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Subject: Notice of Opposition to the DP Murphy Inc. application to build a Petroleum outlet in Borden-Carleton

Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission

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Dear Mr. MacEwen,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Krista Murphy, and I am a twenty plus year resident of the Borden-Carleton area. Please accept this as my formal letter of opposition to the proposed construction of a new gas station in the Town of Borden-Carleton of an application submitted by DP Murphy.

I support growth and prosperity in the area however, not at the expense of two of the three small businesses in which these services are provided.

I'd like to note that I was shocked to realize the application received from DP Murphy was dated June 27th, 2023, (letter time marked as June 26th) after site work was completed on the proposed parcel of land prior to submitting the application.

While I understand the need for convenient access to fuel for vehicles, I firmly believe that this location is entirely unsuitable for the following reasons:

1. Our current provincial and federal governments are moving towards sustainable alternatives and offering incentives to purchase vehicles that are electric and/or hybrid therefore, sales will decrease in years to come. As well, the latest communication from PEI Tourism last evening on Compass, numbers are down due to inflation and less money to go around therefore, people are travelling less.
2. The proposed gas station's entrance and exit location on Dickie Road may increase traffic on the opposite end of Dickie Road (Route 10), which this area is mainly residential homes, and I would be concern for the safety of the residents in this area along with Route 10 that intersects with the Trans Canada Highway.
3. The presence of a new gas station may draw traffic away from two local existing businesses, affecting their livelihood. These businesses are owned and operated by members of our community for an impressive combined 140 decades, and we should prioritize supporting them over introducing a new station. These businesses support many clubs, schools, church, in the area without hesitation through product and monetary donations. Also, all three businesses offer some sort of rewards program (ie. Air miles, Optimum).

4. Two of three locally owned gas stations supply every day needs from meats, pantry, hardware etc. and expanding to a fourth gas station would be detrimental especially to the senior population in the area who do not want to or cannot venture to the city to purchase their supplies. Our two businesses offer doorstep service at no additional cost other than a friendly smile. These two businesses offer to source products if they do not supply in store to get for their customer.
5. For the town and surrounding population, including the tourism season, the three gas stations offer sufficient petroleum service plus grocery and hardware based on population. If you were to compare, the Town of Kensington, their population of 1,562 (2016 census) and they manage well with their two gas stations with another one on the outskirts in New Annan. In my years living in the area, I have not witnessed wait times at a gas station other than our most recent weather storm, Fiona, which this wait was Island spread, not isolated to Borden-Carleton.

Considering the above, I urge you to oppose the approval of this project/application, as well as seek public input from residents who would be directly affected by this development. The community's future and the well-being of its residents should be at the forefront of any decision-making process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully consider the long-term effects of this application on the community of Borden-Carleton and make a decision that prioritizes the greater good.

Sincerely,

Krista Murphy

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