

# Meewasin Valley Explorer

## SOUTH DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT

You may have noticed lumbering construction equipment on the south downtown site. Meewasin recently awarded a contract to Graham Construction and Engineering Inc. for the riverfront development at \$2,368,453.



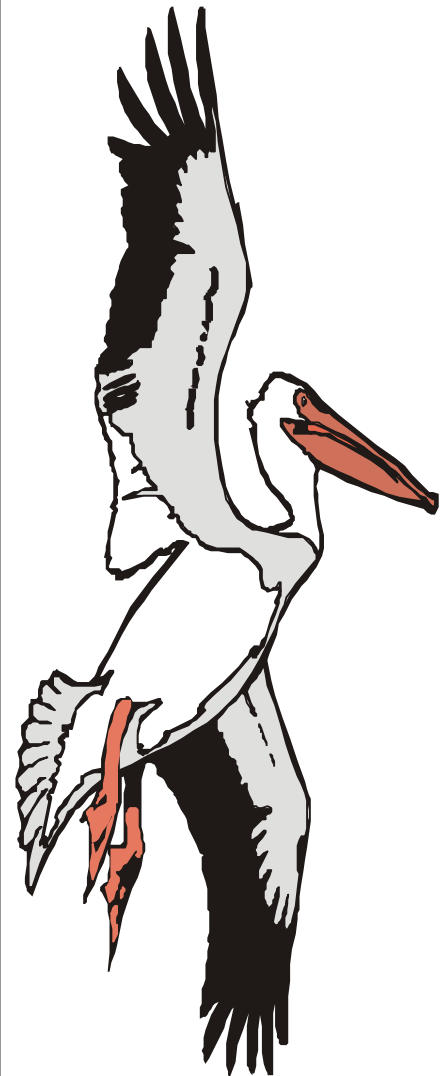
Susan Lamb, Chief Executive Officer of Meewasin, said, "This is the first major construction contract in the anticipated more than \$100 million redevelopment of the south downtown." This phase of riverfront construction will include establishing and armoring the new shoreline, constructing shorewalls, earthfill, and rough grading. The site will remain closed and the Meewasin Trail is rerouted during construction.

Meewasin became project manager of the Riverfront in October of 2003, when the Government of Saskatchewan provided \$4 million for the riverfront. Enhancing the riverfront area will allow people to enjoy our river valley in different ways.

Saskatoon Mayor Don Atchison said that the riverfront park is a significant component of the lands set aside to ensure maximum public space for the South Downtown redevelopment project.

"This year's construction marks tangible progress in the efforts to reclaim the riverfront," Atchison said. "Throughout the summer, citizens will begin to see the footprint of this wonderful park and its many exciting features."

The total cost of the project will be nearly \$11 million. The City of Saskatoon has already committed \$2 million and Meewasin \$1 million. Meewasin will source funds for an additional \$4 million to complete the project.



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The Meewasin Valley Centre will be open **Sunday evenings** in July and August until 8 pm. **Riverbank development plan on display**

### Meewasin Valley Centre *Summer Hours*

**Weekdays: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**  
**Saturdays : 10:30 am - 5 pm**  
**Sundays: 1 pm - 8 pm**



## COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL (CAP)

North of the city on the edge of the river are two chemical plants. Erco Worldwide is a company that manufactures chlorine from salt to create the resulting product, hydrogen. It is then sent to AKZO Nobel to be used in the preparation of chemicals to break down potash. The community advisory panel (CAP) provides two way communication between the chemical plants and the community. Panel representatives include the Silverwood Community Association, Meewasin, Saskatchewan Environmental Society, the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon Health Region, Wanuskewin, the R.M of Corman Park, and other neighbours.

The river bank by the Erco plant is regulated by Meewasin. As Meewasin is interested in both land use and environmental issues, a major restoration project was carried out to restore this portion of the river bank, including a system to intercept salt. An agreement is in place to extend the Meewasin trail along Wanuskewin Road past the chemical plants in the future.

## PLANT-A-TREE CEREMONY

Meewasin's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant-A-Tree & 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Forest Commemoration were held on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> in the Atrium at Innovation Place.

*Platform guests included:*

Her Honour Dr. Lynda Haverstock, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan and His Honour Harley Olsen; Dr. Howard Nixon; Dr. Dennis Johnson; Robert White, President of Multi-Faith Saskatoon; and Dave Grambo, Chair of the Meewasin Plant-A-Tree Committee.



