From: Allison MacEwen

To: <u>Jaclynne Hamel</u>; <u>Cheryl Mosher</u>

Subject: FW: New Retail Gasoline Outlet Borden-Carleton PID#686592

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From: Sylvia Karkkainen [mailto:sylviakark@gmail.com]

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To: Allison MacEwen <AMacEwen@irac.pe.ca>

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Dear Ms. MacEwen,

Since 1938 Ceretti's Grocery and Hardware has been an integral player and partner in the growth and history of the community of Borden-Carleton. To think that a huge corporate player could potentially be approved to move into the community and build a competing business virtually on their doorstep is unconscionable.

For three generations the Ceretti family has supported the town in hundreds of small and large ways. It is a community landmark and the heart of the village. Literally everything from soup to nuts to hardware, gas, meat and local produce is available in their store. It is hard to imagine what added value an additional so called "convenience store" would add the the community that isn't already very well serviced by Ceretti's.

Sometimes "progress" for its own sake isn't progress at all but just another means for large conglomerates with very deep pockets to add even more dollar signs to their already ample profits.

With governments at every level purporting daily to do all they can to "support small business", this seems like the antithesis to this claim. This proposal by DP Murphy Inc is, for the most part, a duplication of services already offered by Ceretti's and threatens to replace one of a very few remaining and much loved institutions with yet another one of a thousand corporate clones.