From: Allison MacEwen

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

**Subject:** FW: Opposed to New proposed Gas Station in Borden Carleton

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Subject: FW: Opposed to New proposed Gas Station in Borden Carleton

From: Terri Mckenna [mailto:Mckenna780@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, July 3, 2023 9:22 PM

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

**Subject:** Opposed to New proposed Gas Station in Borden Carleton

Dear Mr. MacEwen,

I am writing with my concerns about Danny Murphy's new proposed Gas Station/ Convenience Store in Borden-Carleton.

Borden-Carleton already has 3 Service Stations /Convenience stores. Howatt's Shell, Ceretti's Convenience and Gas, along with The Esso Gas/ Convenience Store & Tim Horton's.

I can't see how bringing in a 4<sup>th</sup> would be beneficial to the community. Borden-Carleton has a small population. The traffic just isn't their to support a 4th station. Surrounding communities aren't substantial enough to support 4 Stations.

I grew up In Tryon and still reside there. I go to Howatt's or Ceretti's every week for gas and groceries. I go to the Esso for furnace oil/ Tim's. Local families count on these businesses as do I.

They are well known in the community for helping families in need when their paychecks won't stretch until their next pay.

Howatt's and Ceretti's are Multi-Generational Stores. They support our local sport's, fundraiser's and community. They are the back bone of our local communities and having them compete with big companies like Danny Murphy's will be detrimental to their businesses.

I run the South Shore Foodshare and I know from experience these local businesses are very much needed. If people lose the ability to charge groceries or necessities until next pay, that'll mean more children going to school hungry and without lunches and more seniors having to decide between medications, fuel, or food.

I already see it every day. The majority of our clients are seniors and single parent families struggling to make ends meet. How many more children will have to go hungry so big companies can rake in more profits? 1 is too many in my opinion! If you don't think it's a real issue, Please come spend a day at the Foodshare. Listen to the parents, hear their stories or just watch as the children get so excited to have a loaf of bread or a box of cereal. The heartbreak is real! Gut wrenching really.

If the Esso gets pushed out, Where will the locals buy their furnace oil? Most can hardly afford a jug of oil and they'll never be able to afford to have 100 gallons delivered. Do they just freeze or do they give up food or medications to stay warm? That'll put an even bigger strain on our already overburdened health care system.

You see Mr. MacEwen, These small businesses's are very much needed in our community. Big companies are great in the right setting However, I don't believe Borden-Carleton is it and therefore I strongly oppose to Mr. Murphy's proposal.

Thank You for taking the time to read this.
Terri Mckenna
South Shore Food Share