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VOLUNTEER POSITION

Position: Development Review Committee

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Organizational Description:

Meewasin is a mission-driven team of about 30 employees who work in a fast-paced environment committed to delivering strategic priorities of maintaining a healthy & vibrant river valley, growing a sense of community, and protecting the legacy of the region that follows an amazing 100-year plan. Meewasin's successes could not be achieved without such a hardworking, adaptable and dedicated team. We are always looking for people who are committed to this legacy and want to apply their skills and expertise to make a difference.

Meewasin is located on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We humbly acknowledge the traditional caretakers of the land and honour the First Nations and Métis people of this place.

Volunteer Overview:

Consider volunteering and take an active role on one of Meewasin's Board Advisory Committees! We are seeking one new member to join the **Development Review Committee.**

Meewasin's Board of Directors makes appointments, and vacancies are filled as necessary. Potential candidates must have the necessary qualifications and experience to fulfil the purpose of the committee.

Meewasin strives to have diverse representation on its advisory committees to ensure our entire community is represented. If you are part of an under-represented community, we strongly encourage you to apply.

Committee Description:

The Development Review Committee assists the Meewasin Board of Directors as follows:

a) review and advise the Board on development applications of proposed improvements;
b) review and advise the Board on additions to the Meewasin Development Plan; and
c) review and advise the Board on the development review process.

The committee typically meets every other month. Meetings are held virtually.

Volunteer Position:

The Development Review Committee is currently seeking **one (1) member** that fits the following requirements:

- As defined in *The Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*.

At times, “all committee” meetings are called or requests are made for input for specific projects from the project’s Technical Advisory Committee. Please find the committee’s terms of reference below.

Committee members are appointed for a two-year term, and shall be eligible for re-appointment to a maximum of two consecutive terms (four years). Appointees retired from a committee may serve on another committee or be eligible for re-appointment following a minimum one-year absence.

Submit a cover letter, resume and two references by December 15, 2026 to planning@meewasin.com.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

According to Board Policy 4.06, the Development Review Committee members are asked to assist the Board in:

- Reviewing applications of proposed improvements and advising the Board on whether to accept, reject, or accept subject to conditions, the application.

  NOTE: *Composition of the Committee is legislated and therefore members are asked to provide input based on their professional knowledge and experience. Administrative assistance is provided to ensure all applicable provisions of the Development Review Policy are identified for consideration.*

- Periodically reviewing the Meewasin Development Plan and advising the Board on additions or changes.

  NOTE: *Summary of Development Plan Documents is provided here for your information. The Development Plan is expected to be consolidated and updated in the future and greater detail shall be provided at that time.*

Document	**Over-arching Objectives**
Meewasin Valley Project – 100 Year Concept Plan (1979)	Broad conceptual document identifying valley-wide opportunities and a "nodes and linkages" approach to river appreciation and conservation.
Meewasin Park Master Plan (1980)	Plan to create a 68-hectare city-wide park including transitions from urban to urban park to riparian areas, trail links, and year-round recreational and educational opportunities.
Beaver Creek Plan (1980)	Establishes the theme of natural preservation and interpretation for the Beaver Creek Conservation Area.
Land Acquisition Policy (1981)	Establishes the basis upon which Meewasin will acquire certain lands for the purposes of conservation or development. Lands may be acquired for conservation, nature experience, or intensive recreation use.
River Edge Industrial Location Policy (1981)	Limits the expansion of industrial development along the river edge and further requires industrial companies to seek permission to resume operations if abandoned for more than six months.

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East Bank Open Space Study (1981)	Plan to develop six key focal points or nodes along the east bank of the South Saskatchewan River within the city of Saskatoon including Rotary Park (intensive recreational development); Cosmopolitan Park (focus on trail and interpretation); Ski Jump Hill (multi-purpose recreation); Sutherland Beach (proposed site of future visitors centre/arboretum); Peturrson's Ravine (conservation area); and Forestry Farm Park (intensive recreational development)
Meewasin Valley Authority Development Plan 1982 to 1987	A development strategy identifying Meewasin goals, principles used in planning in the Valley, and a description of the focus of activities (implementation plan) for the five-year period: (1) area of leisure activity; (2) area of protection and interpretation; (3) Tipperary Creek.
Meewasin Valley Trail System Plan (1990)	Establishes "an orderly approach to trail linkage development along the river valley as it passes through the City of Saskatoon and Municipality of Corman Park to provide a continuous river bank circulation system as a major recreation resource for the resident of Saskatoon and area."
Five Year Plan 1993 Through 1997	A development strategy identifying Meewasin goals, principles used in planning in the Valley, a description of the focus of activities (implementation plan) for the five-year period, and a physical planning structure for the Valley that includes the Meander Plain area, Saskatoon area, University area, and Prairie Grass Terrace area.
West Bank South Study Development Plan (1991)	Establishes six objectives for the west bank south area: (1) to reclaim and restore disturbed industrial and derelict landscapes; (2) to transform vehicle routes into parkways; (3) to integrate the parts into a linked whole; (4) to enhance access to the river and riverbank; (5) to retain and enhance the open space character; (6) to ensure appropriate development of interpretation opportunities.
East Bank South Development Plan (1996)	Establishes four objectives for the east bank south area: (1) to enhance biodiversity and natural habitat values; (2) to maintain and enhance existing recreation and interpretation opportunities; (3) to provide opportunities for enhanced public access; (4) to establish a basis for cooperation and partnerships aimed at enhanced stewardship of the entire quadrant of the Meewasin Valley.

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Revised Land Acquisition Policy (1997)	Policy to clarify the priority for which land may be acquired by the Meewasin Valley Authority.
Trails to the Twenty First Century Five Year Plan 1998 Through 2002	Establishes strategic priorities for the five-year period.
Five Year Plan 2003 to 2008	Establishes strategic priorities for the five-year period related to stewardship, trail development, public education and action, partnerships, south downtown, financial resources, development review, conservation, and measuring effectiveness.
South Downtown Concept Plan (2004)	Establishes the planning principles for development within the South Downtown District including specific statements about landmarks, connections and access, mix of land uses, lighting, heritage & environmental interpretation, streetscape & public art, controlling development & design.
South Downtown Local Area Design Plan (2004)	Establishes architectural performance standards within character zones including provisions for proportion/scale/massing, walls, roofs, fenestration, windows/glazing, exterior doors/storefronts, style, solid/void, colour, variety, relationship to streetscape, signage, roadways, parking/loading/service areas, pedestrian grade level walkways/hard surface amenity spaces, site/building exterior lighting, mechanical/ electrical, landscape, and accessibility.
Meewasin South Downtown District Development Policy (2004)	Establishes development performance expectations with guidelines for land use, linkages, safety & security, building form & massing, landscaping & signage, parking & off-street loading, and environmental constraints.
Development Review Policy (2004)	Establishes the basis upon which statutory review of proposed improvements shall occur within Meewasin Valley: conservation of significant natural resources, protection of slope stability, consideration for good drainage practices, provision and maintenance of landscape construction and service facilities, protection of the river channel, provision for public access, complementary design aesthetic, consideration of traffic and parking impacts, preservation & interpretation of heritage resources, ensuring improvements take account of natural & heritage resources and other special characteristics of the site, and ensuring consistency with the Meewasin Development Plan.

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Northeast Policy	Provides planning objectives and a definition for the role of Meewasin in planning and development of the northeast quadrant of the Valley.

- Reviewing the development review process and advising the Board on suggested improvements.