



City of Cornwall - Water Meter Survey

Question 6 -

Please provide commentary regarding water meters and their impact on water conservation.

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I believe water meters will end up costing residents more money in the long run, regardless of conserving water	10/28/2019 6:58 AM
2	Impact on rentals Tenants will use lots and home owners will pay big bills	10/28/2019 2:06 AM
3	Already conserve We already conserve water in our household. I believe that our water bill is outrageous and not fair as we are careful while others don't care.	10/27/2019 9:17 PM
4	Generally negative water meters are just another way to control people. why do you want to meter water? what if i use more then the people next door? am i going to be charged more? so now im going to be charged for a basic need? isnt there already a water tax to get water into our homes?	10/27/2019 8:02 PM
5	Money concerns Your survey is skewed to a desired outcome based on the introduction. Are you implementing water meters to ensure the production of treated water is affordable thus reducing taxes or are you attempting to be like every other municipality? What would the cost to implement be and what is the return on investment. Stop the nonsensical survey monkey public consultation. Provide the facts before asking for a response.	10/27/2019 7:55 PM
6	Money concerns City only wants more money. Any time gov.get involved it cost tax payer money	10/27/2019 7:00 PM
7	Generally negative I think the best way for this city to conserve water is to remove the splash pads and put back public pools. One day slash pad water consumption would equal filling the public pool that the city had. The biggest user is the city itself so how is the city going to cut back? Remove the slash pads now?	10/27/2019 6:36 PM
8	Money concerns Just another money grab from this mayor and council . This is a way to get more money for THIER pockets	10/27/2019 5:41 PM
9	Generally negative Leave it alone we are over regulated on so many other aspects of our lives... there is no water shortage.	10/27/2019 5:11 PM
10	[REDACTED] Comment removed to due inappropriate content.	10/27/2019 4:46 PM
11	Generally positive It would make us more conscious of how much we are using & wasting. P.S. We are one of the "test" households who had one installed already. It is not being monitored.	10/27/2019 4:43 PM
12	Money concerns Wont change Why cons People use water in many ways drinking washing dishes and clothes toilets watering lawns washing cars. The majority of uses will not change significantly. Maybe less lawn sprinklers and less water to wash cars. The difference would be like taking a thimble of water from the ocean can you see difference? Cost of water meter installation could not be paid for by savings in water use	10/27/2019 1:12 PM
13	Impact on rentals How would this affect rental properties and the ability for the Landlord to regulate water consumption?	10/27/2019 12:56 PM
14	Generally positive Currently have one in preparation. Might be a good idea. Can imagine people would be upset being charged on their usage though.	10/27/2019 12:25 PM
15	Neutral Nil ? I don't buy the figures for Cornwall, where did they come from? what all is included in this figure? Is it including waste from City, putting out fires?	10/27/2019 12:10 PM

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16	Money concerns Your all about conservation but your not telling anyone how much would an average water will would be and your not telling us how much our water / sewer tax bill will decrease. Average households pays about \$750 tax bill for the year. From what is see in other cities that have water meters, the average household pays about \$100 or more per month (1200 per yer just for water) You are going about this all wrong. Give us a cost breakdown choice instead. Either we increase the water /sewer tax or face a water bill of a \$100 or more per month plus the sewer tax which could exceed well over \$1400 plus dollars. WE NEED TO KNOW THE COST TO THE PEOPLE!!!!	10/27/2019 11:59 AM
17	Money concerns people cannot afford to do this, this is a poor community, and people will suffer because they are not allowed to use water without thinking of how to pay for it	10/27/2019 11:15 AM
18	Money concerns Taxes are too high now. \$95 a year for ten years for a water meter? You can't be serious. Someone is lining their pockets with profits if that is the true cost.	10/27/2019 11:12 AM
19	Money concerns The time to have these installed was 2 years ago while Bell and City of Cornwall we're ripping up our streets. Are there funds already saved and set aside for this improvement? Because if not I'd anticipate another increase in taxes that many people are unprepared for. I'd also anticipate a larger outflow if anyone poised to leave city limits that have been considering a larger commute to continue having free rein of their own (Costly) house. Conservation should be enforced by bylaw while commuting during summer months to educate and punish people that water their lawn in the middle of the day. We are gifted with clean water and wasting it on anything outside a garden is sad to see. Thank you for your time.	10/27/2019 11:05 AM
20	Money concerns How much will this cost home owners. Being a single person in my own home this concerns me. I heard we must pay for the meter installation.	10/27/2019 10:20 AM
21	Money concerns We can not afford meter We don not want to pay for more taxes	10/27/2019 10:07 AM
22	Wont change Why cons At this time we have so much water available, just look at the water levels issues on the Great Lakes	10/27/2019 10:00 AM
23	Generally positive Only have to look at the average water consumption for Cornwall, to know that a meter would be a good thing. Infrastructure would last longer as well.	10/27/2019 10:00 AM
24	Generally negative As long as water is "free", water waste concern will be an absent distraction	10/27/2019 9:57 AM
25	Neutral Nil ? How is water currently charged for and how would this affect sewer taxes? How much disruption in neighborhoods unable to do this currently would be caused by implementing meters and how long would this take? What would the effect of meters have on those with swimming pools?	10/27/2019 9:29 AM
26	Money concerns water meters are a very bad idea for Cornwall..too expensive	10/27/2019 9:22 AM
27	Generally negative Money would be better off used elsewhere.	10/27/2019 8:33 AM
28	Generally positive My husband and I would definitely be ok with this new addition. Although, given the nature of how these actions are received in our community, I feel you would be hard pressed to find a majority vote here. Most people, like anything else (fire ban, bag limits on garbage etc) will spend their time complaining and still do whatever they did previously despite the new regime. Good luck!	10/27/2019 8:03 AM
29	Generally negative You are ridiculous plain and simple.	10/27/2019 7:54 AM
30	Generally negative We dont need any in cornwall, why fix that usnt broken. Please leave it the way it is. Thank you.	10/27/2019 7:10 AM
31	Wont change Why cons I don't believe that people are using water irresponsibly. People use water for a purpose.	10/27/2019 7:05 AM
32	Generally negative Do not want a water meter.	10/26/2019 12:10 AM
33	Wont change Why cons I don't believe a water meter on our house would change our water usage very much, that being said we tend to be conservative anyway. I.e we don't water our grass, we only water our vegetable garden to get it growing and maybe if it's been a very dry/hot week. Some households having a water meter may help them cut back their unnecessary water usage - looking at the guys who water their driveways on a regular basis ☐	10/25/2019 7:08 PM
34	Generally positive time to get these water meters installed	10/24/2019 12:50 PM

