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NOTICE OF HEARING
Meewasin Public Hearings Bylaw #006

TAKE NOTICE that the Meewasin Valley Authority is holding a public hearing to consider **adoption, amendment, or repeal of bylaws.** This public hearing is being held under Sections 11 and 20 of the *Meewasin Valley Authority Act*, SS 1979, c. M-11.1. This notice is to provide information about the matters being considered and provide notice of the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing Details

The proposed adoption, amendment, or repeal of bylaws will be considered by the Meewasin Valley Authority at a Public Hearing on:

December 4, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. noon

Prairie Winds Board Room, Meewasin Valley Centre
402 3rd Avenue South, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Any person or group may submit written comments and may make a presentation.

To attend the meeting, submit written comments, or make a presentation, please email planning@meewasin.com or phone 306-665-6887 by **10 a.m.** on the day of the hearing.

If you experience any barriers to participating in a public hearing, please make a request to Meewasin staff for accommodations.

Application Details

Applicant: Carmen Ens Funk, Meewasin Planning Specialist
Address of Subject Lands: N/A
File No.: 50.14.701
The draft bylaw is attached to this notice. More information is available to the public at the Meewasin Valley Centre and by request.

Purpose & Effect

Meewasin administration are proposing amendments to Public Hearings Bylaw #006. The proposed changes improve the accessibility of public hearings and the document itself, and align with the City of Saskatoon's Public Notice Policy, updated January 2026. The primary change is to remove the requirement to publish notification in the newspaper. Notification would be required on the Meewasin website, at the Meewasin office, and on a sign posted on the affected property, if applicable.

Notice dated **November 24, 2026.**

Bylaw Number 006 **The Meewasin Valley Authority**

(The Public Hearing Bylaw) Responsibility: MVA

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Being a Bylaw to regulate the requirements and process for public hearings.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Executive Summary of the bylaw is provided for informational purposes only and does not form part of the bylaw. If there is a conflict between this Executive Summary and the bylaw, the bylaw prevails.

This bylaw sets the steps for a public hearing held by the Authority. At the public hearing, any registered person or group can speak to the Authority about the topic advertised.

The public hearing must be held at a time and location that is Accessible to all participants. Any person who experiences a participation barrier should contact the Authority staff prior to such public hearing. Accommodations could include:

- translation or interpretation options,
- Accessible formats of materials,
- changes to the meeting time and location.

The Authority can adjourn the hearing and reconvene at a later meeting time and location.

The Authority must advertise at their office and on their website. If a decision is specific to a property, a sign must be posted on the property. The advertisement must be posted for at least ten (10) days before the Authority considers the topic. Three (3) weeks are required before the Authority considers changes to a Development Plan.

The advertisement rules of this bylaw are minimum rules and only apply to the first meeting for a topic.

Certain decisions of the Authority require a Special Resolution, as defined in the Act. A Special Resolution needs “yes” votes from two (2) members from each Participating Party, plus one (1) more member. These decisions include:

- Adoption, amendment or repeal of the Development Plan, which is the Authority’s guiding planning document;
- Adoption, amendment or repeal of bylaws; and
- Changing the jurisdiction of the Meewasin Valley.

Decisions should be made in public. However, the Authority can deliberate in private for specific reasons, which include :

- buying or selling of land or other property,
- trade secrets of a third party,
- information obtained in confidence from other governments, or
- personal information of individuals.

SHORT TITLE

1. This bylaw may be cited as “The Public Hearing Bylaw”

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

2. To outline the items that require a public hearing pursuant to Section 12(1)(p) of the Act.

LEGAL EFFECT

3. This bylaw is passed pursuant to Sections 10(p), and 12 of the Act.

FORCE AND EFFECT

4. This bylaw shall have force and effect on and after that date on which it is published in the *Saskatchewan Gazette*.

DEFINITIONS

5. In this bylaw:

“Accessible”

a) “Accessible” means free of barriers that prevent a person from attending or participating in a public hearing, to the extent reasonably practicable.

“Accommodations”

b) “Accommodations” means reasonable adjustments to procedures, materials or physical setting of a public hearing that enable a person who experiences a barrier to participation to take part.

“Act”

c) “Act” means *The Meewasin Valley Authority Act*, S.S. 1979, Chapter M-11.1, and amendments thereto.

“Authority”

d) “Authority” means the Meewasin Valley Authority.

“day”

e) “day” means a calendar day, and for the purposes of calculating number of days of notice, includes the day notice is posted but excludes the day of the public hearing.

“Meewasin Valley”

f) “Meewasin Valley” means those lands as defined in the Act.

"Participating Party"

g) "Participating Party" means the Government of Saskatchewan, the City of Saskatoon, or the University of Saskatchewan.

"*Resolution"*

h) "Resolution" means a resolution of the Authority made in the exercise of its powers and passed by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting, subject to the requirement of a quorum, or passed in any other manner prescribed by this bylaw.

