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Chair's Report

Annual General Meeting May 2, 2017

For approval to construct the Crane Mountain landfill, the Minister of the Environment imposed two conditions upon the Fundy Region Solid Waste Commission 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 \$1,500,000.

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 2016/17, the FRSC in partnership with CMEI received a grant of \$65,000 from the New Brunswick Environmental Trust Fund to develop a conceptual model of groundwater flow in the watershed, on site and downgradient of the landfill. This is the first step toward the development of a calibrated numerical model.

In late November 2016, FRSC and CMEI applied for another grant from the Environmental Trust Fund for development of the numerical model.

Also in November 2016, CMEI met with the Department of the Environment to discuss financial preparedness for catastrophic contamination issues.

All special projects were completed on time by October 31, 2016 with only about \$1,200.00 left for 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

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Simpson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the start of the name.

Tom Simpson
Chair, Crane Mountain Enhancement Inc.