



## **Chair's Report General Meeting Jan. 19, 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 bedrock 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 8 or 9 months, the work of the CMEI board of Directors has largely centered around the successful completion of the ADI Review known as the "2009 Update – Independent External Review of Crane Mountain Landfill" the recommendations of which will be discussed here this evening in some detail.

Our mandate also includes:

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

We communicate with FRSWC through their liaison representative to our board 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.

Odor emanating from the landfill has been raised as a concern several times in recent months. We have asked about this and received verbal feedback from our FRSWC liaison Richard McLean. The problem continues to reoccur and is well documented by several residents. At the FRSWC meeting last week our representatives asked to have a written response in time for this meeting.

Some other issues that were brought to the FRSWC included seagull control and access to more convenient disposal of hazardous waste.