

TO: Bucksport Town Council  
FROM: Sue Lessard, Town Manager  
RE: Solid Waste Update  
Date: August 13, 2020

The purpose of this memo is to update you on the status of the MRC/Coastal project and our contract for waste disposal.

As you all know, our waste is currently being disposed of at the PERC facility in Orrington while the Coastal Plant is in the process of re-organization. While there has been a default between the MRC and Coastal in that the plant is not in operation – there is not a default between the MRC and the Town of Bucksport because our waste continues to have a ‘home’ for disposal, at the contractual prices defined in the contract, and the waste is not being landfilled.

The MRC has received 7 letters of interest in operation of the facility and is in the process of interviews with those parties. Additional information is being requested of these entities with responses due back later in August. The goal is for location of a new operator with a restart of the facility in late 2020.

The MRC is working closely with the DEP on this matter and forward progress is being made.

PERC has changed its operations since its ‘divorce’ from the MRC and processing the amount of waste now going there is a challenge due to a reduction in waste processing lines and other changes. This situation is also being monitored by the DEP, and the goal is to avoid additional solid waste disposal at Juniper Ridge landfill.

The MRC will be holding a virtual ‘Town Hall Meeting’ on August 19<sup>th</sup> in order to update member communities and answer any questions that they may have. I will forward you the contact information in order to participate in that meeting if you wish.