

July 11, 2023

Allison MacEwen,
Director, Island Regulatory & Appeals Commission,
National Bank Tower, 501-134 Kent Street,
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7L1

Dear Mr. MacEwen:

We have has been residents of Augustine Cove for more than 42 years and during this time have used the services provided by both Howatt Tourist Mart and Cerettis Grocery & Hardware.

Personally – our family has purchased fuel, groceries and hardware in both locations at minimum of once a week. During leaner times, we were able to charge items at either location, without fear of personal comment or discrimination when making future purchases.

In a broader sense - both family-operated businesses have supported Borden-Carleton and its surrounding communities for many years in the following manner:

- Sponsoring of individuals and local teams to participate locally, regionally and nationally in sporting activities;
- Contributing to community events and programs to meet the needs of citizens through donations of food or monies e.g. food bank, free skates at the local arena, Borden Days, Canada Day celebrations, etc.;
- Sponsoring awards and activities at the local schools (Kinkora High School and Amherst Cove Consolidated School);
- Hiring locals as employees;
- Supporting families and individuals in need (victims of poor health, fire, etc.);
- Encouraging local providers to sell their produce or other products in their businesses; and
- Engaging with members of the community by recognizing them by name and asking after their families.

(Please note – this list is not all inclusive, it is meant to highlight a few of the many contributions these businesses have made in the past or are currently making.)

The current proposal by D.P. Murphy will cause hardship and possibly closure for these longstanding family businesses. While there is some value in having greater access to “fast food” (in the form of a Tims and Wendys), our community does not need a fourth gas station nor an additional convenience store. We are well served by our current providers!

Respectfully,

Heather & Eric Cutcliffe

Cc: Jamie Fox, Member of the Legislative Assembly District of Borden-Kinkora, PEI