



MINUTES



**CRANE MOUNTAIN ENHANCEMENT INC. (CMEI)
Board of Directors Meeting
January 9, 2024
St. Matthew's Church Hall**

The January 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, J.P. Casey, Jon Bidgood, Lori Nason, Ryan Brown, John Adams and Michele Lodge

PRESENTATION OF THE AGENDA

Motion: That the January 9, 2024 agenda be accepted as presented.

Proposed by: Jane Tunney

Seconded by: J.P. Casey

Motion: Carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Motion: That the minutes of the December 5, 2023 meeting be accepted

Proposed by: Patti Chisholm

Seconded by: J.P. Casey

Motion: Carried.

FUNDY REGIONAL SOLID WASTE REPORT (FRSW)

John Doubt shared he was disturbed about the lack of notice sent by FRSW for the open house meeting the next week. John voiced this concern with Marc, who apologized for the oversight. Jane wondered who the moderator is going to be.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. **Website update:** John Doubt added the notice of the meeting to the website. He also added the latest version of the application form for Special Projects. He asked if any of the board members see anything wrong with the website or want to add something, please let him know. Michele wanted to know if he could cut and paste if she sent him something, to which he replied in the affirmative

2. **Actions by EXP:** John Doubt has informed them of the upcoming meeting. There was discussion about EXP and Gemtec. John Adams said, in his opinion, EXP has done a good job but felt Gemtec has not. He feels they need to do more work on the EIA, for example boring more sample holes to test leachate seepage, etc. He added there are other things they should be doing that they are not. He offered to write out questions to be presented at the meeting next Tuesday. John Doubt said there is a list of questions EXP prepared that have been sent. There is a second set of questions (24) that were never answered. John Adams felt these questions should be answered before a meeting is set. Gemtec is not doing this.

3. Landfill Height Increase: The Tuesday January 16th meeting will have an open house for one hour at 6:00, a presentation for ½ hour following and a Q&A for one hour after that.

John reported there are a lot of comments on the Town of Grand Bay-Westfield website regarding the smell. He feels Marc's reply will be "we have addressed that because the generator is working better now". Greg mentioned increased humidity can interfere with this operation. J.P wondered if anyone read the technical review. (This is the item he wanted brought up and had emailed the members about.) He added Gemtec did not answer the questions from the first review and the second one should say "you still have not answered the questions".

Lori asked Jane is there had been a response to her communication with the councillors. To date there has been none. Patti asked if there was information available that could be shared with the public. John informed her the questions are on the website.

Lori has been sharing her concerns with neighbours and friends in the area hopes they will come to the meeting. Now there are 50 people who want to come.

John Adams then spoke about the liners that have been used in the cells. In his opinion, they are not adequate. John Doubt reported the landfill pumps leachate into trucks that gets delivered to the facility in Lancaster, which eventually ends up in the ocean.

There was the question of where the bore wells are located. Test wells should exist between the landfill and the Saint John River. John Doubt reported a map exists that shows where the bore holes are. There is a numerical model as well. He will look into this.

It was questioned "what is in the leachate". It was felt this should be looked into. Jane felt everyone in the Saint John River area, not just the host area, should be concerned as the possibility exists the leachate could reach the river and pollute it.

The question was asked about the 2020 Approval to Operate and whether it is on the website.

John would like to collect as many names as possible at the meeting on Tuesday. He asked that a sign-up sheet be created with a column for emails and physical addresses. Patti will take care of this.

There was discussion as to why the FRSWC finally agreed to a public in-person meeting.

The notice of the meeting will be posted on all the group mailboxes in the host area as well as on CBC. John Doubt asked if somebody could contact the Town of Westfield-Grand Bay to have notice of the meeting included on the electronic sign. Jon Bidgood offered to do this.

4. Scotiabank Closure: Patti spoke with the Credit Union, west and felt they would provide good service.

Motion: That the account be moved to the Credit Union, west.

Proposed by: Patti

Seconded by: Greg.

Carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Financial limitations: John Doubt quoted the original agreement between the Commission and CMEI specified an initial payment of \$20,000 to CMEI and a cash limit by CMEI of \$60,000. The inflation calculation for both amounts is identical. Based on this year's payment to CMEI of \$27,375, our cash limit at financial year end (October 31st, 2024) is \$82,185.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you note was received from NBCC for a donation from the board. As well a gratitude report was received from the Nature Trust. They will resubmit their request for special projects in 2024. John also submitted a receipt in the amount of \$71.45 for supper.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Patti presented the Treasurer's Report for January, 2024 with an opening balance of \$95,702.46 with total expenses of \$219.20 and an ending balance of \$95,483.26. Patti added she had an invoice from EXP in the amount of \$974.63 for professional services for the online public meeting which she asked approval to pay.

Motion: Jane made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

Seconded: Lori

Motion: Carried

MONITORING COMMITTEE

Nil.

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

All Special Projects money has been paid out for 2023. The application for 2024 is now available and the committee is already receiving applications. Michele has already enquired how much will be available for 2024. The deadline is February 20th for submissions. There was discussion regarding the boundaries for submissions, in particular the Grand Bay-Westfield area as the boundary used to be the flashing lights but now encompasses areas beyond the flashing light, like Britain Rd., Campbell Road, etc. John got an email from Marc indicating their legal department stated the present boundaries must be adhered to. Tom sent an email to the Minister addressing this question, saying it should revert back to the original boundary. He did not get a reply. John to follow up with the Department of the Environment.

NEW BUSINESS

John Doubt will be sending questions to the members that need to be asked at the public meeting. There was concern regarding the time limit for Q&A. It was felt all questions need to be answered.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be February 6, 2024 at the KBM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: That the meeting be adjourned.

Proposed by: Patti Chisholm

Motion: Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Boudreau