



MINUTES



**CRANE MOUNTAIN ENHANCEMENT INC. (CMEI)
Board of Directors Meeting
February 6, 2024
KBM**

The February meeting of the Board of Directors of Crane Mountain Enhancement Inc. was called to order at 6:00 by John Doubt.

In attendance: John Doubt, Jane Tunney, Patti Chisholm, Greg Snow, Jon Bidgood, Lori Nason, Ryan Brown, John Adams and Michele Lodge

Regrets: J.P. Casey

PRESENTATION OF THE AGENDA

Motion: That the February 6, 2024 agenda be accepted as presented.

Proposed by: Greg Snow

Seconded by: Jane Tunney

Motion: Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Motion: That the minutes of the January 9, 2024 meeting be accepted

Proposed by: Ryan Brown

Seconded by: Jon Bidgood

Motion: Carried.

FUNDY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE REPORT (FRSW)

See item #3 of Business Arising from the Minutes.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. **Website update:** John Doubt is finalizing it. He asked Michelle if she could copy the map on the application form for Special Projects and send it to him. John said he would present the website at the next meeting, if it is not too busy, so everyone could see what he has done.
2. **Actions by EXP:** John Doubt reported he had a letter from John Sims regarding the data loggers. In December it was discovered that four of them have fallen into the wells. They will try to retrieve them. There were fourteen of them originally. Ryan asked if the fallen ones are still recording data. The answer was “probably not” or “if they are it is probably incorrect”. This was discovered when they went to download them.

3. Landfill Height Increase: John felt the meeting went well but members were upset because they were told they were not allowed to ask technical questions. John Doubt wants to collect the email addresses of the people who attended the meeting. He wanted to get the addresses from Phil Ouellette of FRSC but was refused. There was discussion regarding how to collect email addresses in the area. Patti thought it would have been a good idea to have business cards made up that could have been handed out at the meeting. John thought that was a good idea and asked her to pursue this. Lori thought it would have been good if a one page sheet of paper describing CMEI and what it does would have been handy to pass out at the meeting as well. There was a question of whether the meeting had been recorded. Apparently it has been recorded manually. John will ask for a copy of this. J.P. made notes at the meeting and he has circulated them to the members. There was discussion about the list of questions that still have not been answered and the TRC has to have these answers before they can okay things.

John Doubt wrote a letter to Duane Mercer, Environment EIA Project Manager, saying the landfill is leaking. His response was sent to the mayors of Grand Bay-Westfield and Saint John and all MLAs in the host area, as well as to the Premier, at the suggestion of Brittany Merrifield. This letter has been circulated to the board. John Adams pointed out there is no rush to have the EIA approved and that it should be done properly, including all questions being answered. It is felt the big concern is public wells.

Michele asked “what is/are the next step(s)”. Patti thinks the public should be educated. She thinks something should be prepared to circulate to the public explaining the board’s concerns. Public concerns could stop the expansion as well as technical problems. John feels the FRSC board should be lobbied. Michele wondered if Exp could be utilized to mitigate the concerns.

John Adams suggested the board conduct an information session to educate the public. John Doubt will talk to John Sims about this. It was decided a one page publication should be produced to circulate to the public. Michele volunteered to work on this.

There was discussion regarding preparing a petition to be signed by the public. After discussion it was decided the public session could be held at St. Matthew’s hall, if available.

Jane Tunney asked what the end game is. Right now FRSC has until 2048.

4. Scotiabank Closure: Patti would like to stay with Scotiabank for the time being.

CORRESPONDENCE

John Doubt read the response to an email he sent to the Minister regarding the host community boundary saying it should revert back to the description existing in 2005. There was discussion regarding this as Marc had told John his lawyers had told him the boundary for Special Projects should be the expanded version. The Special Projects committee members were very concerned as they have advertised, on the application, that the host area is the expanded one. John will speak to Marc about this asking would it be allowable to use the expanded version for this year only, as the committee has already received applications from the expanded area.

CHAIR’S REPORT

Nil.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Patti presented the Treasurer's Report for February 6, 2024 with an opening balance of \$95,483.26 with total expenses of \$221.20 and an ending balance of \$95,263.06. She had three invoices to pay: from Canada Post in the amount of \$215.05 as well as food for the meeting for \$66.45 and office supplies in the amount of \$7.37. Patti has an invoice from Exp in the amount of \$974.63 for professional services for the online public meeting which she asked approval to pay. This had been approved at the last meeting. After this has been paid Patti will update the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: That the Treasurer's Report, when updated, be accepted.

Proposed by: Lori

Seconded by: John Adams

Motion: Carried

MONITORING COMMITTEE

John Doubt invited John Adams and J.P. to join this committee. John Doubt will email them to plan a meeting for the following week(s).

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Three applications have been received to date. The deadline is February 20th. There is \$97,000 to disperse.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Correspondence from Ray Riddell: Jon Bidgood received an email from Ray Riddell, Chair of the Fundy Rural District. He has a seat on the FRSC. He mentions he got a letter from the board of directors concerning the landfill height increase. In his email he notes his concern about contaminants as the landfill took contaminated soil from the construction site downtown on the harbour. He suggested Marc should be asked about this, i.e. what are these contaminants as they could contain arsenic.
2. CMEI Education support: Jon Bidgood had asked to have this item added to the agenda. He proposed to have education scholarship(s) created and had circulated his ideas to the members. After discussion it was decided 2 x \$1,000 scholarships be created. Jon Bidgood was asked to refine his thoughts and bring them back to a meeting. They would not need to be awarded until June.
3. Next Meeting: The next meeting will be February 27th, 2024 at the KBM. Patti will check to see if the KBM is available. The tentative date for the public meeting is March 19th, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

Proposed by: Patti

Seconded by: Ryan

Motion: Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Boudreau