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35	Neutral Nil ? If we start a water meter system, then I think a public awareness program needs to accompany it with information about how to conserve water, and discussions about changing our ideas about what is desirable.	10/24/2019 12:48 PM
36	Neutral Nil ? All this questions can only go one way .I feel my opinion will not be considered as the writer of the survey is not letting us be neutral.	10/23/2019 9:49 PM
37	Generally negative Problems: 1. Meter calibration. 2. Installation: Assuming RF reading 3. Meter maintenance and reliability 4. Your usage rates seem exaggerated. I don't believe meters will reduce consumption significantly as you predict.	10/23/2019 11:34 AM
38	Money concerns Way too costly	10/22/2019 11:21 PM
39	Generally negative I know ppl that have them and it's wrong to make ppl pay like this. It's water, we pay for our hot water used, as for cold leave it be. Another reason kids wont be able to be kids, ppl will be too busy trying to conse4ve water, that once again the kids will suffer.	10/22/2019 8:52 PM
40	Generally positive Water meters would provide awareness of your consumption. A standard water base rate could be applied and any further water use above that could be rated accordingly by additional use. Potentially reduced water use for the city could also mean less water treatment requirements and savings applied to other city requirements. Conservation starts at home.	10/22/2019 6:07 PM
41	Generally positive We have lived with water meters in several jurisdictions. In a small town situation there was a base rate set to ensure that the operating cost of the system were met. This base rate had an upset figure for amt. of water used. After the upset figure, you were charged additional costs based on usage. People are much more careful if it hits their pocketbooks.	10/22/2019 5:26 PM
42	Generally positive Yes, it would be helpful to monitor water usage.	10/22/2019 7:13 AM
43	Money concerns i dont believe the rate will be based on consumption as there will be a base rate so the city doesnt lose any money.then a family of 4 or5 will be paying much more. the city doesnt have all ici or business account on meter rates all the timethey flip flop to get more income even as places changes there usage ? talking to staff at the water plant or distribution they dont want to use less water the plant runs at less than 40%pumps cant go slower .the worry is the chlorine in pipes being at a very low to dangerous level as no water is flowing so at this point we will be flushing all and more water that was conserved doesnt make sense. i dont believe 8 million not even 12 million would be the cost as other cities, towns all went over budget on this program. we have to remember insurance cost will go up for the city wich is part of increase of taxes or water billing due to flooding in basements damaging people houses .by the time we pay this for this project we will need to start over as the meters dont last for ever.they need to be calibraided as you are selling by volume and people will want to pay a fair price and proof of calibration .under the weights and measurment act .i think education on conservation would be a first step as meter no meter people still need to know the improvment one can make to there home .the tree huggers that want to to save the planet need to think of the pollution in the process of making the meters from mining ,foundries,oils for plastics,fuel to deliver and so on..... In some meters there's cancer causing materials not so environment friendly ? The water plant will produce the same amount of water as now as the hydrant flushers will be draining water on front lawns and streets but the smell in the sewers and build up of solids will need to be flushed out somehow,more flushing will be needed ask someone who works in the system a worker no management that are only trying to please councilors request. the cost doesnt outway the gain of this program for taxe payers.education and incentives are alot cheaper.	10/21/2019 8:40 PM
44	Money concerns Cost is not worth it.	10/21/2019 1:10 PM
45	Generally positive It's imperative that meters be installed in Cornwall.	10/20/2019 5:07 PM
46	Money concerns It is my understanding that, historically in numerous other markets, once meters are installed and results are analyzed over a period of time, consumption does decrease. . Unfortunately, the cost to maintain and provide the resource will increase with less income from consumers because of lower usage/rebates necessitating a raising of water rates. In the end, the consumer still experiences higher charges.	10/20/2019 11:20 AM
47	Already conserve Money concerns As a rule we already work hard at conserving water and as such we feel a water meter is yet another expense on our already overburdened corporate taxes.	10/20/2019 11:10 AM
48	Money concerns I pay enough bills, I don't need another one	10/20/2019 4:56 AM

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49	Money concerns It would be good to know the rates (\$\$) that would be charged for consumption. A basic amount should be charged for X amount of gallons and then a surcharge for anything over the base amount. Installation should not be the homeowner's responsibility. If the intention is to install meters and charge the current amount and then add surcharges for overuse then I think this endeavour is futile.	10/19/2019 1:51 PM
50	Generally negative The cost of treating 500L of water or 1000L of water is the same labor wise. Therefore the cost per unit increases. This will increase the cost to the consumer. A meter may encourage conservation but it will drive the cost to produce up. Flat rate is best.	10/18/2019 11:22 PM
51	Money concerns I sent the letter below to the Seaway News and Mayor Clement expressing my comments on this subject. To: Nick Seebruch, Seaway News 18 October 2019 Cc: Mayor Bernadette Clement, City of Cornwall In response to the current city survey and your recent editorial. Water meters do not save money directly. But they are a means to allocate costs to the users of both the water WTP) and sewage (WWTP) treatment systems run by the city and paid for by the taxpayer. In Cornwall we have the luxury of an almost infinite supply of water from the St Lawrence River and a WTP that exceeds the required capacity and is cost effective. On the other hand, the WWTP was recently upgraded to Secondary Treatment, but can not cope with the sewage volume during storm and snow melt events. The WWTP is also much more expensive to operate. Cost savings to taxpayers and minimization of direct discharges to the river come from the reduction in volume treated by the WWTP. This can be accomplished by two means: a) reduction in the volume of water leaking from a leaky water distribution system directly underground into the sewers that close by under the same streets, b) repair of the sewage collection system to prevent the ingress of storm water (combined sanitary and storm sewers, leaking sanitary sewer manhole covers, weeping tiles connected to the sanitary sewer, etc.). Installation of water meters allows the city to know how much treated water is delivered to the users. If it is significantly less than the total produced by the WTP, the source of the loss must be identified and corrected. This will reduce the operating cost of the WTP slightly. The volume of the sewage treated by the WWTP is also known. If it is significantly higher than the total metered to the users, the source of the excess must be identified and corrected. This will reduce the operating cost of the WWTP and the number of direct discharges significantly. Storm events and lawn watering complicate the process. But they can be dealt with. Installation of an every household meter (\$300-500), meter reading (in this modern age done remotely) and billing (city already has a system) is costly and should be debentured over a period of years. Consequently, water meters are an indirect, but absolute mandatory tool for the city to operate the WTP and WWTP properly as the citizens expect. I think the installation of meters will more than pay for themselves in just a few years. What does the city staff recommend? Our city councillors must be made aware of the operating data, system deficiencies, costs and recommendations. We have elected them to make the proper decisions on our behalf. J.N. Cox Cornwall	10/18/2019 6:13 PM
52	Wont change Why cons I feel that in the beginning it will reduce consumption but over time resident will revert back their regular water usage.	10/18/2019 4:24 PM
53	Generally negative My friend out west have a water meter and he got a bill of \$1500.00 WOW! The underground pipe was leaking! now who pays for that repair. The Earth is 90% water GODS gift to all of us, keep it simple the way it is. Is the City of Cornwall on a water meter from St Lawrence River Inst?	10/18/2019 2:57 PM
54	Money concerns I agree with meters only if it means paying less for water than a larger family in a larger house. Which should mean less than I pay now.	10/18/2019 2:54 PM
55	Generally positive Think it's a great idea. Currently it's not fair for an older couple or any couple to pay the same rates as a family of 5.	10/17/2019 8:35 PM
56	Money concerns I lived in another city of Ontario prior to move to cornwall and with water meters the cost is very very high compared to a flat rate. citizens should not be fooled into this	10/17/2019 4:02 PM
57	Money concerns I feel that most people do not think of how much water they use because they pay the same amount no matter how much they use and they feel they pay to much. If adding meter end up costing the average household more then the change would not be received well. Changes like that are opportunities for the city to increase revenues. The cost of the meters and hiring someone the read the meter would be expensive. If my household uses less than 350-400 litre a day my rate should go down. If that is correct I think it a good idea	10/17/2019 3:41 PM

