

Dear Mr. MacEwen,

I am writing to express my objection to the application submitted by D.P Murphy Inc. for the proposed gas station in Borden-Carleton.

As a resident of this community and spouse of one of the owners of Howatt's Shell I thought it was important to have a voice heard from someone that this will be impacting directly. As you will see in the many letters Howatt's Shell is family owned business and is currently operating under a 3rd generation ownership. As a mother of 3 boys I am proud that they see the amount of work their father puts in daily to be successful and to do what he can to help others. Nic will always be the first person to drop whatever he is doing to assist someone, to take the time to have the conversations with each person he passes but mostly to show everyone that walks through the front door that he cares. My children look up to their father and want to follow in his footsteps and someday be the 4th generation running Howatt's Shell.

By approving this application, you are not even giving them the chance to be able to carry on the family owned business, you will be taking away businesses that families have worked hard to build and for what? There is nothing that I have read in the application that will contribute to the community that is not currently there. What it will contribute to is increased traffic on the Dickie Road, loss of jobs for locals at existing stations and potentially the closing of a family run business.

This should not be about who you are or how much money you have. The decision should be based on is there really a need and what YOU be taking away from the community!

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will consider the objections raised by the residents of Borden-Carleton and make a thoughtful decision.

Yours sincerely,

Kristy Howatt