

Smart Meter Moratorium Motion Tally List

Current Tally: **45**

A growing number of responsive and proactive B.C. Municipal and City Councils are passing motions for moratoriums on mandatory installation of B.C. Hydro's wireless "Smart" Meters:

Moratorium Request for BC City Councils

"According to Bill 23-2008 of the British Columbia Public Health Act, section 83 (1), a municipality must take action when it learns of something that could be harmful to its residents. It must notify the Minister of Health or take immediate action. At its June 27 Council meeting, 2011, the City of Colwood, B.C. passed a motion to write to the Minister of Health and, due to the potential for wireless smart meters to cause harm or to compromise security, request a moratorium on mandatory installations of wireless meters. The Council also requested that concerned residents be offered safer alternatives at no extra cost to them."

Given the health, privacy and security concerns associated with wireless smart meters, we ask Mayors and Councils in each BC city and municipality to request the Minister of Health to order a moratorium on the mandatory installation of wireless smart meters until the major issues and problems are independently identified and are satisfactorily addressed.

Goal: 168 Municipalities

B.C. Councils who have considered the above request, and voted in favour:

1. **Alert Bay** ✓
2. **Burnaby** ✓
3. **Central Saanich** ✓
4. **Colwood** ✓
5. **Chawathil** ✓
6. **Central Kootenay Regional District (RDCK Nelson/Fortis BC)**
7. **Duncan** ✓
8. **Enderby** ✓
9. **Gold River** ✓
10. **Hagwilget Village First Nation** ✓
11. **Highlands District** ✓
12. **Invermere** ✓
13. **Islands Trust (Gulf Islands and Bowen Island)**
14. **Ladysmith** ✓
15. **Lake Country / Winfield**
16. **Lake Cowichan** ✓
17. **Langley Township** ✓
18. **Maple Ridge** ✓
19. **Metchosin** ✓
20. **Nanaimo** ✓
21. **New Denver** ✓
22. **North Cowichan** ✓
23. **North Saanich** ✓
24. **North Vancouver City** ✓
25. **Oliver** ✓

26. **Parksville** ✓
27. **Powell River** ✓
28. **Qualicum Beach** ✓
29. **Regional District of Nanaimo** ✓
30. **Richmond** ✓
31. **Saanich District** ✓
32. **Salmon Arm** ✓
33. **Sechelt** ✓
34. **Sicamous** ✓
35. **Silverton** ✓
36. **Sooke** ✓
37. **Squamish** ✓
38. **Sunshine Coast Regional District** ✓
39. **Surrey** ✓
40. **Tofino** ✓
41. **Ucluelet** ✓
42. **Vancouver** ✓
43. **Vernon** ✓
44. **Victoria** ✓
45. **White Rock** ✓
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To be continued . . .

Moratorium on “Smart Meter” Reality Check

Municipalities in British Columbia are local governments incorporated by the province. In total, there are 160 municipalities in the province, covering over 85% of its population. They range from a 44 hectares (109 acres) village with fewer than 200 people, to a city of 578,000.

A municipality is created to allow a community to govern itself and to provide and regulate local services. These services typically include, but are not limited to, the provision of drinking water, sewers, roads, fire protection, streetlights, garbage/recycling collection, land use planning, building inspection, and parks.

Municipal status

Within their limited jurisdictions, Municipalities are autonomous, responsible and accountable to their citizens and to the province. Their powers and responsibilities are regulated through the Local Government Act of British Columbia, the Community Charter, and, in the case of Vancouver, the Vancouver Charter. They have the power of a natural person, the power to expropriate, and the power to establish and enforce bylaws. They are able to raise funds through property taxes and user fees, and borrow through the Municipal Finance Authority to pay for services and capital costs.

Municipalities are governed by a mayor and council. These are democratically elected on the third Saturday of November every three years. The last municipal election occurred on November 15, 2008, and the next will occur on November 19, 2011.

