

Meewasin Valley Explorers

River Landing Capital Campaign in Full Swing

Dick Nieman, Chair of the Meewasin Board of Directors, announced the official launch of the Cameco Riverfront capital campaign on the morning of August 24, 2006. Special guests included: Minister Carole Skelton, Minister David Forbes, Mayor Don Atchison, Ms. Alice Wong Vice-President, Cameco, and Don Somers, Chair of the Cameco Riverfront Campaign. The campaign is the final funding phase that will complete the \$12 million riverfront Phase 1 at River Landing.

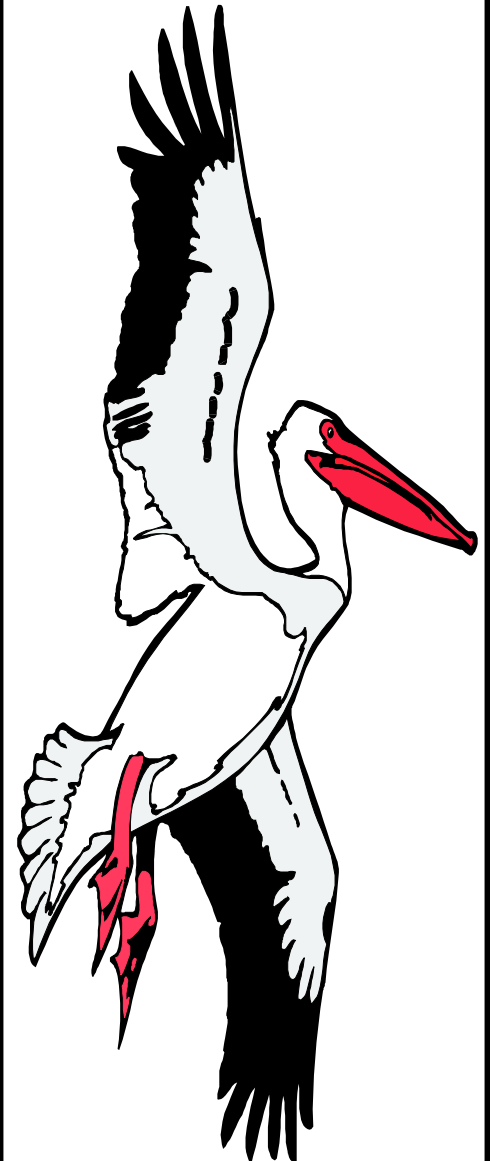
The public campaign hopes to raise \$2 million to complete the development of various amenities including a pavilion, a boat dock, interpretive features, viewpoints, amphitheatre and a water play area designed to resemble the Saskatchewan River Basin. Meewasin is grateful to Cameco for underwriting the costs of the campaign.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for individuals, families, businesses and corporations. One can sponsor bricks, benches, trees, viewpoints, the pedestrian bridge, the river garden and the amphitheatre.

A \$10 million funding package, \$5.76 million from both the City and Federal government and \$4 million from the Province was essential to fund this Phase 1 riverfront development.

Meewasin looks forward to the public, business, and the corporate communities support for the development. The riverfront will bring people and our community together, and will enrich the quality of life for all residents.

For more information contact the Meewasin Cameco Riverfront Campaign office 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



Theiss Riverprize

The Meewasin Valley Authority, and co-applicant Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin, have been nominated as one of four finalists for the 2006 International Theiss Riverprize award for excellence in river and waterway management. Others short-listed for the Theiss Riverprize are Kissimmee River (USA), Lake Maquarie (Australia) and Sha River (China).

Meewasin CEO Susan Lamb and Ray Fast, Chair of the Board of Directors for Partners, will represent the respective organizations at a special awards ceremony during the International Rivers symposium in Brisbane, Australia in September 2006. This is the second time that Meewasin has been short-listed for this prestigious award.

The award is sponsored by the International Riverfoundation, to advocate for the protection and restoration of the earth's water resources for future generations.

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 also 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.

Road Map 2020

Partnered with Saskatoon Health Region's "in motion" physical activity initiative, Road Map 2020 (a multi-sector network promoting social, economical and environmental sustainability in Saskatoon) is involved in an Active Transportation Project aimed at preventing childhood obesity and reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs). One of the initiatives under this project is a plan to implement a "Walking School Bus". A Walking School Bus is a group of children walking together to and from school, accompanied by parent(s) or adult volunteer(s). A Walking School Bus provides children with safety and activity to maintain physical health and well-being. For more information on walking school bus programs visit <http://www.goforgreen.ca> and click on "Active And Safe Routes To School". For more information about the pilot program for a Saskatoon elementary school, contact Louise Jones at ljones@roadmap2020.ca or call the Meewasin Valley Authority at 665-6887 and ask for Kelly Goyer.