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58	Neutral Nil ? I think you need to provide a more in depth explanation as to why Cornwall residents consume a much higher daily average rate per day. If we have no household meters, how are you arriving at that calculation. You need to provide a bit more background to be able to get a survey that means anything. Do we have more people per household than other municipalities? Are you including commercial water consumption in your average. Do Cornwall residents garden more than other municipalities. I'm not convinced that our average is that much higher. You will need to explain this. The survey should include an option for unable to assess without further information.	10/17/2019 12:13 PM
59	Wont change Why cons Where is the data concerning the longevity of our water source? We have record fresh water flooding in all areas. There is nothing here describing why we need to conserve.	10/17/2019 10:41 AM
60	Generally negative I live on the corner of my street and according to city works dept it is called a dead end because I have no one on 3 sides of me to help push my waste to the sewer so I was advised recently that I should flush my toilet twice to prevent problems from arising on the sewer system. That would mean I would pay twice as much as my neighbors . because of this. I am not in favor of this proposal. Put it away once and for all.	10/17/2019 10:15 AM
61	Money concerns Ottawa area municipality implemented water meters and the population conserved so much water that a shortfall in revenue occurred then water rates skyrocketed following year	10/17/2019 10:01 AM
62	Generally positive i think that having water meters will help make people more aware of how much water they are wasting. i know me personally i would use less than i do now	10/17/2019 9:40 AM
63	Money concerns another tax grab	10/17/2019 9:21 AM
64	Money concerns This is just another money grab by the city and it's "Green" councillors. It seems that we have evolved to our councillors telling us what is good for us, instead of asking!!	10/17/2019 8:46 AM
65	Money concerns What cost reductions are planned by the city if water usage is reduced?	10/17/2019 8:02 AM
66	Already conserve I do not water my grass in the summer nor my flowers. I do dishes, laundry every other day and take a short shower. We buy bottled water to drink. I already feel i pay through the nose for water taxes. 423 every 6 months. if you could tell me the amounts would go down i say sure to the water meter but with anything government related everything goes up and not down. Anymore its getting so hard to live . We are taxes to the hilt and so many Canadians are struggling in life. Sometimes you wonder if its all worth it.	10/17/2019 7:31 AM
67	Money concerns The City of Cornwall system is operating at less than 70% capacity. The City gets its water from the River the cost of the raw product is 0 the infrastructure required to get it to the door is 99% of the cost. The units method the city uses now allows them to charge the consumers based on their expected use. It allows the city to divide the cost among the users equitably. If there is a real danger of the city running out of capacity then there is justification. If the residents of the city reduce consumption by 25% will there be a 25% savings in cost ? Much like the way the city ran the garbage system with no limits it has now become an issue and is difficult to reduce the expectation of the public who find a 6 bag limit restrictive where other areas surrounding the city have had 2 bag limits for years. So if the city is facing a capacity issue in the foreseeable future then it may be a solution. But other measures such as restrictions on watering lawns etc may be equally as effective to start. Encouraging clients to fix leaking toilets and dripping taps may also work.	10/16/2019 10:50 PM
68	Money concerns Love the ideal dont want to pay more taxes or pay more than i am paying now. If it would be cheaper like long sault then i might be interested	10/16/2019 8:41 PM
69	Generally negative Lived in places with meters its not a good deal. Have families with meters and do nothing but complain. Possibly good for seniors or people with no kids. It is nothing more than a cash grab, another lame idea like taking the floride out.	10/16/2019 8:25 PM
70	Generally positive Long, long overdue. PLEASE get going. Water is too precious.	10/16/2019 7:13 PM
71	Money concerns If I thought it would save money but I'm not sure it would. I know I don't go through as much water as some being the only person in the household so perhaps it would, but, how much will it cost each household to put the meters in?	10/16/2019 7:02 PM
72	Money concerns I pay enough tax!	10/16/2019 6:57 PM

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73	Money concerns Education, incentives on saving water would help conserve water consumption. I believe water meter would end up costing us more in the long run. I am all for the environment, I don't believe reducing water consumption should affect my finances. The splash pads around the city run, who will pay for that water? As a city we come together to pay for water upgrades. Water taxes have risen enough over the last 5 years. Water meters just make more of a financial burden on families in the city. I do not support it	10/16/2019 6:16 PM
74	Money concerns I think the whole idea is to get more money from the taxes payers. I lived in Oshawa a few years ago and people were complaining all the time for getting charged too much for their water consumption. I think the actual system is working why trying to change it?	10/16/2019 5:02 PM
75	Money concerns If water meters are installed and people buy in and conserve water will the water treatment facility be able to reduce the quantity it makes to save cost? Why is it that Cornwall people use so much more than other people in Ontario?	10/16/2019 2:36 PM
76	Generally positive Money concerns I believe water meters may force some people to use less water, but more importantly would have those using more water paying their fair share. The current method of flat rates based on fixtures is not appropriate. For example, two neighbors with a pool; property A takes care of pool and fills once per year, property B does not know how to maintain pool and needs to drain and refill 3 times. Another example, a family of 6 or a childless couple living in similarly configured bungalows should not pay the same water rate. Without meters there is no incentive to conserve; however once conservation efforts begin to take hold the cost per m3 will have to rise to cover fixed costs of operating treatment plant and distribution network. I like to consider savings by conservation the proverbial "slippery slope".	10/16/2019 11:31 AM
77	Generally negative My relatives have water meters in the West and had a Water Leak underground...his BILL and repair was just too much for him to absorb...What's wrong with the system we have now...The Earth is 90% water God's Gift to all of us	10/16/2019 10:50 AM
78	Neutral Nil ? these are all loaded questions!!	10/16/2019 10:04 AM
79	Money concerns It's going to cost us more money. Taxing us and making us pay more money doesn't help the environment	10/16/2019 9:20 AM
80	Generally positive my family is from Kingston and their water bills went down because they conserve water always. The ones that don't will pay higher bills. Watering lawns, filling pools etc.	10/16/2019 9:19 AM
81	Generally positive Any effort to reduce water usage at my home should be directly reflected in the water bill. The more we conserve, the less the billed amount should be... which means no minimum rate other than a very reasonable "delivery fee".	10/16/2019 8:51 AM
82	Money concerns This isn't just about Water Conservation. It is also about being able to afford the water you use. The way it is now I pay around \$100/month and with a water meter it will more than likely double or triple. And I know eventually it will go down when the meters are all paid off but that money doesn't go to the city, it goes to the contractors that installed them. There is no incentive to have meters installed. I will get charged more and have to use less water and I don't get any really incentives out of it.	10/16/2019 8:37 AM
83	Generally positive I like the idea of mandatory water meters because otherwise people will waste water and the city will need to overbuild its water infrastructure.	10/16/2019 8:10 AM
84	Generally negative I think people would continue as they have used water in house. It is the outside water use that should be conserved.	10/16/2019 8:07 AM
85	Generally positive Having recently moved to Cornwall, I was previously living in a city with metered water, I was (and still am shocked) and the amount of swimming pools in Cornwall, the amount of lawn watering that goes on. I will end up paying over 3 times what I used to pay. I am a senior living alone and yet I must pay this inflated amount for water. Basically I am subsidizing all those wasteful residents.	10/16/2019 7:28 AM
86	Comment removed to due inappropriate content	10/16/2019 12:16 AM
87	Money concerns I think this is just another money grab	10/15/2019 9:19 PM

