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## **Chair's Report**

Annual General Meeting Nov 3, 2020

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 about \$1,700,000.

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. CMEI monitors the agenda of items to be brought before the commission and when there are issues regarding the landfill that may impact the host community we have someone attend the meeting and report to our Board.

Highlights from the last year include the following:

FRSC in partnership with CMEI applied for and received grants amounting to \$145,000 from the New Brunswick Environmental Trust Fund to develop a computer model of groundwater flow in the watershed, both on site and downgradient of the landfill. The model was completed in 2018 and the results were presented to the CMEI Board of Directors in Oct. 2018.

In 2019, CMEI has depended on our consultants at **exp.** for technical review of documents and advice for our monitoring efforts.

Peter Baxter, Technical (adviser for several NB landfills) has developed computer program for identifying data from the monitoring program that is trending toward unsafe limits and triggering responses if hard limits are exceeded.

There were no reportable leachate incidents in 2018 - 2019.

All special projects were completed on time before December 31, 2019.

#### 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](http://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 word "Thomas".

Tom Simpson  
Chair, Crane Mountain Enhancement Inc.