

Meewasin Valley Explorers

River Landing Destination Complex

Meewasin has provided an expression of interest (EOI) to the City of Saskatoon for participation in the destination complex at River Landing Phase I.

The current Meewasin building is situated on Third Avenue across from River Landing and was originally a cigarette warehouse. Various problems with the current building and interpretive centre have been noted. The building is oriented to Third Avenue, neither to the river nor to the Meewasin Trail and it does not meet current building codes or energy efficiency standards.

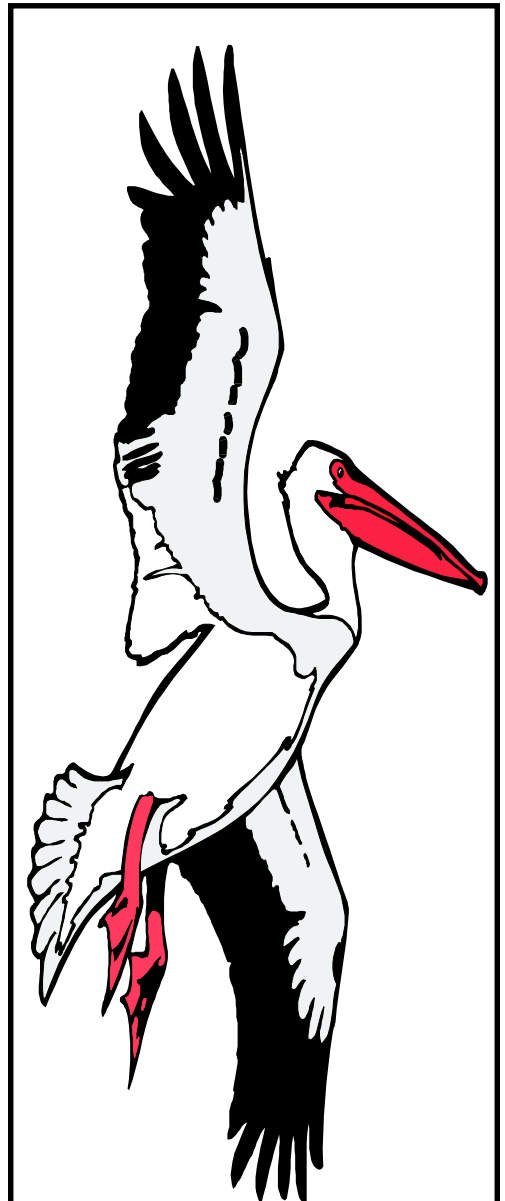
Meewasin will pay the operating costs for a new location out of current revenue. Capital cost of about \$8 million would come, for the most part, from the three sponsoring levels of government. The construction phase would create up to 162 person years of employment and contribute \$24.3 million indirectly into the economy, in addition to the capital costs.

The expression of interest calls for a new riverbank interpretive centre that would tell the story of the Saskatchewan River Basin, from the Rocky Mountains to Hudson Bay, and the story of Saskatoon: its past, its present, and its future.

A multi-purpose room would be accessible to children and groups for a hands-on learning experience. A traveling exhibit space would be available for displays on topics from music to science and technology.

The proposed centre would have a "green roof" - a rooftop garden of native grasses and wildflowers that would have a spectacular view of the river. The centre would be built to a high environmental standard.

For more information, please contact Meewasin at 665-6887.



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Meewasin Valley Centre Fall Hours

Weekdays: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Weekends and Holidays: Noon - 5:00 pm



Celebrating our Province's 100th Birthday



Events at the Marr Residence - 326 11th Street East

Marr's "Saskatchewan Day Tea" and Garden Party

Sunday, September 4, 1- 4 pm

The Marr Residence, Saskatoon's oldest house on its original foundation, provides a wonderful atmosphere to celebrate Saskatchewan's 100th Birthday. Everyone is invited to join Meewasin Interpreters and the Marr Residence Volunteers, along with artisans and entertainers, for an afternoon tea.

There will be music, birthday cake and period costumes to set the mood. Do you have a period costume that you would like to show off? Feel free to dress up, bring a friend and join in celebrating Saskatchewan's 100th birthday. Call **652-1201** or **665-6888** for further details.

Marr Harvest Fair

Monday, September 5, 1- 4 pm

Re-live the tradition of a pioneer harvest fair. Contests for the best produce, flowers, jams and jellies, handiwork, and baking are part of the fun! Vote for your favorite. There will be old-fashioned games and other activities for children. For more information please call **652-1201**.

Meewasin Summer Students

This past summer, Meewasin employed a number of summer students. The summer students worked as interpreters in the Meewasin Valley Centre and Beaver Creek Conservation Area developing educational programs focusing on Saskatoon's history and conservation of the natural environment. Students led canoe tours of the river valley and were involved in planning, design and development, conservation, enforcement, and construction. The students came from post secondary institutions and provide a youthful energy, enthusiasm, and expertise that Meewasin welcomes, nurtures, and embraces.