Entertainment was provided by the Queen Elizabeth School Grade 1, 2 and 3 Choir and the Walter Murray Jazz Band.

This year Meewasin's Plant-A-Tree program has contributed to the planting of 107 trees and shrubs, 7 Meewasin Trail benches, 11 trees at the Memorial Forest, and 13 bricks at the Rotary International Peace Plaza.

## FRIDAYS IN JULY AND AUGUST AT MVC - Programs for children ages 6 - 12 (2 pm)

Join the staff at Meewasin Friday afternoon's during the summer to learn more about the natural and cultural world around us and to make wonderful crafts. We will have special visitors from the Saskatoon Zoo Outreach on July 9<sup>th</sup> (*Tickles the Python*) and July 23<sup>rd</sup> (*Ariel the Hawk*). Please call 665-6888 for more information and to register for these programs. Parents must accompany. Cost is \$2.00/child.



**July 9 - Reptile Romp**

**July 23 - Falcon Frenzy**

**July 30 - Bug Bonanza**

**August 6 - Gargoyle Hunt and Mask Craft**

**August 13 - Suncatchers**

**August 27 - Fossil Trek**

## TUESDAYS ARE FULL OF PAPERMAKING FUN



Come join us in learning the history of papermaking and try it yourself. There is no charge and it is a drop-in program for everyone from 2 - 4 pm. We will be offering this program on the following dates: **July 20**, **August 3** and **August 17**

## WALKING TOURS AT MVC

We offer a number of historic walking tours through Saskatoon such as *Gargoyles and Grotosques*, *Riverbank Churches* and the *Pioneer Cemetery*. Join us for a tour to learn more about the history of our beautiful city. Please call 665-6888 for additional walking tours and to book your tour.

## BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT MVC

You can book your child's birthday party at MVC. Themes offered include such as *Making Monsters* or the *Come Fly Away* kite program. To book a program or for additional information please call 665-6888.



## TIME CHANGE: MVC WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 9 PM FROM JULY 13 - 18

During **Taste of Saskatchewan** and the **Northern Saskatchewan River Roar**, **July 13<sup>th</sup> to July 18<sup>th</sup>**, the Meewasin Valley Centre is open until 9 pm, and has drop-in crafts for children from 2 - 8 pm. Make your own **kite** on **July 13 -16** and **paddle boats** on **July 17 &18**. Call 665-6888 for more information. Parents must accompany. Cost is \$2.00/craft.

# Meewasin Valley Centre and Gift Shop

402 Third Avenue South ~ 665-6888

Open 9 to 5 Weekdays - 10:30 to 5 Saturdays and Holidays - 1 to 8 Sundays

## **JULY IS A TIME TO REFLECT**

### **On Display in July and August - "The art of Helen Herr and Marian Buettner"**

The wonderful paintings by Helen Herr and Marian Buettner will be on display for the months of July and August at the Meewasin Valley Centre. Join us on **Sunday, July 18 from 2 - 4 pm** for the Gallery opening as the artists will be in attendance. Refreshments will be served.

### **July 1 - Canada Day Celebrations! For Everyone (2 - 4 pm)**



Come and join the Meewasin staff in a celebration of Canada Day. Learn more about the history of our flag, make a Canada flag Windsock and enjoy some "Canada" birthday cake! Please call 665-6888 to pre-register for this program. Cost is \$2.00/craft.

### **July 4 - Bridge Tales Presentation - For Everyone (2 pm)**

Saskatoon has seven bridges that span the South Saskatchewan River. Archie, the fictional narrator, has stories about each one. How many stories will you believe?

### **July 11 - Pioneer Activities - For children ages 6 - 12 (2 pm)**

In pioneer times, people went about their daily chores in a different manner than we do today. Come and learn about the different ways to do every day chores. Parents must accompany.

### **July 25 - Quiet Dolls - For children ages 6 - 12 (2 pm)**

In pioneer times, children and their parents created cloth dolls to be taken to church and other areas where children could quietly play with them. Join us in making your own "Quiet Doll" that can travel with you. Please call 665-6888 to register. Parents must accompany. Cost is \$2.00/craft.

