



JANUARY 2026 UPDATES

Where We Stand:

The City of South Portland and Suncor/Portland Pipeline Must Meet and Explore a Win/Win Solution

Suncor must be persuaded to meet with the city and explore what a win/win solution could look like. Here is what has happened so far, and what steps need to be taken:

- 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.”
- On November 7, 2025, Suncor wrote back, but Suncor did not respond to the invitation from 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 Suncor 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.”
- The city of South Portland must take the next step in January 2025 to respond to the Suncor letter. The city must emphasize that this is a meeting to explore a win/win solution for both parties.
- In addition, the city needs to assemble the best team possible to begin discussions with Suncor. The team should be knowledgeable about the Everett Tank Farm model, which is now well underway. The city of Everett, Mass. is dismantling and remediating an old 82-acre Tank Farm, which will be replaced with mixed use development. This is being

undertaken with an investor, The Davis Companies of Cambridge, and with significant support from the State Government for remediation. This project is very similar to what is being proposed by South Portland in its 2040 Comprehensive Plan. There is a great deal the City of South Portland can learn from the Everett Model. Please see the Everett Model Fact Sheet on our website: [TossTheTanks.com](https://www.southportland.gov/411/TossTheTanks)

What We Know as of January 2026:

- The Suncor facility in South Portland is minimally operational and is using less than 3% of its pipeline capacity from South Portland to Montreal. Only a very small amount of oil is flowing through the pipeline to keep it lubricated. It has been operating this way for many years.
- Suncor has 23 oil tanks, with 19 tanks at the High Street Tank Farm, and 4 tanks at Bug Light. Eight of them are out of service and have no crude oil, six are temporarily out of service, and nine are in service.
- Suncor/PPL has applied for another 5-year license renewal from the Maine's Department of Environmental Protection. The MDEP will act on this in early February 2026. This License will grant Suncor/PPL the right to operate for another 5 years.
- The renewed license will allow Suncor/PPL another 5 years to avoid any significant remediation costs.

Why is TTT Concerned?

- 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. This very old tank farm may 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.

Please let the South Portland City Council know this is very important to you, your family and friends.

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