

After careful consideration, the Fundy Regional Service Commission has decided not to pursue the purchase of the Clay Pit and Rock Quarry Development property at this time, as proposed in the Environmental Impact Assessment document 4561-3-1515. The Commission will pursue a new alternative liner design that does not require high-quality marine clay as its primary containment barrier, as per a motion at the February 10, 2020 monthly meeting.

Along with the new opportunity to construct future cells with an alternative liner, the decision to abandon the clay source project was also based on the decline in the savings potential offered by the project. While the EIA document received conditional approval in October 2020, the land purchase agreement expired in December 2020, and a new agreement was not reached. Additionally, there were a number of external decisions required before the project could commence, risking further delays. As of January 31, 2021, the window for incorporating materials from this project in the next landfill cell was unachievable. Considering the finite number of cells in the approved landfill footprint, the missed deadline resulted in an immediate loss of the overall project savings.

Moreover, an alternative, environmentally sound, option with less disruption to our local community could potentially be available. We understand that in the fall of 2020, another New Brunswick landfill completed a multi-year process of receiving approval for an alternative liner design for their next cell, which utilizes geosynthetic materials. An initial review of this potential alternative design has shown that the required materials and processes are accessible to the Commission. The Fundy Regional Service Commission is committed to developing and implementing an economical new liner that will provide equal or superior environmental protection, as per regulations, to the immediate area.

This decision was made in the interest of sustainability (financial, environmental, and social interests) for the community as a whole and has taken into account new information as it became available. We would like to thank all those who participated in the process which brought us to this point. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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