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88	Money concerns We asked the City of Cornwall to install a water meter at our residence therefor we presently have a meter. Although we are seniors residing in the home we have six grand-children that visit and stay for prolonged periods so we do take baths, extra laundry etc. However we are from Quebec and wonder why Cornwall water tax is so high when other municipalities seem to be lower. More information to homeowners on the details as to how the City of Cornwall is going to decide on the rates of the meters. Have you analysed the data from other municipalities in surrounding areas. Is there a minimum on the meter for usage as they charge in Quebec????	10/15/2019 8:35 PM
89	Money concerns The cost of the meters, plus the installation, plus the mtce.,plus the labor to install , and maintain would be out of site,thus making this proposals bad one, hoping it is just a proposal.	10/15/2019 7:28 PM
90	Already conserve I've heard that water meters give false readings regularly. I pay my water taxes and only use what I need. I have two watersaver toilets, do one laundry load a week, only take a few showers a week. I would be punished with a meter, even though I save as much as possible. I'm also on a disability pension. Punish those who water their lawn daily or, like my neighbour, let the hose run for hours while his kids spray each other for fun. That's wasting water.	10/15/2019 6:44 PM
91	Neutral Nil ? N/A	10/15/2019 5:34 PM
92	Already conserve We already do everything we can to conserve water in our house.	10/15/2019 4:23 PM
93	Generally positive Meters would be great if you pay for ONLY what you use. NO base charge.	10/15/2019 2:40 PM
94	Generally positive With the state of the global climate, this should be something completed.	10/15/2019 2:34 PM
95	Generally negative I am against having a water meter.	10/15/2019 2:12 PM
96	Money concerns I heard nothing but bad new on this your ganna add thing that cost more money when half of us have a hard time paying our hydro Bill's I find this is a really stupid ideal	10/15/2019 1:57 PM
97	Generally positive Water conservation will definitely improve with water meters.	10/15/2019 1:34 PM
98	 Comment removed to due inappropriate content	10/15/2019 1:00 PM
99	Money concerns I do t think people should be paying for water ... It is essential to human existence, I think it's a good idea, but I also think we should not have to pay for the basics!	10/15/2019 11:17 AM
100	Generally positive until this decision is made, please consider fines for those who water their grass in the rain, water the road instead of the grass, establish water days and times. These are simple steps to get people thinking.	10/15/2019 10:44 AM
101	Money concerns The cost of living has already been skyrocketing the last few years, please don't drive it up even higher	10/15/2019 10:43 AM
102	Generally negative We should be more concerned with our aging infrastructure. 12 Million should really be spent to help boost the remediation efforts in the troublesome areas rather than install meters	10/15/2019 10:41 AM
103	Generally negative Do not want water meters! Wondering why this survey is not asking our opinion on that!	10/15/2019 9:44 AM
104	Neutral Nil ? I already have a water meter but it's not used.	10/15/2019 8:58 AM
105	Generally positive Cornwall needs to modernize and this is a serious step in that direction. It is unreal the amount of water that Cornwallites consume. We are facing a climate crisis and every bit of conservation helps. Cornwall needs to join modern cities in Ontario and implement water saving technology and ideals!! I would be more than happy to have a water meter installed and I would love to see my neighbours have one as well.	10/15/2019 8:53 AM
106	Money concerns Tax grab. Meters won't make a difference. Do you think people renting will care? No. Higher bills same consumption. Ridiculous.	10/15/2019 8:30 AM
107	Money concerns It's worthless. No one wants it. It's just waste of more money. We are already paying enough for not even using it much. PLEASE STOP THIS PROGRAM OR ELSE IT WON'T BE GOOD !!!! Thanks	10/15/2019 8:10 AM
108	Money concerns Total waste of money.	10/15/2019 8:08 AM
109	Money concerns The poor who cant afford it will use less and the rich will continue knowing they can afford it. Classic have vs have not situationthe rich come out on top as usual	10/15/2019 7:52 AM

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110	Generally negative	If you need water then you will use it meter or no meter	10/15/2019 7:47 AM
111	Money concerns	Just want to say I feel we are paying plenty already for the water ... Some households use excessive amount yes but others very little so there must be a balance...	10/15/2019 7:40 AM
112	Already conserve	We are already used to conserving water from living in bc with water meters. However I would not be opposed to meters to help cut down on the people who water their sidewalks and laneway for hours at a time here in town. If our rates jump however in a household that conserves I'd be skeptic all of their purpose	10/15/2019 7:21 AM
113	Generally negative	water is a necessity of life, other than water your yard less, (more likely to save by putting bans on only watering on even or odd as your address, and not watering on or after day of rain.) What is it that you possibly want to see, less baths, don't flush until 3 have went, less laundry? you are going to target people because of the size of the house hold and that should not be fair.	10/15/2019 7:21 AM
114	Generally positive	We are interested in potable water conservation and feel water meters will be an incentive to conserve.	10/15/2019 7:17 AM
115	Neutral Nil ?	The River isn't full of maple syrup now is it.	10/15/2019 7:03 AM
116	Generally negative	No thanks	10/15/2019 6:54 AM
117	Money concerns	It will make it hard for any family more than three. It's already a big enough struggle.	10/15/2019 6:51 AM
118	Money concerns	Its another way for government to take our hard earned money. We pay enough taxes andl don't see us getting our moneys worth!	10/15/2019 6:40 AM
119	Generally positive	If a meter were to be installed I would hope my efforts to conserve water actually reduces my water taxes in the long run. Also, changes must be made to our lifestyles if we are to make any long term environmental impact. Sometimes those changes are uncomfortable. No drinking water for future generations is unthinkable. I choose discomfort and a willingness to change.	10/15/2019 6:31 AM
120	Money concerns	This is just another way to get more money from the people. Stop and think about the single moms on fixed incomes we can't afford more and this will eventually put us on the streets with our kids. I think it's sick how everything has to cost money even the water God gives us. Greed is what this is all about greed to take more money from our people	10/15/2019 6:31 AM
121	Money concerns	Meters have been known to be wrong and costly to install.	10/15/2019 6:19 AM
122	Money concerns	I don't feel water meters is the way to go, the upfront cost to the city I don't think will help.it will probably cost every corbwall resident more money for living	10/15/2019 5:31 AM
123	Already conserve	we have a meter already , and I feel that even now we do not waste our water like watering our lawn over night	10/15/2019 5:28 AM
124	Money concerns	Dont think its neccessary this is a money grab .a tax increase	10/15/2019 4:34 AM
125	Generally positive	I think it would be a good thing. We already us low flush toilets and rain barrels for outdoor watering .	10/15/2019 2:51 AM
126	Neutral Nil ?	No	10/15/2019 2:43 AM
127	Generally positive	If residential homes require meters for conservation, then industrial and businesses should also require water meters. Water conservation should be done across the board and not just for residential properties.	10/15/2019 1:17 AM
128	Money concerns	I know people from other cities that have water meters. It sounds like it would just add another stressors to low income families who would have to constantly worry about the higher cost of using water in their homes. No more being able to water a vegetable garden that would help lower the cost of fresh produce. Water meters are just another money grab	10/15/2019 12:09 AM
129	Money concerns	Isn't that going to stress and cost	10/14/2019 11:53 PM
130	Neutral Nil ?	The St. Lawrence is at peak levels?	10/14/2019 11:38 PM
131	Money concerns	I agree with conserving our water, however the less water we use then the less income coming into the city. Over time our rates will continuously go higher so that the expenses for having water can be met. I do not think this would be considered as a money savings plan over a long term period.	10/14/2019 10:58 PM