Changing River Levels on the South Saskatchewan

From June 21-23, 2006, Partners FOR the Saskatchewan River Basin hosted the *Climate Change & Water in the Prairies* Conference. At that Conference, Lawrence Martz, Associate Dean of Social Sciences at the University of Saskatchewan, and Joel Bruneau, Assistant Professor and Undergraduate Chair in Economics at the U of S, presented the results of a three year study on the South Saskatchewan River undertaken by the University of Saskatchewan and Environment Canada. The study predicts that water flow on the South Saskatchewan will drop by 10% in the coming 30 years. The drop in river flow will stem from average increases in temperature and decreases in precipitation which will lead to greater evaporation. The decrease will occur simultaneously to a predicted doubling of the human population in the South Saskatchewan River Basin, with a resultant demand for increased water consumption. Max Abraham, Manager of Partners and Conference Chair, notes that the public should be aware of the coming water flow decrease, as policy changes may be necessary to conserve water resources.



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 South Saskatchewan River in September at MVC

On display at the Meewasin Valley Centre during September and October - **BEAUTY OF PLACE COLLECTION** - an exhibit by seven Saskatchewan artists, commissioned by the Association of Saskatchewan Urban Parks and Conservation Agencies, to capture the beauty of Saskatchewan's urban green spaces through original artwork.



September 10 - Gallery Opening- BEAUTY OF PLACE COLLECTION- For Everyone (2 pm)

The Meewasin Valley Centre is hosting a gallery opening to showcase the ASUPCA art collection. Come visit the Centre, view our displays, and the art work. Refreshments will be served.

September 17 - Castle on the River - For Everyone (2 pm)

In 1935 Saskatoon's castle, the Bessborough Hotel, opened its doors. Visitors to the Meewasin Valley Centre will be able to view a video presentation on the construction of the Bessborough and its subsequent development.

September 24 - Bridge Tales/Build Your Own Bridge - For Children ages 6 - 12 (2 pm)

Participants will learn about the history of the "Bridge City" through a video presentation on Saskatoon's bridges. Afterwards, the focus will shift to bridge construction as participants will build their own bridge. Program cost is \$2.00.

Please call **665-6888** to pre-register.



October is Women's History Month

October 1 - 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 material. One common doll was made of corn husks. Come and make your own doll to take home. Please call **665-6888** to pre-register. Program cost is \$2.00 per person.



October 7 & 8 - "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 15 - 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. Please call to register.

October 22 - My Mother's Wisdom - For Everyone (2 pm)

Join us for an afternoon of memories and wisdom as we celebrate the experiences of prairie women. Special guests will be on hand to share their memories. Please call **665-6888** for more information.

October 29 - 8th Annual Haunted History Party - For Kids (1 - 3 pm)

Halloween is sneaking up on us, so come to the 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



Tour du Jour in September

It is never the same day twice at Beaver Creek Conservation Area. On the Tour du Jour, we will explore what Mother Nature has to offer at that time. **The Tour du Jour is offered every Sunday in September at 2:00 p.m.** This trail hike program is one hour in length.

Beaver Creek Beavers in September

Saturday, September 9, 16, 23, 30 - Beaver Creek Conservation Area will be open **until 6:30pm**. Extended evening hours will provide you with the opportunity to view beaver, muskrat and mink being active in the creek as they prepare for the change of seasons.



Eye Spy in October

Animal cut-outs have been placed along the trails. Depending on the type of animal you choose to be you will have to keep an eye out for those animals that would want to eat you or that you would want to eat. **Eye Spy is offered every Sunday in October at 2:00 p.m.** This trail hike program is one hour in length.

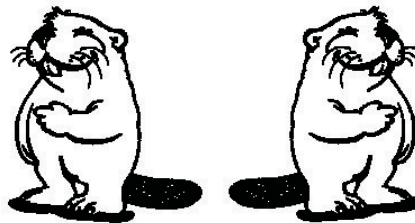


All Things Cold and Slimy - A Halloween Trick

Saturday, October 28 - 1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Bring your goblins and witches to Beaver Creek to experience some weird nature and weird science as we experiment with all things cold and slimy. This is a come & go program presented at discovery stations.

Beaver Creek Conservation Area
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Chip's Hotline: 374-2474
Call for program information &
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Fall Hours: September & October
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FREE Admission

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