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To Whom It May Concern:

After I researched the adverse effects of smart meter emissions, I chose to opt out of having a smart water meter in my city of Red Deer, Alberta. Even though we were not required to provide a medical letter, this has been a long and arduous process for many of us which has been very costly and discriminatory, in my opinion. <https://www.reddeeradvocate.com/home/red-deer-resident-refuses-smart-meters-6731627>

I am totally opposed to the motion to roll out smart water meters in Winnipeg or anywhere, for that matter. These wireless smart meters which use non-natural electromagnetic radiation to send information have many NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS including health effects, environmental effects, security and privacy concerns, and even higher costs to taxpayers in the long run.

They are touted as a solution for helping the environment but in the big picture, they are anything but that. Wireless technology uses tremendous amounts of energy when measured from “cradle to grave”. That together with the biological harm to our environment and human health, and the added fire hazards and cybersecurity risks make this a terrible idea.

There are much better solutions. For example, keeping analog water meters and having customers send their monthly readings in via a picture or a city website page where people can submit their readings, or by allowing people to phone in their readings. Even using a wired fiberoptic system would be preferable, as at least the health and environmental effects from the wireless technology would not be an issue.

Changing to any type of smart water meter that uses non-natural electromagnetic radiation and does not allow opting out at NO COST is also DISCRIMINATORY. This environmental toxin should not be forced on anyone, esp. people who are already electromagnetically sensitive, or are trying to protect their future health and their children’s health and do not wish to have their levels of exposure to non-natural electromagnetic radiation increased, or for those who do not want them for any of the other important reasons as well.

Please, make Winnipeg a leader in prioritizing public and environmental health.

Sincerely,

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