

July 24, 2023

Attention: Mr MacEwen

Subject: Opposition to the application of D. P. Murphy Inc. Docket number PD527

In response to the news regarding a new establishment in the small community of Borden-Carleton, I am writing to express my concerns.

As an Islander, I am very aware of how important it is for communities to support one another to thrive and survive. In this specific issue, there are two businesses that have been in this community for years, that will be in jeopardy due to a larger corporation. These family-run businesses have been passed down through generations and built, maintained and operated by members of these communities with hard work, dedication to the community and love. As Islanders, we must continue to support one another just like these businesses have done for their community, for all of us.

I am writing to oppose the application of D.P. Murphy for this area. Both of these businesses currently operating, Howatts and Ceretties, are fulfilling all the needs required within these communities and surrounding areas. D.P. Murphy Inc. also provides many welcomed services in PEI where they are needed. However, creating unnecessary competition to two businesses that are family owned and operated for years within these communities, is optional, not needed and, honestly, not kind. There is room for healthy competition for all businesses where it is needed, not where it takes from businesses and families.

That is truly, Not the Island way.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sherri-Lee Pike