## **AUGUST IS REMEMBERING OUR PIONEER PAST**

### **August 2 - Saskatchewan Day Party for Everyone (2 - 4 pm)**

Bring out your entire family to celebrate our civic holiday with an outside scavenger hunt and test your knowledge of our province in our Saskatchewan Trivia game.



### **August 8 - Shadow Puppets - For Children ages 6 - 12 (2 pm)**

Shadow puppets are one of the earliest forms of theatre. Join us in making your own shadow puppet to entertain others. Parents must accompany. Cost is \$2.00/child.

### **August 15 - 25th Anniversary Celebration of Meewasin - For Everyone (1 - 4 pm)**



Meewasin is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year and, in commemoration of our anniversary, we are extending an open invitation for everyone to attend our festivities. Our main event will be held in Friendship Park in the afternoon with musical entertainment, merriment and an anniversary cake. Come out and help us reflect on Meewasin's accomplishments over the past 25 years. There will be canoe tours and photo displays of 'then and now' set up at the Meewasin Valley Centre. For more information, please call 665-6887.

### **August 22 - Paper Airplanes - For children ages 6 - 12 (2 pm)**

During the Canada Remembers Airshow weekend, come to Meewasin to learn about the history of airplanes and make your own plane to take home and fly. Call 665-6888 to register. Parents must accompany. Cost is \$2.00/craft.



### **August 29 - Transportation through the Ages - For children ages 6 - 12 (2 pm)**

Come and learn about the different types of transportation that people used throughout the ages and make your very own covered wagon! Call 665-6888 to register. Parents must accompany. Cost is \$2.00/craft.



## SUMMER EVENTS AT THE MARR

The Marr Residence, 326 11th Street East, is Saskatoon's oldest house on its original foundation. The Marr Residence is playing host to a number of Meewasin events this summer. It will be open for public tours on Sundays and holiday Mondays from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm during the summer months. Don't miss the heritage herb garden in the backyard! Call the Marr Residence Management Board at 652-1201 or Meewasin at 665-6888 for further details!

### Marr Programs

- July 1- Canada Day Tea at the Marr
- July 3 - Marr Open House
- July 4 - Teddy Bear Picnic
- July 11 - Youth Heritage Fair Projects
- July 18 - Women's Work
- July 25 - Antique Appraisals - John McGowan



- August 1 & 2 - Third Annual Rhubarb Festival
- August 8 - Bike Parade: Bike Clinic/Picnic Lunch
- August 15 - MVA 25th Anniversary: Open House
- August 22 - Two Green Boots Concert
- August 29 - Researching Your House
- September 4 - Open House/Work Bee (Rugs)
- September 5 - Women's Work

### Marr Harvest Fair

**Where:** Marr Residence (326 11th Street East)

**When:** Monday, September 6, 2004

**Time:** 1 - 4 pm



Come and join Meewasin interpreters for the Marr Harvest Fair. Always a popular event, the Harvest Fair promises to be a lively afternoon for young and old. Informal tours of the historic residence, heritage crafts, pioneer trades, toe-tapping music, and an old fashioned bake sale will put a smile on your face! Call Meewasin at 665-6888 for further details.

### RIVER CINEMAS ARE BACK

Enjoy the South Saskatchewan riverbank in a unique way by watching movies on our outdoor screen during the August and September long weekends! Admission is free and a small concession will be open. Bring your own blankets or lawnchairs. Shows start at dusk. Call 665-6888 for more details.



#### Classic River Cinema

(August Long Weekend)

\* Approximate show time is 9 pm

**Fri., July 30 - *Back to the Future* (G) 1985**

\* 116 minutes

**Sat., July 31 - *James Bond - From Russia with Love* (PG) 1963**

\* 115 minutes



**Sun., August 1 - *Lady and the Tramp* (G) 1954**

\* 73 minutes

#### Family River Cinema

(September Long Weekend)

\* Approximate show time is 8:30 pm

**Fri., September 3 - *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* (PG 13) 2003**

\* 143 minutes

**Sat., September 4 - *Finding Nemo* (G) 2003**

\* 100 minutes

**Sun., September 5 - *Brother Bear* (G) 2003**

\* 85 minutes



Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA)

# Canoe Interpretive Tours

*Knock, knock. Who's there? Can. Can who? I made you say Canoe!*

**Not only can you say canoe at Beaver Creek Conservation Area  
- You can canoe!**

Experience the beautiful South Saskatchewan River in a Meewasin ten passenger voyageur canoe (9 seats plus canoe guide interpreter).



