

POLICY TITLE <i>BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN RIVER-BANK PARKS</i>	ADOPTED BY: <i>CITY COUNCIL</i>	EFFECTIVE DATE <i>OCTOBER 9, 1984</i>
ORIGIN/AUTHORITY <i>PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD CLAUSE 2, REPORT 7-1984</i>	CITY FILE NO.	PAGE NUMBER <i>1 of 2</i>

1. **PURPOSE**

To ensure that the construction of buildings, structures and facilities on public land within river-bank parks enhances the long-term leisure use and enjoyment of the river valley by the general public and contributes to:

- i) improving the quality of life in Saskatoon,
- ii) increasing the understanding, awareness, protection, and preservation of the natural and heritage resources.

2. **DEFINITIONS**

2.1 **River-bank Park** - land owned by the City of Saskatoon, fronting directly on the river and designated as a public park.

3. **POLICY**

3.1 Proposed buildings, structures and facilities requiring direct use of the river or the river-bank must:

- a) Contribute to the objectives of the City of Saskatoon and be consistent with the:
 - i) City of Saskatoon Municipal Development Plan.
 - ii) Parks and Recreation Management and Development Plan.
 - iii) Zoning Bylaws.
 - iv) Meewasin Valley Authority Development Plan.

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- b) Be used for multi-purposes, whenever possible, to keep the number of river-bank structures at a minimum.
 - c) Be subjected to an environmental impact assessment before permission is granted for construction in an environmentally sensitive area.
 - d) Be freely available to the general public or accessible upon payment of an appropriate user fee. Policies governing such right of access and user fees shall be submitted to and approved by City Council.
 - e) Be justified to and approved by the City of Saskatoon and the Meewasin Valley Authority for their purpose, function and location.
- 3.2 Essential public utility buildings and structures shall be exempt from this policy, but are subject to other policies and regulations of the City of Saskatoon and Meewasin Valley Authority, as deemed appropriate.
- 3.3 Buildings and structures may be developed and managed by non-profit or private sectors through suitable lease agreements with the City of Saskatoon providing such buildings and structures conform to the terms and conditions of this policy.

4. AUTHORIZATION

- 4.1 Prior to approval of any buildings or structure proposed under Clause 3.3 of this Policy, City Council shall hold a public hearing and shall hear and consider all submissions, including any representations which may be made by the Meewasin Valley Authority.