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132	Money concerns Tax us on a necessity. Cornwall has nothing but more bills and taxes. Everyone else has them. Little old cornhole must follow suit. How be we have a survey to see who's happy in Cornwall. Let's have a survey to see who wants real jobs back in Cornwall or a nice waterfront. Or family oriented thingsthey can do on their own taxed property. Lemonade stands nope Hockey rinks nope. Street hockey nope. Fires nope. We already pay a water bill let me keep my Money I work for to feed and clothes my family. Pathetic. Sad sad times are here. When kids are grown I'm so gone out of here.	10/14/2019 10:57 PM
133	Money concerns We have a water meter in our place and get billed the flat rate. I think if we were billed by actual usage it would generate far less tax dollars..	10/14/2019 10:57 PM
134	Generally negative Everyone wouldn't flush their toilet as much leading to more bacteria. They wouldn't water their grass and flowers so the city would not look as lush as it does.. They wouldn't rinse their recycling at all causing more rodents and bees to hang around the homes. Most are conscious of their usage. I think finding different ways to conserve would be more productive. How about this as a cutback. You know all the hanging baskets and tubs of flowers around town especially Pitt, Second, and Montreal Rd. How about one pot every second place that there is now. So half as many pots to be watered. I would be willing to sweep in front of my house instead of the water machine coming by twice a year.	10/14/2019 10:35 PM
135	New builds only New homes or renovated homes can change otherwise leave it alone	10/14/2019 10:29 PM
136	Already conserve Water meters may help conserve water in families that have to be careful of their monthly spending; however, I believe that there are other ways to lower Cornwalls water usage. bylaws should be more strict on citizens watering lawns during when it is raining or during droughts. Also the city should promote water conservation education via tips to save water on social media/ email. (to avoid wasting of paper). Also perhaps implementing water meters on just industrial businesses in cornwall might be a better way to go. A good portion of cornwalls citizens are living pay cheque to pay cheque. another bill to budget might make a difference of buying food or having water. Our household is very water conscious. We keep water in the fridge to avoid letting the tap run, we take short showers using a high efficiency shower head, rarely run the dishwasher (once per month for maintenance) and we recycle our aquarium water into our garden. If more water conservation education is relayed the less people may use. Is there a way the city could offer discounts or promote companies selling water efficiency items like shower heads/ faucets?	10/14/2019 10:06 PM
137	Generally positive As a person who understands the importance of fresh water and conservation, I do believe that once people become aware of their water use they can makes efforts to reduce it.	10/14/2019 10:04 PM
138	Neutral Nil ? ..	10/14/2019 9:44 PM
139	Money concerns I rent and pay 975\$ per month, which I think is a lot of money. I live alone most of the time and my daughter who goes to University lives with me for 4 months. I have always been frugal with water consumption and have taught my daughter the same. If the water was metered it would probably increase my rent, which I don't want, I already pay enough. There should be a reward system in place for people who do not use much water. People who use let's say 150 L per day or less should pay a reduced rate. 169\$ for water every 2 months would be way too much fora person like me. When I probably use very little . A lot of times less that 5 litres per day. I already pay enough.	10/14/2019 9:20 PM
140	Money concerns Water meters would save on drinkable water but they are so inaccurate that i am afraid that we would be paying more	10/14/2019 9:18 PM
141	Money concerns Water meters are going to burden people with extra expense which majority cannot afford.The city should spend time and efforts and public funds in getting more money from the Feds for the hydro dam in our city instead of wasting resources to spend on installing water meters,hiring meter readers and maintenance crews for a little gain .	10/14/2019 9:04 PM
142	Money concerns I think water meters should not make that big of a difference in how much water most people use however at the same time, seeing that on paper gives those who don't pay attention a little more incentive to be more careful.	10/14/2019 8:59 PM
143	Money concerns Absolutely no questions about how it will impact the families financially. This survey is already biased	10/14/2019 8:45 PM

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144	Generally negative	It might save water but they are not 100 % accurate with readings and what about the seniors on a fixed budget or the low income families in Cornwall with kids that will have to pay these bigger bills and put these people in more poverty than they are already in :(..i will be voting for a different group of council members ,next time its time to vote if this passes people pick council members so that they get people who will speak up for the people of Cornwall remember that.	10/14/2019 8:42 PM
145	Impact on rentals	Interested to know impact on apartment building residents	10/14/2019 8:41 PM
146	Money concerns	I'm worried that these meters will end up costing me more in water. I pay enough water taxes. I also worry about families with many children	10/14/2019 8:40 PM
147		Comment removed to due inappropriate content	10/14/2019 8:18 PM
148	Already conserve Money concerns	Incentives would be key for this city and specifically, for my family. We currently make an effort to conserve water and feel that we are paying more than our share of water currently. Incentives would help greatly.	10/14/2019 8:12 PM
149	Money concerns	water meters are great and all but cities always overprice water use	10/14/2019 8:10 PM
150	Neutral Nil ?	no	10/14/2019 8:07 PM
151	Already conserve Money concerns	Our household already conserves water. There is a lot of low income residents in Cornwall. They would not be able To afford this additional "tax". And I do not believe landlords should have to assume this costs.	10/14/2019 8:07 PM
152	Generally negative	This is just another service where people who make more than \$50,000 a year will have to pay in and people who are not working or who work at minimum wage will get all the rebates. In the end it doesn't pay to go out and get a good job because you just have to pay it more to the government and not get any rebates.	10/14/2019 8:06 PM
153	Money concerns	I think this is absolutely a waste of our tax dollars Put our money to better use	10/14/2019 7:58 PM
154	Generally negative	Bullshit!	10/14/2019 7:56 PM
155	Wont change Why cons	Usage will not decrease	10/14/2019 7:24 PM
156	Generally negative	Conservation of water is more likely to come from the city knowing how much water is wasted through leakage than meter installation. Meter accuracy is a concern. Up front Costa may be. Significant issue in this city.	10/14/2019 7:22 PM
157	Money concerns	I do not like the idea of a water metre that's just another bill for us to pay that we cannot afford	10/14/2019 7:12 PM
158	Money concerns	I feel like this is just a money grab by the council. And with the firepit debacle so fresh in my memory, I'm thinking long and hard where my vote will be going next election. There is nothing wrong with the current system of charging for water usage. I wonder who will get the bill to have the water meters installed? Homeowners? Cornwall just keeps getting more and more expensive.	10/14/2019 7:09 PM
159	Impact on rentals	My concern is for landlords who are paying the water for tenants. Most tenants would not conserve water if they are not paying. Implementing a regulation that landlords are required to only pay for the current rate and tenants to pay any additional usage to water they use.	10/14/2019 6:58 PM
160	Wont change Why cons	Our family will continue to use the same amount of water. Just like we still drive our cars the same distances/year that we did before the carbon tax. The only thing that changed is that we have less money in our pockets. If I had to get a water meter, I'd most certainly have to stop using my swimming pool.	10/14/2019 6:53 PM
161	Money concerns	I do not want water meters to be installed. It is just another way for us having to pay more money for a tax we already pay enough for. Whether it be already too high property taxes or other taxes that we already pay, we do not need another tax and or meter implemented.	10/14/2019 6:41 PM
162	Money concerns	I own about 15 apartments and I have installed a water meter for personal use and my water consumption from me and all my tenants is well below the Ontario average. From the information I have gathered from areas that have implemented this system even when using less water has cost residents about 30% more on average at a minimum.	10/14/2019 6:33 PM
163	Generally positive	I see every summer water being wasted on lawns, watering every day, watering after a day of rain, and watering all day long. This is such a waste of our water resources, people need to be educated or failing that made to pay for excess water use.	10/14/2019 6:26 PM

