

SUBMISSION – GEOFF MCINNES

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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Committee: Standing Policy Committee on Water, Waste and Environment

Committee - council: N/A

Committee - other: N/A

Agenda item (number and title): Advanced Water Metering Solution Business Case

Service inquiry: Submit Comments in writing

Participation preference: N/A

Comments in writing: I am opposed to the passing of this motion

Council should defer the vote until there is a full public consultation on this \$135 million project, including the opportunity to examine and comment on the Diameter Services report mentioned in the public service report. In particular, I am concerned about unstudied adverse health effects of wide deployment of wireless smart meters. Given the possibility of future adverse events, the City should be ensuring they have adequate liability insurance coverage to cover claims for injuries from smart water meter emissions. At the very least, legal opinions should be sought which include low cost opt-out clauses that do not require a medical letter.

For transparency, the Smart Water Renewal project should be included on the City of Winnipeg Public Engagement website.

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Public engagement preference: Yes