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Meewasin Announces New Board Chair

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The Meewasin Valley Authority is pleased to announce the new Board Chair, Dr. Angela Bedard-Haughn.

Dr. Bedard-Haughn was born and raised on her family farm in the central parkland region of Saskatchewan. She received both her BSC in Physical Geography and her MSc in Soil Science from the University of Saskatchewan. She attended the University of California at Davis, where she received her PhD in Soil Science and Biogeochemistry in 2004.

Following completion of her PhD, Dr. Bedard-Haughn joined the Department of Soil Science at USask as a Postdoctoral Fellow before being appointed to a tenure-track faculty position in July of 2006. 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. Since August 2020, she has been serving as the Dean of Agriculture and Bioresources.

Dr. Bedard-Haughn specializes in soil science research, focusing on two main areas: management of wetland soils and predictive soil mapping. Her notable research program has been supported by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the Saskatchewan Agriculture Development Research Fund, the Global Institute for Water Security, Environment Canada and several industry groups. She has also been active in experiential training, teaching field courses on soil and landscape classification at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

Dr. Bedard-Haughn is an associate member of the School of Environment and Sustainability, a member of the Global Institute for Water Security, and is fully engaged in graduate student training.

Andrea Lafond, CEO of Meewasin, spoke to the announcement, "Meewasin has always been fortunate to have incredibly passionate people serve on its Board of Directors. We have been fortunate to witness insightful direction for Meewasin and its strategic priorities. We look forward to continuing our work with Angela. A change in Board Chair leadership is always bitter sweet. We have been blessed to have worked with our outgoing Chair, Ryan Walker, for the last 2 years both as a Board Chair and a member since 2017. We want to thank him for his leadership and

sincerely wish him all the best in his future plans which will no doubt be focused in and on a better community and city.”

“The mandate of the Meewasin Valley Authority, to balance human use and conservation along the river valley, closely aligns with the University of Saskatchewan’s commitment to sustainability and to the College of Agriculture and Bioresources’ mission to advance the responsible use of land, water and bioresources. The collaborative governance structure of Meewasin allows all of the partners to work towards our shared goals around responsible management of natural resources.”

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. Each appointment from the Province of Saskatchewan rotates through based on interest in participating.



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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 +105km 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 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 www.meewasin.com

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