

## 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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#### Delegation information

Committee: Council

Committee - council: Opposed to the recommendations

Committee - other: N/A

Agenda item (number and title): wireless water meters

Service inquiry: Register as a Delegation, Submit Comments in writing

Participation preference: Via Zoom

Comments in writing: Staff has presented you with a biased report. It suggests that a worn water meter is a big problem. It suggests that only if you buy wifi meters, for \$135m, can you solve this problem. It ignores the fact that if you simply replace more of the oldest meters than usual, for far less per meter, you solve the same problem at far lower cost.

The report ignores options. Install wireless meters when the old ones need it. Gradually, most will be wireless.

The report ignores the other benefits of in-person meter reading: Attempts at tampering or bypassing the meter can be better deterred. If a crook knows that you will not be back for a decade, they might be tempted to do crooked things. With annual reading, not so much. Unlawful grow ops and other criminals do not want meter readers.

This will be one of the most wide-spread data gathering systems in the city. How can the public be assured that no one will ever hack this data? Unlike hydro meter data, our water use pattern is a clear indicator of the occupancy pattern of our residential spaces. For several decades, Police everywhere have been saying that the best deterrent to burglars is to make our homes seem occupied. Some folks use timers for inside lighting and even radios and TVs. If the criminal world knows when you are at work or on vacation, they can target your home.

If you decide to throw this much money at new meters, expect security-conscious customers to JUST SAY NO. Many folks want to keep their absences very private.

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Comments in writing: There are a lot reason to not do this. Home security is a big one. Please see my comments in the water and EPC minutes this month.

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