Odour Emanating from the Crane Mountain Landfill FRSWC Meeting January 14, 2010

Over the past year, CMEI Board members have received numerous reports from local residents regarding odour emanating from the landfill. These reports have primarily come from homes in the Martinon area, but odour has reached other areas as well. Residents have noted that at times the odour is very strong and invasive and that it negatively affects their air quality, their health, and their quality of life.

For example, one resident described an occasion during the summer when he had to keep his windows closed because odourous gas from the landfill permeated his whole house.

Some residents have logged the particular days and times when the odour has been particularly strong and offensive. Some have called the hotline and have been responded to by Marc MacLeod or Chris Harned. Some have called the hotline and have not been responded to. Others have called the Department of the Environment directly and registered complaints. Overall, CMEI Board members and local residents have been left with confusion about what is causing the odour and what is being done to deal with the problem.

On January 19th, CMEI is having a general meeting for residents of the host community, an event that was requested at our AGM in April. At that meeting, we will be responding to questions and concerns of local residents, such as those regarding odour from the landfill, which was one of the issues brought up by those attending the AGM. In preparation for this meeting, we would like to have a written statement about the causes of odour emanating from the landfill, and how landfill gasses and air quality are being controlled and monitored. Such a statement would ensure that our responses to questions about this subject are clear and correct.

We are open now to any questions you may have about this subject.