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Chair's Report

Annual General Meeting April 23, 2013

When construction of the landfill at Crane Mountain was approved, two conditions were imposed by the Minister of the Environment that impact the operation of Crane Mountain Enhancement Inc. (CMEI)

First, that the Fundy Region Solid Waste Commission would establish a community based environmental monitoring committee with a mandate to monitor all aspects of the landfill. CMEI is that committee. To fulfill our mandate we review and/or hire experts to review the operation of the landfill and its potential impact on the environment in the host community. Based on these reviews we make recommendations for improvements at the landfill.

Second, that a portion of the tipping fee be used for enhancements beneficial to residents of the host community. The CMEI Special Projects Committee reviews and recommends the enhancement projects. To date this has resulted in funding for community facilities and organizations amounting to over \$1,000,000.

CMEI also promotes environmental education with yearly grants of \$600 to the five schools in the host community and four \$1000 scholarships for students from the host community, two from UNBSJ and two from NBCCSJ.

Commencing on January 1, 2013 the structure of Local Government changed with 12 Regional Service Commissions being created. The Fundy Region Solid Waste Commission was discontinued and the responsibility for operation of the landfill now falls under the Fundy Regional Service Commission (FRSC). The operation at the landfill is now simply called Fundy Region Solid Waste (FRSW)

CMEI works with FRSW to represent the residents of the host community on issues of concern and will present such issues to the new FRSC if they are not resolved with management at FRSW. Each month CMEI representatives attend the FRSC meeting to monitor issues brought before the commission that impact may the host community.

Highlights from the last year include the following:

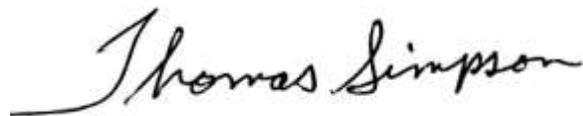
- We are continuing and expanding on the monitoring project (started last year) that reviews the water quality data being collected by the FRSW. The new elements of the project will introduce some different methods of plotting the data and consider methods to best differentiate the effect of other potential contaminants (eg. seawater, road salt etc.) from leachate contamination.
- All approved Special Projects were completed and all funds used with about \$3500 going to the B list.
- A new program for “trigger concentrations and standard statistical data interpretation” for monitoring well and domestic well data is nearing completion. (\$25,000 approved by FRSWC in March 2012)
- In December 2012, FRSW and UNB entered into a contract to conduct hydraulic head testing on the monitoring wells associated with the landfill. This is the first step toward meeting some of our major priorities. There will be more about this in the monitoring committee report.

Final Note

To bring concerns to CMEI, residents can contact any member of the Board of Directors or send an email to one of our contact email addresses, see the “Contact Us” page on our website. www.cmei.ca

Residents can also contact the landfill directly by calling the hotline 738-1212. At our request, the Commission has installed a menu on its hotline that includes an option to “leave a recorded message with your comments,” this option can be used for officially registering concerns or complaints.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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