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To: Allison MacEwen <AMacEwen@irac.pe.ca>
Subject: Letter of objection

Dear Mr. MacEwen,

I am writing to express my concern and opposition to a new gas station and convenience store in Borden-Carleton.

I have worked at Howatt's Tourist Mart for over 40 years. In fact, I have worked with the last three generations of Howatts who ran/run the gas station and convenience store, so I can speak first hand to the impact and importance of what we represent to the community.

I think of Chad and Nic, the current owners, as my own as they use to come and work here when their parents ran the store. This family run business represents the community in so many ways and we've pivoted over the years to fulfill those needs. For example, we use to have a Sears location when that was what the local community wanted, we ran a PEI Tourism Information Booth out of our location, we had a dry cleaning drop off, we had a summer ice cream stand, we've done many local fundraisers, we allow knitting and crafts at no mark up to help locals make a little extra money, and so much more.

I love greeting customers, whether tourists or locals. This family run business is special and I enjoy coming to work each day, I always come in early and work extra shifts for family get togethers or when health issues arise.

I truly hope these letters are being read and you can see that a new gas station is not needed nor wanted in this area. Please allow the family run business charm of the Island stay intact. There is no opposition to fulfilling a true need, DP Murphy should consider something that will help enhance and fulfill a demand, not run others out of business and develop something that is not needed.

Regards
Judy MacKenzie