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Subject: Petroleum Outlet Application A-1 DP Murphy

I would like to formally oppose the Petroleum Outlet application submitted by D.P. Murphy for the Borden-Carleton area. I sincerely hope you are reading the endless letters of opposition re: Mr. Murphy's attempt to displace two locally historical businesses. Businesses that our community require to exist. There are so many reasons to decline the application, the least of which being there is no need for a 4th petroleum outlet. In a small community such as ours, the "promotion of competition" should not be a qualifying factor in the decision making process. Borden-Carleton and its residents have already lost so much since the closing of Marine Atlantic. It seems the government would like to forget about us completely. They've sold off Gateway Village, which was intended to create employment and sustain the town in the summer months. They spent a tremendous amount of money to install berms in an attempt to make the provincial entrance less industrial (what a joke) when all it really does is try to hide a bulk of the town.

The approval of this petroleum outlet application will surely have a negative effect on both Ceretti's Grocery & Hardware and Howatt's Shell, potentially leading to the end of one or both businesses. That, in turn, will have a negative impact on the residents, the other local businesses, and the local tourism operators who boast a "grocery store" minutes from their accommodations as a marketing tool. Most residents are not opposed to Mr. Murphy opening a new business in our community, provided it is a business that is needed for the area. As it's been stated in previous letters and emails, Mr. Chad Ceretti, Mr. Chad Howatt, and Mr. Nic Howatt often go above and beyond for this community - as did their Fathers and Grandfathers. I cannot stress enough how Necessary they are to the well-being of this town.

It is my hope that Mr. DP Murphy takes the time to read these letters and emails and rethinks how he would like to do business in our community and come up with a positive alternative that will add to our town, rather than tear it down. I hope he remembers that this is not the big city, we still hold small town values very close to our hearts here. I also hope the Powers-to-Be at IRAC really listen to what the public is saying.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Melanie Stewart & Mike Kennedy
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Borden-Carleton Residents