

Meewasin Valley Explorers

River Landing

The South Downtown will be the most exciting riverbank project in Saskatoon's 120 year history. It will be a focus for Saskatoon in a unique combination of meeting place, performance site, and recreation area. The development has been a priority for Saskatoon every since Raymond Moriyama's 100-year plan in 1978. With a consolidation of lands in 2003, the City of Saskatoon was able to put together community representatives and a design team to begin the development process in earnest.

Meewasin took over as project manager of the Riverfront in October 2003 when the Government of Saskatchewan provided \$4 million to begin the work with additional financial support coming from the City of Saskatoon and Meewasin. Enhancing the riverfront will allow for more public access and will improve the quality of life for all residents and visitors to the city.

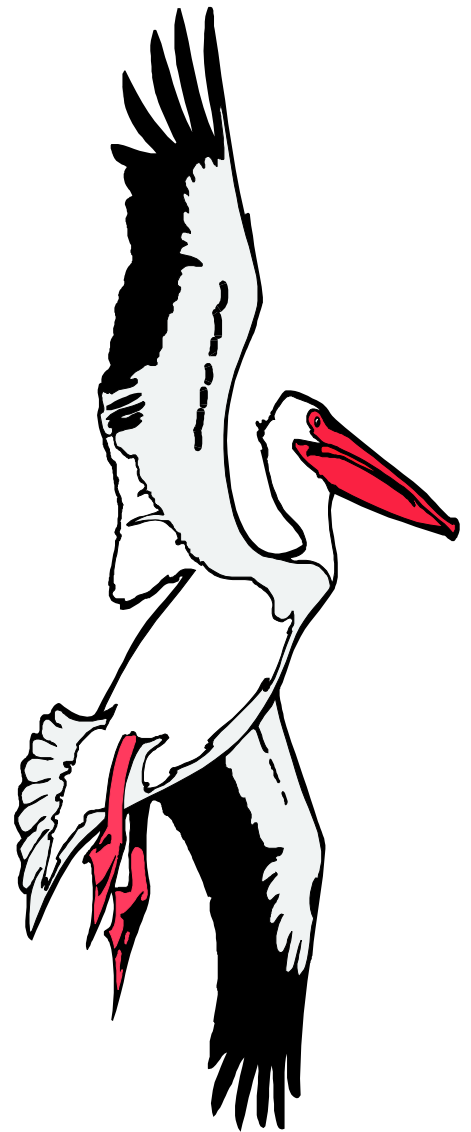


The first stage of Riverfront construction included establishing and armoring the shoreline, construction of shorewalls, earthfill and rough grading. The objectives for 2005 will involve ensuring the safety and comfort of the site, establishing linkages along the

shore and backshore to adjacent public routes, allocating areas for future development of program components, providing service infrastructure for events and future development, and providing basic landscape development and partial implementation of the planting program.

Construction components over the next several years will include a riverwalk with a pedestrian bridge, handrails, lighting and visitor amenities. There will be a backshore link parallel to First Avenue, an entry plaza and stairways at the foot of 2nd Avenue, and a stairway access to the Traffic Bridge along with accessible routes from the upland to the riverfront. In addition, there will be comprehensive dark sky compliant night lighting of completed development areas, seeding of disturbed areas, some tree planting, and minor infrastructure improvements.

A rendering of the development plans for the Riverfront and all of River Landing is available from the Meewasin Valley Centre. The centre is open 7 days a week. Drop in to pick up your copy of this development plan.



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Meewasin - Saskatoon Credit Union Clean-Up Campaign 2005- THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who has, and to those of you who are planning to, take part in this year's campaign. Your support for this event is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet registered you can still participate! Visit www.saskatooncreditunion.com or call Meewasin at 665-6888 for details!



Celebrate National Rivers Day on Sunday June 12!

Join Meewasin and the Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin in celebrating the third annual **National Rivers Day**! This celebration takes place across Canada to celebrate, commemorate, and preserve Canada's spectacular rivers. Canadian rivers represent adventure and discovery. They are a continuing source of beauty and joy for all of us.