"*Special Resolution"*

i) "Special Resolution" means a resolution of the Authority passed with the approval of at least two (2) members from each Participating Party, plus one (1) more member.

All terms contained in this bylaw which are not defined in this bylaw and which are defined in the Act shall have the meaning given to such terms in the Act.

APPLICATION

6. This bylaw shall, upon coming into force, apply to the whole of the Meewasin Valley.

7. This bylaw applies to the:

   a) adoption, amendment or repeal of a Development Plan;

   b) adoption, amendment or repeal of bylaws;

   c) adoption, amendment or repeal of policies that direct planning, conservation, education, or development, except those solely intended for the internal government or administration of the affairs of the Authority;

   d) development review process for improvements pursuant to Section 19 of the Act and concept plans pursuant to Section 10 of the Act;

   e) altering of the jurisdiction of the Meewasin Valley; and

   f) delegation of authority pursuant to Section 29 of the Act.

RESOLUTION

8. The following shall be adopted by Resolution:

   a) adoption, amendment or repeal of policies that direct planning, conservation, education, or development, except those solely intended for the internal government or administration of the affairs of the Authority;

b) the development review process for improvements pursuant to Section 19 of the Act and concept plans pursuant to Section 10 of the Act; and

c) delegation of authority pursuant to Section 29 of the Act

9. The following shall be adopted only by Special Resolution:

a) adoption, amendment or repeal of a Development Plan;

b) adoption, amendment or repeal of bylaws; and

c) alteration of the jurisdiction of the Meewasin Valley.

PUBLIC HEARING

10. The public hearing shall be limited to the matter as advertised.

11. The Authority shall hear any registered person or group of persons, or person acting on their behalf, who wishes to make representations.

12. The public hearing shall be held at a time and location which is Accessible.

13. A person who experiences any barriers to participation in a public hearing may request Accommodations from Authority staff before the public hearing. The Authority shall provide Accommodations and, where necessary, may adjust the process for the public hearing to do so.

14. The Authority may receive all representations on the same day or, where it considers it advisable; adjourn the hearing until all representations are received.

15. Where a hearing is adjourned, the Authority may subsequently sit and receive the representations on the date fixed for the reconvened hearing.

ADVERTISING

16. The Authority shall advertise its intention to consider any matters listed in Section 7 of this bylaw, except those affecting a Development Plan, by:

a) posting a notification at the Authority's office at least ten (10) days prior to consideration by the Authority;

b) posting on the Authority's website at least ten (10) days prior to consideration by the Authority; and

c) where a specific site is concerned, by posting a notification on the site at least ten (10) days prior to consideration by the Authority.

17. Further to the Act, the Authority shall advertise of its intention to adopt, amend or repeal a Development Plan by:

    a) posting on the Authority's website and posting a notification at the Authority's office for a specified time before the date fixed by the Authority for a public hearing to consider any representations respecting its proposal. The specified time is:

        i. in the case of a proposed development plan, at least four (4) weeks; or

        ii. in the case of a proposed amendment to, or repeal of a Development Plan at least three (3) weeks;

18. In accordance with the Act, the notification shall:

    a) contain a summary of the intent of the proposed items subject to Resolution or Special Resolution;

    b) specify any places where and the hours during which the items subject to Resolution or Special Resolution may be inspected by any person;

    c) specify any dates, places and times that the Authority will hold a public hearing with respect to the items subject to proposed Resolution or Special Resolution;

    d) outline the procedure by which the public hearing will be conducted; and

    e) describe the affected area by:

        i. reference to street names and addresses and commonly understood area designations;

        ii. publication of a map of the area; or

        iii. if the Special Resolution is amending a Development Plan and the amendment does not designate land for specific uses, a description of the type of property affected but not by the specific location of all that property.

19. The notice requirements of this bylaw are the minimum requirements the Authority must comply with. The Authority may at its discretion require or provide additional notice in specific cases.

20. Notice will be given in accordance with this bylaw only when the Authority initially considers a matter. Unless otherwise directed by the Authority, no notice will be given of any subsequent meeting of the Authority at which the matter will be considered.

DECISION

21. The deliberations and decisions of the Authority respecting any mater to which this bylaw applies shall be held in public, except that the Authority may deliberate in camera where it is satisfied that the deliberations relate to one or more of the following:

    a) the purchase of lands or property matters;

    b) third party trade secrets;

    c) information obtained in confidence from other governments; or

    d) personal information of identifiable individuals who have not given their consent for the release of the information.

22. Where the Authority deliberates in camera under Section 21 of this bylaw, the Authority shall make its decision public by Resolution or Special Resolution, as applicable, and the decision shall be recorded in the minutes and posted on the Authority's website within five (5) days. Information falling within Section 21(a) to (d) of this bylaw may be omitted or redacted from the posted record.