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Chair's Report

Annual General Meeting April 29, 2014

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)

Firstly, 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.

Secondly, 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 \$1,200,000.

CMEI works with Fundy Region Solid Waste (FRSW) to represent the residents of the host community on issues of concern and will present such issues to the Fundy Regional Service Commission (FRSC) and/or the Department of the Environment, if they are not resolved with management at FRSW.

The monthly meetings of the FRSC are open to the public. CMEI monitors the issues to be brought before the commission and when there are issues regarding FRSW that may impact the host community we have representatives at the meeting.

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 at UNBSJ and two at NBCCSJ.

Highlights from the last year include the following:

- We are continuing and expanding on the monitoring project (started in 2012) that reviews the water quality data being collected by the FRSW for both monitoring wells and domestic wells. Most of the work carried out this year involved having a senior hydrogeologist at **exp.** review site specific aspects of the Crane Mountain site in preparation for more detailed work to follow. We also made special requests for review of the 2012 Annual Monitoring Report and the Protocol for Statistical Analysis prepared for the FRSW by a professor from the University of Moncton.
- All approved 2013 Special Projects were completed and all funds used with about \$3300 going to the B list.
- In December 2012, FRSW and UNB entered into a contract to conduct hydraulic head testing on the monitoring wells associated with the landfill. This work has been completed with a presentation of the results on April 28, 2014. The actual final reports will be available within the next two weeks. There will be more about this in the monitoring committee report.
- In September, 2013 a committee formed by Fundy Region Solid Waste began to study options for how waste diversion will be handled going forward and to make a recommendation to the Regional Service Commission at their meeting in June 2014. A decision on waste diversion is necessary at this time because over the next few years all of the blue bins at the recycling depots and the composting buildings at the landfill will have to be replaced costing several million dollars for each program. Three options are being considered 1). Status quo – Recycling Depots & Curbside Compost; 2). Curbside Recycling and eliminate Composting; 3). Curbside Recycling and continue Curbside Composting. Public consultation has been encouraged through a series of public meetings and surveys, both telephone and online. The committee is made up of representatives from each of the municipalities and two from the LSD's. In addition a representative from small business and myself representing CMEI. A consultant from **exp.** was hired to assist in analysis of the various impacts of each option.

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:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Simpson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Tom Simpson
Chair, Crane Mountain Enhancement Inc.