Meewasin will be hosting a Shearwater River Celebration Cruise and barbeque from 7 – 9 pm. The cost is \$30.00/person which includes a river cruise and a delicious barbeque onboard the Saskatoon Princess. Pre-registration is required and will be done on a first come/first pay basis. Register soon, as this event fills up quickly. Contact the Meewasin Valley Centre at 665-6888 for details and to register.



Meewasin Plant-A-Tree & Memorial Forest Commemoration

Meewasin's 19th Annual Plant-A-Tree & 6th Annual Memorial Forest Commemoration will be held Saturday, June 18th, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the bowl area at Innovation Place (15 Innovation Blvd). Guest speakers will include: Her Honour Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan Dr. Lynda Haverstock, Fran Nutter Acting Chair of the Plant-A-Tree committee and the President of Multi-Faith Saskatoon Robert White. Please call 665-6887 for more information.

A Lamb's Tale: Natural Prairie Conservation

Meewasin is going to be grazing sheep again this summer to help stop the spread of invasive plant species that are threatening our natural grasslands. The project begins May 1 and is expected to end some time in August. The sheep will be used at Beaver Creek Conservation Area for half of the total grazing time. The rest of the time the sheep will be at either Cranberry Flats or the Saskatoon Natural Grasslands on Konihowski Drive. If necessary, Meewasin plans to use the sheep again next year.

Luc Delaney, resource management officer, said that Meewasin's specific concern is with natural prairie areas in and around the city. Meewasin has approximately 1,000 acres of land in a natural condition. One of the issues is the brush that is spreading and taking over the prairie patches. European buckthorn and smooth brome grass are two exotic species that have caused trouble for local plants and leafy spurge is a noxious weed that has the potential to harm farm production.



Jared Epp is the Saskatoon shepherd who will be overseeing the project. He will be bringing along his own flock as well as the sheep of two other Saskatoon sheep producers. The project will start small and build over the summer.

Meewasin Rink



The 2004/2005 skating season has come and gone, and thanks to our supporters, sponsors, and staff, it was a very good season indeed. We had 7,489 visitors from all over the world this season, from China to Brazil. The Meewasin team hopes you enjoyed using the rink this winter and looks forward to seeing you again next winter!



In conjunction with Saskatchewan's 100th birthday, the Saskatoon Heritage Society, the City of Saskatoon and the Municipal Heritage

Advisory Committee offer **Doors Open Saskatoon**. This unique program offers the opportunity to visit spaces not generally accessible to the general public. Call 242-7700 for more information.

Meewasin Valley Centre *and Gift Shop*

402 Third Avenue South ~ 665-6888

Open 9 to 5 Weekdays - 12:00 to 5 Weekends & Holidays

May is a Time for Rejuvenation

May 1 - "Provincial Parks and Those Amazing Formations!"

Exhibit Opening - For Everyone (2 to 4 pm) The art of John Chin. This show will consist of a number of water colours and acrylics showing some of the most amazing crop circle formations in Canada and other countries. The artist will be in attendance and refreshments will be served.

May 8 - Mother's Day - For Kids ages 6 - 12 (2 pm)

For Mother's Day, join the Meewasin team while we learn about the history of Mother's Day and make a beautiful tea light holder to take home. Please call 665-6888 for more information and to pre-register. Cost \$2.00/ craft.



May 15 - "Saskatoon's Castle" Presentation - For Everyone (2 pm)

Why did the Delta Bessborough Hotel wait 4 years to open after it was finished? Who was the first registered guest? What are some other stories about Saskatoon's castle? The answers to these questions can be found at the Meewasin Valley Centre today.

May 22 - History Nature Walk - For Everyone (2 pm)

Join Meewasin interpreters this afternoon for a walk along the riverbank as we learn about the cultural and natural history of our river. Please call 665-6888 for more information and to register.

May 23 - Queen Victoria's Birthday - For Kids (2 pm)

Learn about Queen Victoria, and learn why we celebrate her birthday every year. We'll make a craft that was popular during Queen Victoria's reign and share birthday cake! This program fills up quickly, so please call 665-6888 to pre-register now! Parents/guardians must accompany. Cost \$2.00/child.



