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To: Allison MacEwen <AMacEwen@irac.pe.ca>
Subject: PD527 - New Retail Gasoline Outlet Application - D.P. Murphy - June 27, 2023
Importance: High

Mr. MacEwen,

I am writing this letter to formally object to the permit applied for on June 26th, 2023 by D.P Murphy Inc.

I am a lifelong resident of Borden-Carleton and love to see development and growth for our town whenever possible and logical, but another gas station is simply not something we need! There are already three gas stations in our town that more than meet the needs of residents as well as the tourists that drive through it. With the current figures and estimation of declining needs for gasoline in the future, it makes no sense to add another gas station. A coffee shop, a year round restaurant or something else that would compliment our town would be most welcome, but not something that we already have and that won't be of benefit to our residents or the town.

I find it quite surprising to read that this permit was only applied for on June 26th considering that the prep work for the site had already begun months prior to that date. It doesn't seem logical to me to be investing money into or in fact even starting construction on something for which you had not yet received the proper permit(s) for, unless you had some inside knowledge or other indication that it would be approved for certain. Seems quite presumptuous to me?!?!

If this permit were to be approved the effects of it would be detrimental to the current gas stations in our town and would very likely bring one or two of them to close their doors. Two of these businesses are family owned and operated and have been for decades. Not only are the owners residents of this town, but the staff are locals and each store provides a place where locals meet and greet each other and catch up on the local happenings. These store owners support community events and activities, they provide sponsorship for youth for sports and recreation programs, they support local farmers and businesses and sell their products in store, they provide items on credit to residents when they need it, they are open in all weather and are quick to provide after hours service for those that may need something. These stores not only provide gasoline to locals, but they provide anything you would need whether it be groceries, hardware, fresh meat, firewood, etc. and if there's something they don't have then they can and will order it in especially for you. Losing one or both of these stores as a result of yet another gas station moving into town when there is no need or benefit seems totally unnecessary and simply bad business. There is nothing to be gained by adding another gas station to our town, but there is certainly much more to be lost if either Ceretti's Grocery and Hardware and/or Howatt's Tourist Mart were sacrificed as a result!

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,

Ann Marie Pickering
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