September Long Weekend

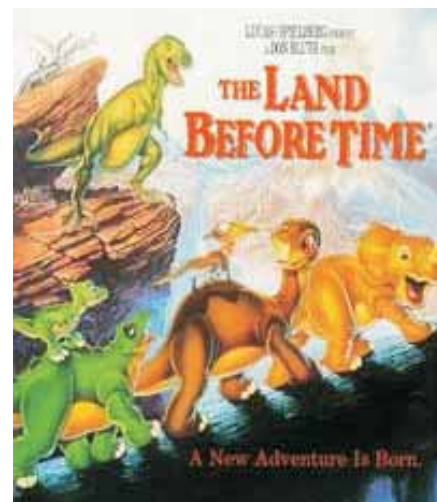
Family River Cinema

September 2 - *Beethoven*

September 3 - *Lemony Snicket's
A Series of Unfortunate Events*

September 4 - *The Land Before Time*

Enjoy the South Saskatchewan riverbank in a unique way by watching movies on our outdoor screen during the September long weekend! Enjoy some tasty treats at our concession. Admission is free. Bring your own blankets or lawnchairs. Shows start at dusk. Call **665-6888** for more details.



Meewasin Valley Centre and Gift Shop

402 Third Avenue South ~ 665-6888

Open 9 am to 5 pm Weekdays - Noon to 5 pm Weekends & Holidays

Celebrate the Prairie Harvest in September at MVC

On display at the Meewasin Valley Centre during September and October - **The Art of Lois A. Unger**. This exhibit includes images of old homesteads, nature and wildlife, and Lois details the thrill of discovery in rural Saskatchewan.



September 4 - "Saskatchewan Day Tea" and Garden Party at the Marr Residence (1 pm)

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September 11 - Meewasin Valley Centre Open House - For Everyone (2 pm)

The Meewasin Valley Centre is hosting an Open House today to showcase Lois Unger's wonderful photography. Come visit the centre, view our displays and the art work of Lois A. Unger. Refreshments will be served.

September 18 - Corn Husk Dolls - For Children ages 6 - 12 (2 pm)

Before the rise of department stores in Saskatoon dolls were made of different types of materials. One common doll was made of corn husks. Come and make your own doll to take home. Program cost is \$2.00. Please call **665-6888** to pre-register.



September 25 - Harvest Time - For Everyone (2 pm)

September is "Harvest Time" in Saskatchewan. Join us to learn more about harvesting in pioneer times and watch a video that details harvest activities.

October is Women's History Month

October 2 - Candle Making - For Adults (2 pm)

Have you ever wondered how candles are made? Join us for an afternoon of design with wax and make your own unique candle to take home. Please call **665-6888** to pre-register. Program cost is \$2.00 per person.



October 9 & 10 - "Ladies Home Journal" - For Everyone (2 pm)

Go back in time and experience life of pioneer women in early Saskatoon. Hear stories about homesteads, husbands, parties and prairie life in this video presentation.

October 16 - Home Remedies- For Everyone (2 pm)

Follow in the footsteps of women who knew the benefits of using medicinal plant remedies. Learn how pioneers cured ailments in the past with plants found in their natural environment.

October 23 - Saskatoon's Stories - For Everyone (2 pm)

Do you have a story to tell about your ancestors and Saskatoon's early days? Join us for an afternoon of sharing tales from our Pioneer past. Please call **665-6888** for more information.

October 30 - 7th Annual Haunted History Party - For Kids (1 - 3 pm)

Halloween is sneaking up on us, so come to Meewasin Valley Centre for some spooky fun. Play ghoulish games, make creepy crafts, and get a terrifying treat. Limit 40 children. Call **665-6888** to register.



***Programs are for the general public. If your group wishes to participate, please call 665-6888 to book a separate time. A nominal fee may be charged.

Beaver Creek Conservation Area

Invites you to discover...



Bring family and friends to discover Beaver Creek Conservation Area. With five hiking trails, nature discovery stations, animal scavenger hunts, and interpretive centre activities there is plenty to see, hear, touch, smell, and maybe even taste, when we are brewing wild teas. **Every Sunday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm** throughout September and October a nature discovery station will be available for you to explore at your leisure.

The Evening can be Revealing

Saturday, September 10, 17 & 24 - Beaver Creek Conservation Area will be open **until 9:00 pm**. Extended evening hours will provide you the opportunity to view beaver, muskrat, and mink being active in the creek as they prepare for the change of seasons from fall into winter. Everyone is welcome, no registration or fee required. (The full moon is occurring on September 17.)



Animals Acting Up

Saturday, October 15 & 22 - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Beaver Creek Conservation Area invites you to participate in an evening of action and reaction as you help Beaver Creek animals discover the proper way to act like an animal. Enjoy an interactive drama, a trail hike, and a snack fit for any animal. **Cost is \$5.00/person. Maximum 30 people. Call 374-2474 to pre-register.**

Halloween Mystery

Saturday, October 29 - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm - Bring your goblins and witches to Beaver Creek on this special evening as we search for things cold, slimy, and delicious. Enjoy an interactive drama, a trail hike, and a snack fit for any wee beastie. **Cost is \$5.00/creature. Maximum 30 monsters. Call 374-2474 to pre-register.**



Beaver Creek Overnight Camps

Experience an overnight camp adventure at Beaver Creek Conservation Area. Winter camps may be booked **Friday or Saturday nights in January and February**. During this unique environmentally based program, a variety of guided hikes, nature crafts, and special guest speakers will be presented, tailored to meet the specific needs of your group. **Call 374-2474 for fees and program details.**



Beaver Creek Conservation Area
Follow Lorne Avenue South
13km south on Highway #219
Email: meewasin@meewasin.com
Website: www.meewasin.com

Fall Hours: September & October
Weekdays
9am - 5pm
Weekends & Holidays
Noon - 5pm
FREE Admission

Chip's Hotline: 374-2474



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