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Dear Chair and Members of Council,

On behalf of the Sackville Drive Business Association Board of Directors, I am writing to express our disappointment in Council's decision to change the zoning in the Pinehill/Cobequid Zone in order to allow the former Cobequid Health Centre to be changed to a mental health facility.

The Board understands the need for this facility but does not believe the former Cobequid Health Centre is the best location. The close proximity to the highway leaves potential for safety concerns because of the level and speed of traffic as well as health concerns such as highway spills, which have happened at this location in the past.

The close proximity to the highway does make this location attractive to commercial development which would draw traffic to our business district, not decrease traffic like indicated by staff in their presentation to Council on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007. North West Community Council

Sincerely,

Adam Buckle Chairperson