SUBMISSION – DAVID GRANT

ITEM 1 - REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER, WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT DATED OCTOBER 30, 2023 - ADVANCED WATER METERING SOLUTION BUSINESS CASE

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Comments in writing: Apparently, the water meters in use now are adequate and sufficient.

Have all City Councillors and Winnipeg residents properly assessed and vetted the Diameter Service Report? Have any of the above seen the report?

Dear City of Winnipeg Mayor Gillingham & Councillors

The federal government of the U.S. in the 1920s approved the use of lead over alcohol as an additive in gasoline. After much experimentation, lead was said to eliminate 'engine knocking'. Yet, for centuries, lead was recognized as hazardous. This interference in public affairs between industry and government resulted in profit over people. And, resulted in widespread impairment and illness from an accumulation of lead in the atmosphere. The connection between leaded gasoline and its ill-effects upon living beings both big and small became more a concern fifty years after the for-profit oil and gasoline lobby persuaded tax-collecting federal governments of the U.S. and some European nations to allow a toxic pollutant into the atmosphere. Roughly seventy years later, lead additives in gasoline were phased out due to rising scientific and public awareness of lead poisoning. Being much cleaner, and without interference from the main oil and gasoline lobby, alcohol was re-introduced as an additive to gasoline. To this day, alcohol is a component additive of gasoline. Somewhat similarly, after much denial on the part of industry and government, it also became known that hydro towers led to the interference of regular and normal biological functioning of animal livestock, and human beings.

Do we as a species and a culture wish to rush head-long into yet another known pollutant and a risk hazard to human health by incorporating so-called smart meters into the lives of people?

If there are cash incentives being offered to off-set the financial cost to incorporate "smart" technology into the City of Winnipeg's infrastructure, please consider the already known cost to human health . As well, seriously consider the loss of privacy that devices utilizing wifi already bring. Imagine the record of water you consume being available through the internet. This potential and likely access to your consumption is way more a concern than, "well, I'm not doing anything wrong".

In reference to the Water Meters Renewals, I call for a deferment of the passing of this public service project until a much, much later date.
Understanding the technology deemed "smart meters" must be considered before any such consumption reading devices are installed in or near any house or building in the City of Winnipeg. The effects upon health and human biological functioning must be part of the discussion.

There is a public process that citizens and residents are required to have access to - consultation and informed consent. The public are required to be provided with existing technical data to become fully informed of these ''smart'' devices. As such, considering the proposal to spend $135 million to purchase 'smart meters', access to the Diameter Report should and must be made available to all members of the public long before the project is consented to by four or five people. Have all City Councillors seen and read the Diameter Report?
Regarding the Standing Committee on Water, Waste and Environment - video October 30, 2023 - https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DIHw1Qc_FS_U&data=05%7C01%7Clking%40winnipeg.ca%7Ccf4c825a7398428529f708dbeadc1384%7C405abd592f4e4fabb403dc6c591db30c%7C0%7C0%7C638362003152316069%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=BbsMEAzIHDArhwapQSBLORq2d3ysWCaPAD%2BsbUv2kYQ%3D&reserved=0 Regular Meeting.
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The information provided by Marg Friesen, and Sharon Noble, alone, in this video, is already quite enough to re-consider or outright halt the mandating of 'smart meters' into buildings within Winnipeg.

With radio, television communication and cell-phone waves silently and invisibly permeating the atmosphere, do the people presently need more electro-magnetic energy in their lives. No, we do not need more. If no official testing for the safety of smart meters in close proximity to humans has been conducted let alone thought of, why would this technology be considered to operate?

The same absence of safety concerns could be said about "smart" electrical consumption meters should Manitoba Hydro pressure the Mayor of the City of Winnipeg to pressure City of Winnipeg Councillors to demand the City of Winnipeg residents incorporate a "smart" technology with already known detrimental side-effects to human health.

Please consider the urgings of those with the already existing knowledge of smart meters to halt the usage of "smart" meters. And, Councillors, consider that what the City does today is very likely to affect several in the future. It could become yet another financial burden for homeowners to cover the costs associated with lawsuits from people adversely effected by "smart" technology. $135 million dollars could easily become several times more a dollar cost to City of Winnipeg residents, and a cost to their immediate or long term health. Would an insurer cover liability costs for suits against the City? People already exhibit complications resulting from microwave communications signals permeating low level atmosphere.

In short, no matter what four City councillors may decide upon concerning "smart meters", please hold off indefinitely on implementing any of these devices into the City of Winnipeg's building infrastructure. Apparently, the current meters are sufficient and $135 million could be spent elsewhere.

Sincerely Yours

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