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## Chair's Report

Annual General Meeting May 3, 2022

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 \$1,800,000.

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:

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.

Late in October 2021 CMEI purchased data logging devices to carry out a study of surface water and ground water flows between the landfill and well water used as drinking water downgradient of the landfill

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. He is discovering new ways to use the database helping to pick up trends, not only in leachate indicators, but also in the groundwater chemistry.

There was one reportable potential leachate incident in 2021. Water and soil samples collected at various locations along the runoff and no leachate indicators were found.

Due to Covid-19 some projects were unable to be completed. Funds for one these projects was carried over to 2022.

#### 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 name.

Tom Simpson  
Chair, Crane Mountain Enhancement Inc.