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From: Olivia Wood [mailto:oliviabawood@gmail.com]
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Hello Allison,

I am a resident of the community of Borden Carleton writing to you with a letter of opposition in regards to application PD527 by D. P. Murphy Inc. for a new retail gasoline outlet.

I'm sure you have recieved several of these emails at this point, and I know I speak for many of my neighbors and community members when I say that my family is vehemently opposed to the opening of this facility. Our community is more than just a through-way for the tourism industry, and feel we deserve to be heard about what goes on in our community, something the application in question takes no regards to. Despite all their elaborate research they did zero consultation with the members of the community, which is a very unprofessional and unethical way to conduct business.

We already have 3 gas stations and a Tim Hortons. Yes we have a lot of seasonal traffic flow through the town, but the 3 gas stations and Tim Hortons that we *already have* have no issues meeting the needs of the travelling public. One thing we do struggle with however is staffing these existing businesses. Adding another large gas station and a second Tim Hortons will only put a strain on the already thin workforce in the community. And there is zero housing available for any more workers to move to the area. If we do not keep the staff we have at the current Tim Hortons, adding a second location doesn't mean the demands will be better met, in fact it will result in the opposite.

This facility will add to the commercialization of what is considered a quaint, small town. We enjoy that Ceretti's Hardware and Grocery is not fully branded over to an Irving. It helps keeps costs down and product quality up. We do not want "loyalty programs" we want loyal businesses, something that Irving and D. P. Murphy are most definitely not.

I live on Borden Avenue, where I can hear the traffic and loud trucks stopping at the 24 hour Esso that already exists, at all hours. This gas station will be close enough to my house and my neighbors that it will only add to that noise level (specifically the refrigeration units on trucks).

Access to this location will be entered through the Dickie Road. A road that was originally built as a temporary through way and in no way was built to handle the additional traffic, especially big heavy trucks. A *lot* of community members walk/cycle this road where there are no sidewalks and dirt shoulders. Adding the heavy traffic of a gas station/Tim's to this road will create more traffic and pedestrian issues for locals.

And finally the opening of the facility would most surely put two locally owned, family businesses out of business, which will significantly impact daily living within our communities. This will happen as a direct result of Irving's choice to pull their gas out of one of these businesses to instead support D. P. Murphy. And also by taking away a large portion of their tourism customer base, which helps create revenue for them to be able to operate and support the community during the slow winter months. These two businesses that have supported our community immensely through three generations of families, have voiced they will not be able to weather the competition this new facility will demand.

D. P. Murphy will not deliver groceries to local seniors who can't get to the store. In fact they will not carry groceries at all. They will not open their doors to locals to charge devices and warm up during power outages. They will not donate to community events and fundraisers. They will not carry plumbing or construction materials that are needed sometimes in emergencies.

My family grocery shops at Cerreti's Grocery and Hardware. With the rising prices of fuel and groceries, we cannot afford to travel to the bigger grocery stores. Without this vital business in our community my family will suffer and may even possibly have to relocate from the community that us and our parents have called home our entire lives.

As far as I am concerned, opening this facility in our town is going to kill the amazing community we strive hard to be. We will be turned into just another through-way for tourists to stop and gas up before carrying on to spend their important tourist dollars elsewhere. And while we understand the importance of the tourists, our community members are residents of this province and deserve more respect than D.P. Murphy and Irving have given us with this proposal.

Thank you for reading,
Olivia Wood
Life-long resident of Borden Carleton