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**NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Skating Season Comes to an End**

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**Spring is just around the corner, and although the mild temperatures bring a sense of joy, it is a bittersweet time of year for Meewasin as warm and sunny weather also brings slushy and unfavourable ice conditions for skating.**

With expected warmer temperatures and more intense sunlight forecasted for the coming weeks, the Cameco Meewasin Rink @Nutrien Plaza will be closed for the season as of **March 19th, 2023**.

We want to thank everyone for supporting the Cameco Meewasin Rink @Nutrien Plaza this season!

This season, the rink opened on December 7, 2022 for a total of 75 days of operation. This skating season was one of the longest Meewasin has ever had! Sip & Skate provided an amazing opportunity for visitors to get an enhanced experience with added local food and beverage.

Meewasin was also able to offer a number of fun free community events support provided by Heritage Canada for funding through the Commemorate Canada – Reopening Fund. A huge thank you goes out to Road Coffee, Prairie Grazer, Style & Graze and Legacy One for helping make these events happen!

“Thank you to all the skaters who came out to enjoy the rink this winter. Meewasin strives to offer our community opportunities for outdoor activities and experiences throughout the year, and we work hard to provide a safe place for people to enjoy this classic Saskatoon experience. We are grateful for every individual who kindly donated to the rink, and want to recognize our sponsors: the City of Saskatoon, Cameco, Nutrien, and Downtown Saskatoon in for providing significant support for operations of the rink.” Said CEO of Meewasin, Andrea Lafond. She continues to remind everyone, “Meewasin is a charitable organization that could not operate without generous support from corporate and private donors and we encourage you to participate in the upcoming spring and summer activities that we have planned.”

Thank you to all the staff and visitors who contributed to the remarkable season, and who have joined us at the “Best Outdoor Skating Spot in Canada” for more than 40 years.

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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 105+km of established trail, which has seen up to 2.32 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](http://www.meewasin.com)*