

TO: IRAC  
FROM: James and Bernadine Larsen  
DATE: July 4, 2023  
RE: PD527 - New Retail Gasoline Outlet Application - D.P. Murphy

My husband and I vehemently oppose the above Proposed new retail and gasoline outlet.

The area absolutely does not need another gas station. When the Esso station opened it affected Ceretti's and Howatt's significantly in a negative way. Howatt's fuel sales have reduced 93 percent since 2011.

Howatt's and Ceretti's are family run businesses and have supported local families and schools since they opened many, many years ago.

There isn't a day that goes by that my husband or I don't "run" to Howatt's or Ceretti's for a box of milk or a plumbing or electrical part to keep grading potatoes.

I am dismayed to hear that Tourism PEI has supported the proposal. Howatt's Tourist Mart have been a mainstay in cottage rentals and supplies for those cottagers. They have been a supporter of the tourism industry on PEI for many, many years.

When local families have had an emergency like a fire, Howatt's has provided a place for the family to stay, free of charge, for however long it takes to get their home repaired, because they care about the local families. I am sure the same could not be said about D.P. Murphy.

My husband remembers going to Howatt's when he was a little boy with \$.25 and buying pop, chips and a chocolate bar. He and his father and grandfather have all supported Howatt's and we want to continue to do so.

The D.P. Murphy application has support from big business, the small, family-run local companies like Howatt's and Ceretti's have the support of most of Borden-Carleton and surrounding communities and the families that live in them.

I think that D.P. Murphy should do some better research on the Borden-Carleton area and ask the community what it really needs, it's not another gas station.

James and Bernadine Larsen

Local Residents and Supporters of Howatt's and Ceretti's

