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ITEM 4 - REPORT – STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON WATER, WASTE AND ENVIRONMENT - FEBRUARY 3, 2025 - FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES' COMMUNITY ENERGY SYSTEMS PROGRAM – ST. VITAL ARENA APPLICATION

(St. Vital Ward)

Committee you want to address
Council

Agenda item you want to address (number and title)
Water 4.

Support or oppose recommendations

I am opposed to the recommendations

Register as a delegation

Via zoom

Submit comments in writing

Comments

WATER 4. This Agenda item raises important questions, but fails to answer any of them.
1. Where has this plan been tried previously? How did it work?
2. What is the timeline for the FCM application? How much funding does FCM say that they will pay?
3. EFFICIENCY MANITOBA (EM) has more expertise in these matters. Have you approached them for comments on the merits of this proposal? Has the city yet approached EM for any advice on anything? City hall has an in-house 'energy team'. Has any in-house energy expert been asked for comments on this scheme? If not, why not? Just like your staff, Council's obligation is to taxpayers, NOT to a third-party consultant. Your fiduciary responsibility says to NOT approve until these questions have been answered.
4. The Electricity used to heat and cool a large building can never be zero. We all learned this in high school. Net-zero is impossible. Anyone who tries to tell you otherwise should not be trusted.
5. Advanced tech can reduce the amount of electricity consumed by a machine or a process, but never to zero. There are absolute laws of entropy and enthalpy. To ignore them is to mislead the public.

Public engagement (optional)

I consent to being contacted to participate in potential public engagement related to this matter.
Yes