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164	Generally positive	Water is taken for granted when it is not monitored, general attitude, in my humble opinion is that people do not appreciate how fortunate we are to have abundant water.	10/14/2019 6:01 PM
165	Money concerns	its a tax,,, nothing to do with conservation	10/14/2019 5:49 PM
166	Money concerns	i am on fixed income and a renter as many in Cornwall the cost would be passed on to the renter as in other city resulting in direct increase to rent as our rental allowance is 498 for ODSP the rest is our living allowance that we already use to subsidize our rent this would be directly affecting our living allowance	10/14/2019 5:40 PM
167	Generally positive	Worth a try. I am always encouraging my children 12, 10 and 5 to conserve. I am all for it.	10/14/2019 5:39 PM
168	Generally negative	How about we not	10/14/2019 5:28 PM
169	Money concerns	Stop the tax grabs,we are looking at having a petition.City council is taxing us into homelessness.Lets have councillors take a 15% pay cut.	10/14/2019 5:26 PM
170	Generally negative	Lower the water rates and get rid of the tap system the city is just getting greedy	10/14/2019 5:01 PM
171	Already conserve	Money concerns I only use what I need. I do laundry, take one shower a day and drink only water. I feel I would end up having to pay even more for my final use already. I dont water my grass, I dont water outdoor plants or wash my car, I dont have a pool or an ice rink. I think it may not be fair if my water rates increase because of a minimum monthly amount for metered.	10/14/2019 4:57 PM
172	Generally positive	Money concerns we need to do something to control the costs and use of our water	10/14/2019 4:40 PM
173	Generally positive	So much wasteful water use is going on... especially in the summer when people over-water their grass, leaving their sprinklers on for hours at a time (or even overnight, forgetting to shut them off!!!). Water meters are necessary and best to make sure that people are only paying for what they use, and also to make sure that we are conserving this precious resource as much as possible!	10/14/2019 4:33 PM
174	Money concerns	The goal is not to conserve water. The goal is revenue. Why mislead the taxpayer as though any of this is beneficial to them? We live on the St. Lawrence river and have plenty of water. It should not be metered.	10/14/2019 4:15 PM
175	Money concerns	We pay a lot in property and water taxes info lot feel we should have to have our meters for our water	10/14/2019 4:09 PM
176	Generally negative	I think education about conservation and all things green is much better than costly meters! Why are we not recycling everything in our blue boxes. Composters should be encouraged. City vehicles should be electric not costly meters.	10/14/2019 4:09 PM
177	Wont change Why cons	I lived in a municipality that did have water meters, and what happen is that people who knew plumbers would get the plumber to by-pass the meter, and then there was no impact on water conservation, some household had a tap that you could put the water through the meter so that the municipality would not suspect the owner of wrong doing.	10/14/2019 3:54 PM
178	Generally positive	They work.	10/14/2019 3:51 PM
179	Generally negative	I will never have one installed in my home as they are an infringement on personal privacy!	10/14/2019 2:41 PM
180	Money concerns	People use the water they use. I dont see a meter changing usage patterns. I just see more cost to obtain it.	10/14/2019 2:40 PM
181	Money concerns	We pay taxes and my goodness let's not add more to the cornwall residence. We need to work more at getting more businesses in the city to create more jobs instead of adding more expenses. People are just getting by and now you want to add more . Rediculous	10/14/2019 2:09 PM
182	Money concerns	The way the City of Cornwall is billing residents is unfair. The meter will help my dad save money. They pay too much for there only being two in the household. My concern are businesses who have sprinkler systems using more water than residents. They should be part of this as well. How do those living in apartments monitor their water consumption. Every household (house and Apt) and business needs to included.	10/14/2019 1:54 PM
183	Wont change Why cons	I wouldn't change my usage regardless	10/14/2019 1:45 PM

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184	New builds only	Older home should be grandfathered in.... The new developments should have them installed.	10/14/2019 1:40 PM
185	Money concerns	Meters are just another way to get money out of our pockets. Cornwall is. A lovely city however it seems this town has the Napoleon complex. Wake up and stop trying to copy major cities. Don't you realize Cornwall residents have difficulty to keep up.	10/14/2019 1:11 PM
186	Already conserve	Been there done that & still use same amount of water ...yes we were careful but still use water when needed.	10/14/2019 12:59 PM
187	Generally positive	This should deter the idiots that have the hose on all night to water their lawns.	10/14/2019 12:56 PM
188	Money concerns	I was just wondering how much that would cost to install water meters did you find the money from the sale of Cornwall electric	10/14/2019 11:49 AM
189	Already conserve Money concerns	This is a money grab by the city, I believe all residents are making efforts to conserve energy including water. We do not use more than we need. Stop looking for additional funds and do a better job at conserving tax dollars.	10/14/2019 11:27 AM
190	Money concerns	It all depends on where they set the minimum average per day. If they set it at 350 litres per day and our average consumption is currently 250 then we lose.	10/14/2019 11:16 AM
191	Money concerns	We are paying high enough taxes as it is why should we have to worry about the water costs now	10/14/2019 11:14 AM
192	Money concerns	This has nothing to do with preserving water and everything to do with finding more ways to tax us. Concentrate on bringing decent jobs to this city & stop worrying about unnecessary things like this.	10/14/2019 10:50 AM
193	Money concerns Wont change Why cons	People who waste water will always waste it even with a meter. "IF" meters are done properly, then those who watch their usage should see a decrease in their water bill and the heavy users will pay more. Homeowners shouldn't have to pay for the meters as it's not something they're asking for. If the city wants the meters they should pay for it. Maybe ask the province for funding to cover it. I'm sure Ford would be happy to do that!	10/14/2019 10:48 AM
194	Already conserve	Our family is conscious while disposing garbage, maintaining our property, using metered electricity/gas and unmetered water. I believe people who are conscious will do it out of habit, people who are not, may be this measure will help a few.. There should be some measure to have property owners with a pool, pay a fixed amount in the summer months on top of their regular water tax.	10/14/2019 10:45 AM
195	Generally negative	Water meters will not help the city in any way. They will actually reduce the amount of taxes the city will collect.	10/14/2019 10:38 AM
196		Comment removed to due inappropriate content	10/14/2019 10:31 AM
197	Already conserve Money concerns	By comparison to Guelph I would have to cut my water usage from 350liters to 160liters which is roughly half what I supposedly use now. I don't think I waste water. I have a sick person in the house and I do have to flush toilet more than average. So from the information on the survey I don't see where I would save money.	10/14/2019 10:20 AM
198	Money concerns	Difficult to answer some questions when there hasn't been any info on cost for these meters and installation. Plus is billing scheduled for monthly cost in place of current 6 month tax cost?	10/14/2019 9:56 AM
199	Generally negative	Do not want them	10/14/2019 9:48 AM
200	Generally positive	Wouldn't waste so much water for no reason	10/14/2019 9:46 AM
201	Money concerns	I see the city workers waste water all Summer long ,sitting in their trucks and water flowing out for hours, this is a money grab for the city to take even more money out of our pockets, water tax goes up every year , I pay double what I use to pay, but that's not enough for for the city, I spoke to people that are on meters , and they pay much more then the where , it's not about conservation it's about taking everything we make from us and that's not right .	10/14/2019 9:33 AM
202	Money concerns	While I don't like paying by tap, I have lived in other cities with meters and the prices keep going up despite cutting back on water use.	10/14/2019 9:21 AM
203	Already conserve Generally positive	We conserve now, but wasteful people will most likely think twice when they have to pay for what they actually use.	10/14/2019 9:15 AM

