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## **Scugog close to deal for clean up in Greenbank**

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SCUGOG: The Township of Scugog and Greenbank Airways seem to be close to a soil remediation deal, which would lead to a clean-up of contaminated soil found on the property earlier this year, Mayor Tom Rowett recently told The Standard.

“I think we are drawing closer to a remediation plan, but at this point we still don’t have one that has been brought to council that is fully encompassing and satisfactory,” he said. “I think the community, the council and the owners all want to move forward.”

He added that the process has been slow because Council wants to ensure they do their due diligence with this deal.

“We’re just making sure we cross our T’s and dot our I’s and do everything that that is in the original agreement and the site alteration bylaws to ensure we are doing what was agreed upon initially,” Mayor Rowett said.

Movement at the site has been halted since May 4 when borehole testing done by Golder Associates found that the soil shipments dumped at the site exceeded council’s contamination standards.

For Greenbank resident Laura Ricketts, the sooner the area is cleaned up the better. Five years ago, she purchased a house near the airport site. Recently, she put it up on the market to sell because she wanted to move closer to her work. However, she explained that finding a buyer has been impossible.

“It’s limited my life options. If you can’t relocate, you’re stuck,” she said. “There is not much you can do in terms of moving forward with your life when you’re living in a rural area and can’t afford to walk away from your home.”

Ms. Ricketts also added that living around the work at the site - located at the corner of Hwy. 12 and 47, close to the headwaters of the Nonquon River - has been chaotic.

“There’s noise, there’s dirt, there’s vibration,” Ms. Ricketts said. “There’s also flooding from the landfill pile during the thaw and during heavy rain, you can watch it come down from the pile and flood the northeast corner of my property.”