

Riverfront Park Uses: Diefenbaker Park, Optimist Hill, and Meewasin

What can we do to ensure the riverfront is well used, well maintained, and meets the needs of the residents of the area?



The riverfront area adjacent to the Exhibition neighbourhood is an important resource to the immediate area and an essential part of the recreation resources of the entire City of Saskatoon.

There are multiple groups involved with the riverfront area:

- **The City of Saskatoon** manages the riverfront including Diefenbaker Park.
- **Meewasin** provides leadership in the management of resources, while promoting understanding, conservation, and beneficial use of the area.
- **OSP Community Development Corp.** is a non-profit organization responsible for the operation of Optimist Hill.

The neighbourhood survey results, public comments, and meetings with the community outlined that the riverfront is a valuable resource and the community wants to identify additional opportunities to enjoy the area. This will require coordination among multiple groups already working together with limited resources.

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What We Heard:

- Additional access points from St. Henry Avenue to Meewasin Trail are desirable.
- The development of Optimist Hill is positive, but there are some concerns (traffic, noise) if the area gets busier.
- Mature vegetation is important and residents want to ensure it is protected in the area.

Possible Opportunities:

- Investigate options for additional access points to Meewasin Trail.
- Look into possible road improvements next to Diefenbaker Park and Optimist Hill.
- Investigate ways to communicate future development of Optimist Hill with the neighbourhood.
- Look for ways to protect mature vegetation in the area.