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204	Money concerns	I think that water meters are just another way for the city to grab more money from us.	10/14/2019 9:06 AM
205	Generally negative	Don't do it!	10/14/2019 9:04 AM
206	Generally positive	My neighbours on both sides of me each have a 24 foot wide pool. They also have 4-5 people living in the same household some young requiring all the water needs that go with each person. There is a fellow two doors down from me who constantly has their sprinkler on. My wife and I have a 1300 square foot bungalow and find it unfair that we pay the same if not similar amount of water tax when we use 30-40% less water than them!	10/14/2019 9:04 AM
207	Generally negative	Not required unless there is no minimum charge associated with the installation then we will pay for what we use and not extra	10/14/2019 8:49 AM
208	Generally negative	No to water meters	10/14/2019 8:42 AM
209	Money concerns	This isn't a fair questionnaire. These questions are geared to rounding the public to understand water meters and their use and to heard us into a mutual decision that water meters are a good thing . Hence using these answers to further the agenda for pro use . Citing these questionnaires as public approval. Very manipulative. Water meters in their "proper" use are a good thing however what are you going to do when they fail? Are you going to say the water meter rules and the public have no say? I have heard horror stories of faulty meters giving inaccurate readings costing families MORE than their ACTUAL use . It's more financial stress on families . What are YOU going to do if and when these systems experience serious hiccups? Many are saying you are HOPING it costs more to further tax the little guy. The majority of the public see this as a cash grab. So help us understand THAT part of it that we are misunderstanding . Don't send us this manipulative questionnaire. >:/	10/14/2019 8:41 AM
210	Money concerns	It would only matter if water taxes are decreased. Meters will help to make those abusers pay but will also penalize those who already conserve. I would see rebates will not offset the increase in costs and taxes combined	10/14/2019 8:40 AM
211	Money concerns	I think that being charged for water used will certainly impact on conserving water. However the cost to install these meters for the entire city is extremely expensive so residents get charged with that cost. So when do the savings begin????	10/14/2019 8:26 AM
212	Money concerns	water meters only raise the taxes that to high to begin with	10/14/2019 8:14 AM
213	Generally negative	If you wanna monitor something monitor the pollution that goes into our river!	10/14/2019 7:54 AM
214	Money concerns	I already conserve but some people are very wasteful and need an incentive. I hope the costs to people like myself who make efforts, will be minimal because I am disabled and on a limited income.	10/14/2019 7:53 AM
215	Money concerns	Just another excuse to increase rates.	10/14/2019 7:52 AM
216	Already conserve	Nothing will change in my household as we already conserve water.	10/14/2019 7:47 AM
217	t	Comment removed to due inappropriate content	10/14/2019 7:26 AM
218	Money concerns	Wont change Why cons With living by a river, which levels have been quite high in recent years, I believe there is a abundance of water. The expensive installation of meters, and the power it takes to implement them would be costly to the environment in another way!	10/14/2019 7:25 AM
219	Generally negative	I do not want a water meter.	10/14/2019 6:57 AM
220	Money concerns	The city of Cornwall will not decrease revenue by water consumption by its residents if water meters are installed and people reduce their consumption then the city will increase rates till the revenue is at current levels or even higher. It is nothing more then another money grab. If they are to be installed the city should foot the bill for all installations and please give me sufficient notice so I can sell my house and move out of the city.	10/14/2019 6:48 AM
221	Money concerns	I really do not think it will conserve water use it will put a tremendous burden on the people of Cornwall which consist of alot of low income people who are just getting by asking for more money to pay for meters on our already high water tax and property tax would be a real hardship for people. Like paying more for water and not buying food	10/14/2019 6:35 AM
222	Money concerns	Only gonna cost more money	10/14/2019 5:52 AM
223	Wont change Why cons	Your survey is all about feelings, avoiding the primary issue of source. We use water from the St. Lawrence, a source with no seasonal or flow issues and we have been no information about how much of our "usage is returned to the river.	10/14/2019 3:11 AM

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224	Money concerns	Plastic containers create much more pollution and cheaper water by adding a simply adding an additional filter works better. Meters are not fair to our poorest members such as seniors and low income families.	10/14/2019 2:23 AM
225	Money concerns	Do not do this. We pay enough in water taxes per year. This will only add to tax payers expenses. This is only a cash grab by the city.	10/14/2019 2:22 AM
226	Money concerns	It's a money grab.	10/14/2019 2:04 AM
227	Impact on rentals Money concerns	As an owner of a duplex that is rented in Cornwall I pay the for the water taxes. If this is implemented I will either have to raise rent and or put the water bill completely on my tenants. Otherwise I will be charged for the usage of another person and they will not care about conservation. I don't think this is a good idea because both my tenants already have tight budgets and would probably not be able to maintain their rent, causing them to either lose their homes or forcing me to sell. I do not think I am the only landlord who feels this way. I think by adding water meters you will see a negative effect on the lives of tenants and landlords.	10/14/2019 12:55 AM
228	Impact on rentals	It's ok for those who live in their own home. But when it comes to landlords we're going to have to raise the rental pricing in the city. Tenants aren't going to care how much water they use especially if they're not paying for it. Landlords are going to have to raise rent to absorb the cost. Rent is already high in comparison to wages. Are you ready for rental units to be unaffordable in Cornwall. If you add water meters that's what's going to happen. Because that's what I will have no choice but to do with all my units.	10/14/2019 12:34 AM
229	Money concerns Wont change Why cons	Water meters will not help conserve water. They will only force low income/elderly people even more into poverty. When they must decide between having food or water then conservation will be the last thing they consider. Having to decide between doing laundry or taking a shower will be their biggest concern. Trying to use residential customers as an example while not punishing high volume commercial users will make the public resent the municipal government even more	10/14/2019 12:22 AM
230	Generally positive	I support measures to help the environment even if they cost more than current measures	10/13/2019 11:59 PM
231	Already conserve	I have long thought that Cornwall city was very foolish in not having water metered. In any home owned in this city, I have taken on suitable expense to conserve, with no incentive to do so by the city. Am I a fool ?	10/13/2019 11:58 PM
232	Already conserve	We always use water in a conservative way try not to waste it	10/13/2019 11:17 PM
233	Generally negative	For families water consumption is higher. For people with some medical disabilities, water consumption is higher. Water meters will penalise these groups.	10/13/2019 10:54 PM
234	Already conserve	Had water meter before and found the system inaccurate We drink bottle water and recycle the empty container Our household respects the use of water and follows the ban when in effect	10/13/2019 10:53 PM
235		Comment removed to due inappropriate content	10/13/2019 10:42 PM
236	Impact on rentals	I believe the city should implement them on all commercial and investment properties. Duplexes, triplexes ect...But not on single family homes...I think you will find this will solve the issues !	10/13/2019 10:03 PM
237	Money concerns	I pay more than enough in taxes as it is if you can't figure out how to use it efficiently don't implement another way to take my hard earned money and tell me its a good thing	10/13/2019 9:45 PM
238	Money concerns	Having a water meter will give more money for the city....nothing to do with conserving water. Its just a way for generating money.	10/13/2019 9:43 PM
239	Money concerns	We pay high taxes now to be able to use water for our purposes. Quit trying to change things. Leave things alone.	10/13/2019 9:37 PM
240	Money concerns	If you want people to have water meters. I hope the city is ready to pay for everyone of them to be installed	10/13/2019 9:11 PM
241	Generally positive	I am all for user pays	10/13/2019 9:04 PM

