



Chair's Report Annual General Meeting April 26, 2011

As a condition for the approval of the environmental impact assessment for the construction of a sanitary landfill at Crane Mountain by the Fundy Region Solid Waste Commission, the Minister of the Environment required that a community environmental monitoring committee be established. The primary mandate of Crane Mountain Enhancement Inc. (CMEI) is to act as this community environmental monitoring committee. 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.

Another condition imposed by the Minister has evolved into the work done by the CMEI Special Projects Committee and has to date resulted in funding for community facilities and organizations amounting to over \$1,000,000 by the time this years projects are completed.

CMEI also works collaboratively with the FRSWC to promote environmental education; a member of our board serves on the Waste Commission's education committee. To further encourage environmental education, CMEI awards a yearly grant of \$600 to each of the schools in the host community for an environmental project. CMEI also awards scholarships of \$1000 each year to four students from the host community, two from UNBSJ and two from NBCCSJ.

CMEI also represents the residents of the host community to the FRSWC. Each month two members of the CMEI board of directors attend the FRSWC open meeting where they can present issues that have been brought to our attention by residents of the host community.

In June, we presented to FRSWC regarding issues raised at our Annual General meeting on contingency plans for leachate leaks and gas leaks.

In November, we presented on post closure/perpetual care of the landfill site. We received an oral response at the December meeting of the FRSWC.

These presentations and the FRSWC responses are available on the "Current Work" page of our website.

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. At our request, the Commission has agreed to install a menu on its hotline that includes an option for

officially registering concerns or complaints. Some additional hardware is required to upgrade the phone system. The General Manager is working toward completing this upgrade.

Some highlights from the last year include the following:

In May, we met with the Department of the Environment to discuss the recommendations of the 2009 ADI Review.

Also in May, we moved our office to the Shades of Green building. Brenda Carpenter from Shades of Green offered the room at a very reasonable rate and kindly gave us a key to the building so we can access our files and have committee meetings outside normal business hours.

Aerial photos of the landfill were taken in May and November as part of our monitoring program.

Our website was redesigned over the summer and published to the web in September. In closing, I will present a short overview of the site.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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