

SUBMISSION – DEREK VANDALL

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

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Agenda item (number and title): The roll out of wireless smart water meters

Service inquiry: Submit Comments in writing

Participation preference: N/A

Comments in writing: The potential roll out of wireless smart water meters comes with many concerns. Wireless control over access to water poses very real security threats especially from hackers. The potential adverse effects of health have not been studied by Health Canada but there have been reports of potential health hazards. Does the City of Winnipeg have adequate liability/insurance coverage in case of injury from emissions from the smart water meters? Will the City provide documents to show proper coverage and a legal opinion on the matter? Council should at the very least defer this vote until there is full public consultation on this \$135 million project. If it is to move forward, there should be an opt-out available at little to no cost and the opt-out should not have any other requirements such as medical letter, etc. Also, this should be on the City of Winnipeg Public Engagement Website.

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Public engagement preference: Yes