



Monitoring Committee Report 2025 Annual General Meeting

The major focus of the Monitoring Committee has been the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Registration to increase the height of the landfill. Soon after the 2024 AGM, CMEI learned that the Minister of the Environment had issued a Certificate of Determination to proceed with the height extension project with no requirement to perform a full EIA. This certificate was provided by the Minister without meeting with CMEI and hearing our concerns. All the information available to CMEI points to the potential for a major environmental catastrophe because of this decision.

Through our discussions with our environmental consultant, EXP, who have subcontracted to Dr. Kerry Rowe, the Committee determined that it was imperative that we fight this decision. Dr. Rowe is the Barrington Batchelor Distinguished University Professor at Queens University with expertise in many relevant areas including contaminant migration, landfill design, tailing storage facilities, and geosynthetics.

The Committee recommended that CMEI request a Judicial Review of the Minister's decision and contacted some law firms to determine the next steps and selected C. A. Haché Law. Our request was filed with the courts on August 13, 2024 and a hearing was held December 18, 2024 to discuss the process. The next hearing is scheduled for May 14, 2025.

As part of the process for the Judicial review both EXP and Dr. Rowe have provided detailed reports which provide full analysis of the EIA Registration document. Both these reports point to serious concerns with the landfill's plans.

Despite discussions with our MLA, Kate Wilcott, and requests directly to the Minister, we have been unable to arrange a meeting with the new Minister of the Environment.

As part of the process of clearing out the CMEI office at Shades of Green, the Monitoring Committee reviewed a large number of hard copy documents, dating back to the original EIA for the creation of the landfill. As a result of that review, the Monitoring Committee is preparing a report to the Minister on our concerns with the operation of the landfill that are unrelated to the height increase and the resulting extension of its lifespan. It is intended that this report will provide the Monitoring Committee to discuss these issues directly with the Minister.

These issues include:

- Landfill Liner
- Construction and Demolition waste area
- Testing for PFAS and microplastics
- Analysis of bedrock
- Discrepancies in testing of monitoring wells
- Failure to test monitoring wells
- Shortage of monitoring wells
- Approval to Operate



The Monitoring Committee is currently finalizing this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, Monitoring Committee