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## **Chair's Report**

Annual General Meeting April 5, 2016

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 \$1,300,000.

CMEI works with Fundy Region Solid Waste (FRSW) to represent the residents of the host community on issues of concern and will present or submit in writing 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 someone attend the meeting and report to our Board.

CMEI supports the FRSW Environmental Education program with a contribution of \$1000.00 per year toward the bussing of grade 4 students from the Host Community to participate in the program.

Highlights from the last year include the following:

In 2015/16 CMEI has continued to build upon the work our consultants (ADI now **exp.**) have done for us in the past by engaging them to:

- Make specific recommendations for changes to the Certificate of Approval to operate.
- Site visit by two hydrogeologists to better their understanding of this landfill.
- Develop a proposed path forward to developing a numerical model of groundwater flow.

On December 11, 2015 FRSW and CMEI made a joint application to the Environmental Trust Fund for a grant to develop a 3D conceptual model of the geology at the site and downgradient to the domestic wells.

As a result of our efforts, the Department of the Environment issued a new Certificate of Approval to Operate for a two year period instead of 4 or 5 years, to allow all parties to work together to implement some of our recommended changes.

Two of the approved Special Projects for 2015 were not completed and all remaining funds (approximately \$18750) were transferred to the “B” list.

#### 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](http://www.cmei.ca)

Residents can also contact the landfill directly by calling the hotline 738-1212.

Respectfully Submitted by:



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