Each municipality is a member of a Regional District to which their councils elect representatives. The Board of Directors of the Regional District is used as a forum to discuss regional issues.

Union of British Columbia Municipalities

“The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) is an organization

that has served and represented the interests of local governments in BC since 1905.

“In today's ever-changing world, where shifts in senior government policies, or in economic, social or political conditions, can have an immediate effect on local government, UBCM stands as a "listening post." UBCM initiates, monitors, interprets and reacts where such changes could have an effect on local governments and the communities they serve.”

At the UBCM Conference in September, 2011, BC delegates voted 54% to 46% to support a moratorium on Smart Meters in British Columbia.

List of 168 British Columbia Municipalities

Delegations to Mayors and Councils are helping to expedite the process of sending official requests to the Ministers in Victoria. Communities whose councils have formally requested moratoriums are **highlighted** below.

100 Mile House

Abbotsford

Alert Bay ✓

Anmore

Armstrong

Ashcroft

Barriere

Belcara

Bowen Island and Gulf Islands (Islands Trust) ✓

Burnaby ✓

Burns Lake
Cache Creek
Campbell River
Canal Flats
Castlegar

Central Saanich ✓

Central Kootenay District (RDCK Nelson) ✓

Chawathil First Nation ✓

Chase
Chetwynd
Chilliwack
Clearwater
Clinton
Coldstream
Columbia Shuswap (CSR)

Colwood ✓

Comox
Coquitlam
Courtney
Cranbrook
Creston
Cumberland
Dawson Creek
Delta

Duncan ✓

Elkford

Enderby ✓

Esquimalt
Fernie
Fort Nelson
Fort St. James
Fort St. John
Fraser Lake
Fruitvale
Gibsons

Gold River ✓

Golden
Grand Forks
Granisle
Greenwood

Hagwilget Village First Nation ✓

Harrison Hot Springs
Hazelton

Highlands District ✓

Hope
Houston
Hudson's Hope

Invermere ✓

Kamloops
Kaslo
Kelowna
Kent
Keremeos
Kimberley
Kitimat

Kootenay Boundary ✓

Ladysmith ✓

Lake Country / Winfield ✓

Lake Cowichan ✓

Langford
Langley City

Langley Township ✓

Lantzville
Lillooet
Lions Bay
Logan Lake
Lumby
Lytton
Mackenzie

Maple Ridge ✓

Masset
McBride

Merritt

Metchosin ✓

Midway

Mission

Montrose

Nakusp

Nanaimo ✓

Nanaimo Regional District ✓

Nelson

New Denver ✓

New Hazelton

New Westminster

North Cowichan ✓

North Saanich ✓

North Vancouver City ✓

North Vancouver District

Oak Bay

Oliver ✓

Osoyoos

Parksville ✓

Peachland

Pemberton

Penticton

Pitt Meadows

Port Alberni

Port Alice

Port Clements

Port Coquitlam

Port Edward

Port Hardy

Port McNeill

Port Moody

Pouce Coupe

Powell River ✓

Prince George

Prince Rupert

Princeton

Qualicum Beach ✓

Queen Charlotte

Quesnel

Radium Hot Springs

Revelstoke

Richmond ✓

Rosland

Saanich District ✓

Salmo

Salmon Arm ✓

Sayward

Sechelt District ✓

Sechelt Indian Government District

Sicamous ✓

Sidney

Silverton ✓

Slocan

Smithers

Sooke ✓

Spallumcheen

Sparwood

Squamish ✓

Stewart

Summerland

Sun Peaks

Sunshine Coast Regional District ✓

Surrey ✓

Tahsis

Taylor

Telkwa

Terrace

Tofino ✓

Trail

Tumbler Ridge

Ucluelet ✓

Valemount

Vancouver ✓

Vanderhoof

Vernon ✓

Victoria ✓

View Royal

Warfield

Wells

West Vancouver

West Kelowna

Whistler

White Rock ✓

Williams Lake

Zeballos