

To City of Richmond General Purposes Committee Nov 7, 2011

RE: Smart Meters in Richmond

My name is Carol Day and I am here to speak to the agenda item , Staff report on Smart meters.

I am asking council to make a motion to send a letter to BC Hydro requesting a **S.O.S.**

Smart Meter Opt-out ~~Option~~ ^{Solution}. There are many people in Richmond who do not want smart meters for a variety of reasons and their concerns have been ignored by BC Hydro.

I would like to add to staffs report this letter from former premier Mr. Bill Vander Zalm, it is written to Delta City Council. I will not read the entire letter but I would like to point out some of the highlights.

The below report is from California but there are similar findings on such places as the Netherlands where they are banned completely.

You can be a leader among Municipalities by taking a firm stance on behalf of Delta Citizens. Insist by resolution of Council, that no further action to install Smart Meters be taken in Delta until further study and research,

Why should we allow the provincial Government and the BC Hydro to play Russian Roulette with our health.....if they have a billion dollars to spend ,there are many social needs, during a time of recession, that are far more in need than changing meters.

Mr. Vander Zalm goes on to say:

And whereas, there has been no consultation with our people by the provincial government about the Smart meter program

And whereas, because of Smart Meters. People have expressed concern about the invasion of privacy and move to globalization.

Therefore be it resolved that our Municipality will require a permit, prior to installation, and that permits will be withheld until the completion of satisfactory research into health safety and that our citizens be provided with the option of a wired meter installation.

The movement against Smart Meters is global and if the City of Richmond does not take a proactive stance now then we will be seen as city that does not listen to her people. I think the S.O.S. approach to Smart Meters make sense ,it is a compromise and this will give the citizens in Richmond who are concerned about Smart meters ,piece of mind.

S.O.S. Smart Meter, Opt-out, ~~Option~~ ^{Solution}

Thanks Carol Day

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Message re Smart Meters to Delta Council

from Bill Vander Zalm

Dear members of Delta Council,

Please review the below and consider taking action at the Council level to stop the installation of the Smart Meters in Delta. You can be the leader among Municipalities by taking a firm stance on behalf of Delta Citizens. Insist, by resolution of Council, that no further action to install Smart Meters be taken in Delta until further study and research, particularly in areas where Smart Meters have already been installed.

The below report is from California but there are similar findings in such other places as the Netherlands where now they are banned completely.

Why should we allow The Provincial Government and the B.C. Hydro to play Russian Roulette with our health and well being? If the Provincial government (ala B.C. Hydro) has a billion dollars to spend - there are many social needs, during a time of recession, that are far more in need than changing meters.

Please give consideration to a resolution similar to the rough example below:

- Whereas, there appears to be no valid research done by B.C. Hydro into the overall effects of "Smart Meters";
- and whereas, there has been no consultation with our people by the provincial government about the Smart Meter installation program;
- and whereas, the billion dollars proposed to be spent on Smart Meter installation may better be used during this time of recession, in areas of Social suffering and need;
- and whereas, because of Smart Meters, people in the province and our Municipality, have expressed concern about the invasion of privacy and the move to globalization;
- and whereas, Smart Meters have already been installed in various European and North American locations;
- and where now a number of these entities have expressed concern about the health impacts on its citizens:

Therefore be it resolved that our Municipality will require a permit, prior to installation, and that permits will be withheld until the completion of satisfactory research into health safety and that our residents be provided with the option of a wired meter installation.

Thank you for your consideration and action,
Bill Vander Zalm