

CN Rail - 2011 derailment issues continue

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VALERIE MACDONALD Northumberland Today. Earth moving equipment has been working for several weeks at the site of the 2011 derailment on the shores of Lake Ontario south of County Road 2's Hunco Farms near Port Hope.

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP - Fuel spilled during a train derailment on the shore of Lake Ontario in the township east of Port Hope and south of County Road 2 continues to come up through the "swamp area," says Hamilton Township Mayor Mark Lovshin.

That's why clean up work is underway again, he said during this week's question period at the end of the formal council session Tuesday night.

We should be getting an update on what is happening, he added.

When contacted for more information on Thursday after earth moving equipment had been seen working on site this week and last, CN Rail spokesperson Lindsay Fedchyshyn said that “CN’s contractors have been excavating and hauling away the remaining contaminated soil from the site.

“This work is now complete,” she stated in an e-mail.

“The wetland has been restored and (is) free of product.”

The plan was developed in conjunction with the Ministry of the Environment and on-going monitoring will take place via wells placed on various parts of the property, Fedchyshyn said.

Two private property owners affected by the spill, Harris McKeen and Don Hunter of Hunco Farms, do not have all their acreage back in production following the March 27, 2011 derailment, Lovshin said earlier this week, adding that includes not just the clean-up sites near the lake but the access roadways to them.

When contacted for comment last year, one of the two affected property owners said they expected compensation for the impact on their lands from various kinds of fuel spilled from rail cars that left the track and tipped on their sides. At this time it is not known if compensation has been received.

There was also a short evacuation affecting rural properties in the immediate area at the time of the derailment.

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