

Winnipeg City Council
Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment
Meeting: November 23, 2023

Re: 2023 Advanced Water Metering Solution Business Case

To Members of the Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment

I am opposed to the passing of the motion to introduce a rollout of smart meters to Winnipeg residences. I ask that Council defer the vote until there is a full public consultation on this \$ 135 million project which would include the opportunity to examine and comment on the Diameter Services report mentioned in the public service report.

It is irresponsible to spend millions of taxpayer dollars on technology that is a potential risk. Wireless smart meters have not been studied by Health Canada and there are multiple reports of adverse health conditions related to their emissions.

In 2018, BellMTS installed a celltower on the roof of the Harrow Apartments, placing antennae 25 metres from my Dorchester Avenue home and aligned with and pointed at my roof and upper floors. I have had to take steps to shield my house from celltower radiation, remove wireless technology from my home environment, and educate myself about the science and politics of the wireless industry and the impact of this technology on human, animal and insect health. I have suffered negative health affects and do not want others to have their health compromised by unnecessary radiation.

Should you pass the motion to introduce wireless smart meters, there should be a no-cost and readily available opt-out option.

Thank you for your attention.

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