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Chair's Report

Annual General Meeting May 7, 2024

For approval to construct the Crane Mountain landfill, the Minister of the Environment imposed two conditions on the Fundy Region Solid Waste Commission which 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. The committee's mandate is to monitor all aspects of the landfill. CMEI is that committee. To fulfil 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 project applications. To date this has resulted in funding for community facilities and organizations amounting to over \$2 million.

CMEI works with landfill management 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 landfill management.

The monthly meetings of the FRSC are open to the public. When there are issues, on the agenda regarding the landfill, that may affect the host community, we have someone attend the meeting and report to our Board.

Highlights from the last year include the following:

- FRSC issued an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to extend the life of the landfill by 22 years, by increasing the height of the cells by 27.5 metres (90 feet).
- CMEI has vigorously opposed the EIA and submitted questions and concerns to the New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government (DELG).

- To assist with the opposition to the EIA CMEI held a Public Information Session (in addition to the ones held by Gemtec as part of the EIA process).
- CMEI has requested a meeting with the NB Minister of Environment and Climate Change to discuss several issues.
- CMEI continues to depend on our consultants at **exp.** for technical review of Annual Monitoring Reports and other documents for advice on our monitoring efforts.
- CMEI as restarting the program of providing Education grants.

There were no reportable leachate incidents.

Additional Notes:

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 or by emailing hotline@fundyrecycles.com. Residents should use this to report all odours detected.

I would like to personally thank the Board for their support and effort this year.

Respectfully Submitted by:

John Doubt
Chair, Crane Mountain Enhancement Inc.