

## **Monitoring Committee Report: CMEI Annual General Meeting, 2010**

During the past year, the focus of the Monitoring Committee has been the *2009 Update Independent External Review of the Crane Mountain Landfill*, by ADI. This report analyzed the Waste Commission's responses to ADI's 2005 Review, brought forward recommendations from that report, and made further recommendations for ways to protect the environment downgradient of the landfill.

On November 17, 2009, Senior Hydrogeologist John Sims from ADI presented the Review to the CMEI Board, the Waste Commissioners, Saint John and Grand Bay-Westfield Councilors, and representatives from the Department of the Environment. Copies of the Review were provided to Commissioners, Councilors, and DOE staff.

Since that time, we have met with General Manager Marc MacLeod to discuss the review and his responses to it. In fact, we are in regular contact with the General Manager about a variety of landfill matters.

We are also privileged to have had engineer Sid Lodhi as our consultant since 2005, and we have met with him for advice regarding the most effective ways to fulfill our mandate to monitor the Crane Mountain Landfill. We are making plans to meet with representatives from the Department of the Environment regarding the findings of the 2009 ADI Review.

Because our overall plan for monitoring has been to build on past reports and continue to solicit the best professional information available, we have engaged Douglas Craig of Craig HydroGeoLogic to conduct additional work on one important portion of the ADI Reviews, namely Domestic Well Monitoring, and bring forward further recommendations. His study is now in process.

Twice a year—fall and spring—CMEI arranges for aerial photos of the landfill to be taken. These photos provide a visual account of the development of the landfill and can be viewed on the CMEI website.

The complete texts of both ADI Reviews are available on the CMEI website, as well as separate links to the Executive Summary and Recommendations. Hard copies of both Reviews are available to borrow. CMEI Board members who have studied these issues are willing to answer questions from members of the community who are seeking information, and are also open to gathering information and hearing suggestions from members of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Monitoring Committee