**Day time** and **evening** trips can be scheduled throughout the week subject to availability. Call to inquire when the next canoe excursion will be booked, to ensure that enough paddle power is in the canoe to complete your trip. **A popular two hour excursion** includes a paddle up-river to the Berry Barn, a tasty treat at your expense, and return the to Beaver Creek. **Scheduled trips cost \$20.00 per person and must be booked ahead of time.** Transportation to Beaver Creek Conservation Area is the responsibility of the participant.



Canoe **tour charters for nine** people (one canoe) or eighteen people (two canoes) cost **\$150.00 per canoe.** It is recommended that charter requests call well in advance to arrange a booking.



**Any non-profit group who programs for youth can book two hour canoe tours in July and August free of charge.** These charters are sponsored by the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority, Vince Carter Foundation, ASUPCA, Sask Lotteries, Saskatoon Foundation, and the City of Saskatoon.

Canoe tours run from May to August 31, 2004. Pre-registration is required. Contact Beaver Creek Conservation Area at 374-2474 for more information.

## Transportation to Beaver Creek Conservation Area

Beaver Creek Conservation Area Interpretive Centre is located 13 km south of Saskatoon on highway #219. **Saskatoon Radio Cab** will provide transportation to the Beaver Creek Conservation Area from Saskatoon for \$23.00 per cab. **Call 242-2211 for bookings.**

*Meewasin is dedicated to conserving the natural and cultural resources of the South Saskatchewan River Valley.*

Beaver Creek Conservation Area  
Follow Lorne Avenue South  
13km on Highway #219  
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Website: <http://www.meewasin.com>



Beaver Creek Conservation Area  
Summer Hours  
June 26 to September 1  
9 am to 9 pm daily.

**Chip's Hotline: 374-2474**

**Meewasin**

# Beaver Creek Conservation Area

## Some Summer Fun

Be a trail tracker, fish printer, or a discovery station investigator. With your curiosity and five senses, explore Beaver Creek's hiking trails; create some "wild" art, and have some summer fun.



Activities are available daily as self-guided adventures and/or staffed discovery stations located at the Interpretive Centre. Scheduled staffed activities will be set weekly. Please call 374-2474 before visiting to receive up-dated program information.

## July & August Special Events

### Heritage Hoopla July 1st (1:00 to 4:00 pm)

Celebrate Beaver Creek's natural and human heritage.

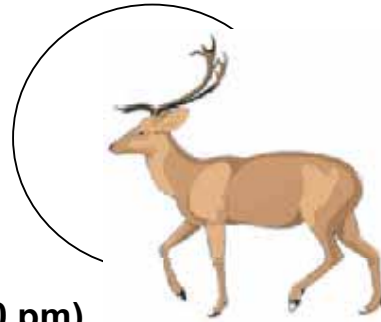
### Moonlight Mysteries

**Buck Moon - Saturday, July 3 (9:00 pm to 11:00 pm)**

**A Blue Moon Mystery - Saturday, July 31 (9:00 pm to 11:00 pm)**

**Beaver Moon - Saturday, August 28 (9:00 pm to 11:00 pm)**

Discover the activities of nocturnal animals by exploring their night - time world. Bring the family on **Saturday, July 3** for 'Buck Moon' from 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm. On **Saturday, July 31** experience a second July full moon, referred to as the "Blue Moon" from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. On **Saturday, August 28**, experience the "Beaver Moon" from 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. There is a maximum of 20 people per program. **Cost is \$5.00/person. Call 374-2474 to pre-register.** A moon craft and snack are included.



### Night Hikes and Perseid Meteor Watch August 8th to 13th

Experience the excitement of night hikes and meteor showers during this special time. For the Perseid Meteor Shower on **August 11, 12 & 13 the gates are open until 11:30 pm** for you to view meteors away from the city lights. On **August 8, 9 & 10, enjoy a night hike program from 9:00 pm -11:00 pm.** A craft and snack are included. **Cost is \$5.00/person for the night hike program. Call 374-2474 to pre-register. Max. 20.**

### BCCA Celebrates Meewasin's 25th Anniversary

**August 15 - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Enjoy a variety of activities during the BCCA "open house" celebration of Meewasin's 25th anniversary.

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