife authorities, Meewasin put a hold on the hand-feeding of chickadees on the Beaver Creek Conservation Area site to prevent the spread. Following the advice of provincial wildlife authorities, it is now safe to resume the hand-feeding at Beaver Creek.

"Chickadees are one of the more social birds and will not hesitate to fly into your hand for a snack. This activity is one that folks around Saskatoon and area love doing. We are so excited we are able to bring this fun activity back!" Andrea Lafond, CEO of Meewasin commented on handfeeding at Beaver Creek.

Come on down to Beaver Creek Conservation area and pick up some bird seed at our interpretation center before heading out on the trails. Once on the trail, put some seed in your hand, and extend your arm out. Before you know it, you will have a chickadee come to you and eat the bird seed right off of your hand!

Donations are always needed to continue maintenance of Beaver Creek Conservation Area and bird seed for visitors.



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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