May 29 - Doors Open Saskatoon - For Everyone (1 - 5 pm)

Doors Open Saskatoon will unlock the secrets of more than 20 remarkable buildings, most of which are normally closed to the public. These buildings of architectural and historic interest are located in Downtown, Riversdale, Broadway and the University areas. The Meewasin Valley Centre is pleased to be the headquarters for this event. Please call 242-7700 for more information.

Meewasin Valley Centre Celebrates the South Saskatchewan River in June

June 5 - River Critter Discovery - For Kids (2 pm)

This afternoon will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the small creatures that live in our river. We will have a pour-a-pond so that children can safely see these animals and then we will make a fish kite. Please call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany. Cost \$2.00/craft.



June 12 - National River's Day Celebrations - For Adults

In celebration of National River's Day, Meewasin is planning an evening boat cruise along the beautiful South Saskatchewan River. (Please see previous page for more information.) Please call 665-6888 to pre-register for this program.



June 19 - Father's Day - Sailing with Dad - For Kids (2 pm)

This Father's Day come to Meewasin to learn about the history of boat traffic along the river and then make your own sailing boat to take home. Please call 665-6888 to register. Parents/guardians must accompany. Cost \$2.00/craft.

June 26 - Bridge Tales - For Everyone (2 pm)

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

July 1 - Canada Day! - 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! Cost \$2.00/craft.



Beaver Creek Conservation Area

Invites You to Explore...

Sensational Scenes of Spring

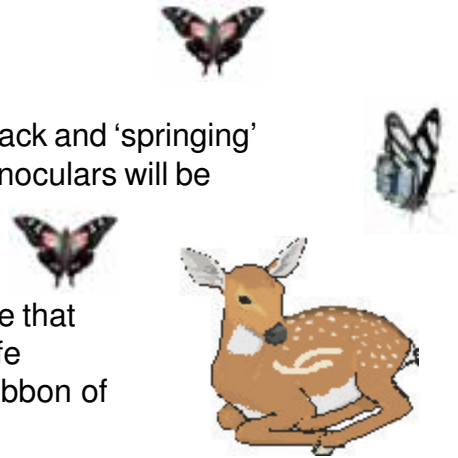
Marvelous May - Sundays at 2:30 pm

Awaken all of your senses on an interpretive hike and discover who's back and 'springing' to life. Birds, bees, and budding trees will all be here for you to see. Binoculars will be provided.

Jubilant June - Sundays at 2:30 pm



Jump into June by participating in an interpretive hike that celebrates the wonder of water. Discover the wildlife diversity of the watery world of Beaver Creek, the ribbon of life that sustains inhabitants both in and around it.



Beaver Creek Conservation Area Group Bookings and Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority Guided Canoe Tours

Book your group adventure at Beaver Creek Conservation Area. Environmentally based programs offer a variety of guided hikes and can be tailored to meet the specific needs of your group.



SIGA guided canoe tours allow you to experience the beautiful South Saskatchewan River in Meewasin's ten-passenger voyageur canoe. Canoe tours leave from Beaver Creek Conservation Area to the South Saskatchewan River returning two hours later to Beaver Creek. Cost is \$20.00 / person. Canoe tour charters for nine (one canoe) or eighteen (two canoes) are available for special events, birthday parties, reunions and conventions. Cost is \$150.00 / canoe.

Charters sponsored by the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority are available at no cost for non-profit groups who program for disadvantaged youth. Call Meewasin Valley Authority at 477-9146 for program details and bookings.

Moonlight Mysteries - May 21 & June 25 (7:30 to 9:30 pm)

Mystery surrounds the full moon and the activities of nocturnal animals. Bring friends and family on **Saturday, May 21** for 'Hare Moon' and **Saturday, June 25** for 'Plant Moon' from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm to unravel some moonlight mysteries. A moon story and snack included. **Cost is \$5.00 per person. Call 374-2474 to pre-register. Max. 20 people.**



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Open May 1 to June 30
9am to 5 pm Daily
July 1 to September 5
9 am to 9 pm Daily

Chip's Hotline: 374-2474



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