



Chair's Report

Annual General Meeting April 27, 2010

Crane Mountain Enhancement Inc. (CMEI) exists primarily because the Crane Mountain Landfill is located in the recharge area for about 1000 domestic wells in the host community. In addition the geological structure upon which it sits is fractured rock which presents a much higher risk to the groundwater than other geological structures. Therefore, there is a greater need for monitoring the ongoing operations of the landfill and its impact on the environment.

First and foremost the mandate of CMEI is monitoring. To fulfill this 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 that we deem to be in the best interest of those that would be most at risk in the event of a failure of one or more of the systems at the landfill.

Over the last year, the work of the CMEI board of Directors has largely centered around the successful completion of a review by ADI known as the "2009 Update – Independent External Review of Crane Mountain Landfill" the recommendations of which will be discussed as part of our Monitoring Committee Report.

A General Information Meeting was held on January 19, 2010 to discuss the ADI Report and other issues including odour from the landfill and seagull control. We also did a presentation of the CMEI website www.cmei.ca demonstrating the wealth of information available there. Unfortunately the meeting was poorly attended so, some of that information will be presented in our reports this evening.

Our mandate also includes:

- Administration of the Host Community Enhancement Fund (special projects or benefits)
- Education
- Representing the residents of the host community to the FRSWC.

We communicate with FRSWC through their liaison representative to our board Mr. Richard Mclean and each month two members of the CMEI board of directors attend the FRSWC open meeting where we can present issues that have been brought to our attention by residents of the host community. To bring your concerns to CMEI contact any member of the Board of Directors or send an email to one of our contact email addresses. For general information or inquiries info@cmei.ca, for monitoring or environmental issues monitoring@cmei.ca, for anything to do with special projects projects@cmei.ca, and for information concerning our education initiatives education@cmei.ca.

The following issues were brought to the FRSWC over the last year were:

- Odor emanating from the landfill - We received a written response to this issue at our General Information Meeting on January 19, 2010 (available on our website) and at our Board of Directors Meeting in April Marc MacLeod discussed the problem. In the near future public service announcements will be issued when maintenance or construction activities, that are likely to cause a gas release, are scheduled.
- Seagull control - We also received a written response to this issue at our General Information Meeting on January 19, 2010 (available on our website) and at our Board of Directors Meeting in April Marc MacLeod discussed the efforts undertaken and new initiatives to be implemented.
- Access to more convenient disposal of hazardous waste – A mobile unit from another waste facility will be used to conduct remote collections in September of 2010.
- Recording of complaints and concerns – Some calls from concerned residents were taken by various landfill employees and were not always recorded in the official log for reports to be generated as required. A new phone menu system is to be implemented to direct callers to electronically record the complaint or concern. If you have concerns about odours, it is important to call while the event is happening, so it can be checked out in real time as opposed to after the event. Also, ensure that the calls are delivered on the hotline recorder in addition to any discussions that you have with landfill staff.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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