



DECEMBER UPDATE

Where We Stand:

- CITY REQUEST TO SUNCOR: On September 6, 2025, the South Portland City Council wrote to Suncor: “We welcome the opportunity to begin a dialogue and invite your team to meet with our representatives and the City to explore the path forward.”
- SUNCOR RESPONSE to the City on Nov. 7, 2025: Suncor did not respond to the invite by the City to explore the path forward. Suncor did not say anything about the property being on the market. Suncor did not say anything about future plans for Suncor to operate the facility. Suncor did not say anything about divesting of its property. All they said was, “ We have not decided to sell at this time . . . Should Suncor’s plans evolve, or should any new opportunities arise, we will be sure to reach out to you directly. ”

What We Know:

- The Suncor facility is not operational and is not sending crude oil through their pipeline to their tank farm in Montreal. Only a very small amount of oil is flowing through the pipeline to keep it lubricated. It has not been operating for many years.
- Suncor, through its operator (the Portland Pipeline Company), has applied for another 5-year renewal license from Maine’s Department of Environmental Protection. The MDEP will decide in early 2026.
- The state license application requires Suncor to put forward a close out plan, outlining the site remediation required, and posting a bond for the cost of the shut down and site remediation.

What TTT Has Accomplished This Year Since We Started the Campaign In April: Goals of the Campaign

- Very strong support from the City Council.

- Very strong support from throughout the community
- Excellent language now included in the draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan that supports achieving the goals of Toss the Tanks.

What TTT Is Concerned About?

- We are concerned that Suncor may continue to allow the Hill Street Tank Farm to deteriorate, along with its associated infrastructure at Bug Light, including tanks and piping. The tank farm will become an increasing hazard to our community. We must find a win/win solution to allow for the removal of the tanks and the complete remediation of Suncor's oil properties and infrastructure.

WE ARE APPROACHING A VERY IMPORTANT CROSSROAD

Toss The Tanks

- TTT is an advocacy organization, committed to the goals outlined in our written material and our community meetings. We are not the implementor of the goals. This is the role of the City.

The City Government

- The city government is the entity that will be negotiating with Suncor to achieve the goals. We hope these negotiations can commence in 2026.
- The city has already stepped up to the plate by sending a letter to Suncor to commence negotiations, and to begin a dialogue on how we can achieve the goals that are now embedded in the City's draft 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
- TTT is not part of, and should not be part of, the city's negotiating team. We will continue to monitor, provide research, and offer our advice to the City Council. But we will not be at the negotiating table.

Key Issues for the City in 2026

- In preparation for possible negotiations with Suncor, the city should focus upon the importance of the Everett, Mass. model: (see tossthetanks.com for the Everett Model.)
- The city must also focus upon its own organizational capacity to negotiate successfully with Suncor.

Key Issues for the TTT Campaign

- Support the efforts of the city to begin negotiations with Suncor.
- Monitor the outcome of Suncor's MEDEP license renewal.
- If the license is renewed, monitor Suncor's remediation responsibilities outline in their required close out plan, and bring any concerns to the attention of the City Council.
- Continue to advocate for the goals of the TTT Campaign as they relate to Hill Street Tank Farm and their associated oil infrastructure at Bug Light.

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