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Subject: PD527 - New Retail Gasoline Outlet Application - D. Murphy - June 27, 2023

I am writing this email to oppose having another gasoline outlet in the Borden-Carleton area.

In 1968 Fenton and June Howatt sold their farm and bought a Shell Station/Restaurant and made the restaurant into a grocery store. They bought the stock from Fenton's brother, Stanley, who was selling his store located at the Albany Y and moving to Oregon USA. Fenton and June were successful as grocery/gasoline outlet owners. A couple of set backs - two fires completely wiped out the business. They rebuilt the business and it still stands today known as Howatt's Tourist Mart and Shell. Fenton and June worked 12 hours a day, 7 days a week until 1979 when they retired and their son Doug Howatt and his wife, Mary, took over the business. Today the business is run by Doug and Mary's two sons, Chad and Nic Howatt. No doubt Chad and Nic's kids will carry on the Howatt's name when Chad and Nic retire.

For 55 years Howatt's has been a staple in the community. I googled "community" and found this definition: A good community is one where neighbours take pride in their living environment and supporting one another regardless of age, gender, race or creed. A good community is a cohesive, safe, confident, prosperous and happy place. Borden-Carleton needs small businesses like Howatt's. Borden-Carleton does not need another gasoline outlet. I don't know the statistics or the numbers to justify this but I do know the Howatt's are good, kind, down to earth people who are always there to help. I know this because I am the daughter of Fenton and June Howatt, the sister of Doug Howatt and the aunt of Chad and Nic Howatt. Or you can just ask any one of the many people who have shown their support if you need further proof.

Please consider your decision on the application of another gasoline outlet in Borden-Carleton and show that you believe in community and small family businesses by not allowing another gasoline outlet

Sincerely,

Joy Howatt-McClair