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242	Already conserve Generally positive I lived in the country for many years, so I don't waste water, although I see lots of others in town who do. I think an incentive program, along with meters would be good for reducing water consumption.	10/13/2019 9:03 PM
243	Generally negative These are rigged questions. The answer isn't to make people pay more. No water meters!!! Education on water saving ideas would be interesting, maybe have those who use water excessively have to pay. Such as a required permit to wash cars, water lawns (edible gardens would clearly be omitted.) And pool filling. Also, companies that use excessive water, such as coffee companies and soda dispensers. Enough milking us!! Loved to see if council members get a special privilege and are not required to pay for these meters. This whole gag is getting obvious and old.	10/13/2019 8:49 PM
244	Money concerns Just another cash grab	10/13/2019 8:27 PM
245	Money concerns I think it is a waste of money	10/13/2019 8:27 PM
246	Money concerns Another expense that many cannot afford and will not change yearly water taxes from increasing . nor will it help with consumption if water.	10/13/2019 8:16 PM
247	Money concerns If water meters are installed will there a limit before being charged?	10/13/2019 8:15 PM
248	Generally negative I think alternative measures should be tried first. The cost of installing and maintaining this infrastructure would be costly	10/13/2019 8:08 PM
249	Money concerns Wont change Why cons We take our water from the St Lawrence River as it rushes by to the Ocean most of the water is returned to the same river after been cleaned. There is a big difference to places that rely on reservoirs that store water and overuse can be critical. there is also a big difference in water usage and water conservation. but there is a bigger question not discussed here is the city going to follow South Stormont and once the meters are in use will sewer cost be tied to water usage which is a very unfair way of billing just ask a swimming pool owner who is not connected to the sewer!	10/13/2019 8:03 PM
250	Generally negative Not practical	10/13/2019 7:55 PM
251	Wont change Why cons In the last few years there has been very high water levels in the St Lawrence River, our water supply. I don not understand why we have to conserve water at this point.	10/13/2019 7:47 PM
252	Generally negative Just look at the town's that have meters.they lost money and the gras is now dead . If you want people to stay in Cornwall you will not do this. I will probably move from Cornwall if you do this . You take away the prinalige of having a family first in the back yard then now charge us more on water . I will will move to the country. I believe I am not the only one	10/13/2019 7:41 PM
253	Generally negative Useless	10/13/2019 7:39 PM
254	Generally negative Not a fan of the cost of water meter for whole city.	10/13/2019 7:37 PM
255	Money concerns Water meters will be useless! Large up front expenditure for little to no gain in water conservation! Just another way to raise our taxes!	10/13/2019 7:13 PM
256	Money concerns More ways to tax and nothing come out of it.. the tap water tastes like crap and most people are drinking bottled water at this point in the game.	10/13/2019 7:06 PM
257	Generally negative I'm not going to stop using my water because the city wants meters. We are not living in a third world country where water is a limited resource	10/13/2019 6:52 PM
258	Generally positive Feel it would be fair on residents. As it is now a single person can pay the same as a family or household of 5, 6, 7 or even more people. Also, residents that have installed an extra bathroom, kitchen, etc will now be charged for the extra water they use.	10/13/2019 6:48 PM
259	Money concerns This seems like another way to forcefully take money from people's pockets. Having a meter will not change the fact that people still need to shower, do laundry, brush their teeth or fill a pot with water to cook. If there are people out there who are wasting water at an extreme rate, then deal with them.	10/13/2019 6:20 PM
260	Generally positive Water consumption needs to be controlled, not only from a municipal measure but provincially, federally and globally. Water is a resource many take for granted.	10/13/2019 6:19 PM
261	Money concerns Having a family with little kids make conserving water tough. I think this is just another money grab.	10/13/2019 6:13 PM

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262	Money concerns Wont change Why cons	I don't think water meters will have an effect of water conservation. I think the cost of installing and maintaining water meters will outweigh any benefit they at have towards water conservation. Your information claims that on average a person in Cornwall uses 350-400 liters of water per day. But this is only an estimate. You can't know what the true average is based on a few meters installed for monitoring purposes only. I feel this is a misrepresentation of information.	10/13/2019 6:08 PM
263	Generally negative	Don't think we need them unless you know people who use alot of water I use bottle water so I don't use much only for bathroom use and washing clothes and dishes once a week	10/13/2019 6:03 PM
264	Money concerns	Can't afford to pay for water, hydro is expensive, car insurance is expensive, gas is expensive, food is expensive. Any increase in bills or the addition of a bill may have us claiming bankruptcy.	10/13/2019 5:43 PM
265	Already conserve Money concerns	I am already taking care to not over-use the water system and furthermore we in Cornwall have an abundant supply of water and this seems to be just another tax grab. Are we not already paying enough to the city? I, a senior citizen, am desperately trying to stay in my own home and the government(s) are doing everything to see that I am not successful.	10/13/2019 4:32 PM
266	Money concerns	Charging for water will result in people being more in debt, does this mean water will be cut off if bills arnt paid?	10/13/2019 4:24 PM
267	Generally negative	WATER METERS MAY SAVE WATER, HOWEVER START TO CONSERVE WATER BY CRACKING DOWN ON WASTAGE SUCH AS PEOPLE WASHING DRIVEWAYS, ABUSE OF SPRINKLERS INCLUDING IN GOUND ONES. ALTERNATE DAYS WHEN YOU CAN WATER LIKE THEY DO IN QUEBEC. BYLAW OFFICERS CAN CIRCLE AROUND NEIGHBORHOODS AND CHECK FOR PEROPE ABUSING WATER RESTRICTIONS AND LEVY HEAVY FINES. CHARGE FOR PERSONAL SWIMMING POOLS THAT USE UMPTEEN GALLONS OF WATER FOR THE PLEASURE OF 2-4 PEOPLE DURING THE SUMMER.	10/13/2019 4:23 PM
268	Generally positive	Having lived in the country...water is taken for granted by city dwellers. Everyone needs to be responsible for their usage. A lot of unnecessary watering!	10/13/2019 4:18 PM
269	Generally negative	We need water to survive it helps to grow vegetables tree flowers ect.why should pay for water	10/13/2019 3:53 PM
270	Money concerns	I would like to keep paying what I pay now with a justified increase per year.	10/13/2019 3:49 PM
271	Wont change Why cons	Meter or no meter. People will use what they want. Only waste is watering lawns	10/13/2019 3:31 PM
272	Wont change Why cons	I don't think a water meter is going to make people conserve water anymore than carbon tax makes us drive less it just cost us more to live	10/13/2019 3:12 PM
273	Generally positive	Great idea	10/13/2019 2:27 PM
274	Money concerns	We already pay 6k in taxes plus 1200 in water taxes. This will force us to move outside of Cornwall and likely out of the sdg region. Terrible idea. Money grab	10/13/2019 2:21 PM
275		Comment removed to due inappropriate content	10/13/2019 2:08 PM
276	Money concerns	I think this is stupid as us house owners would have to pay to have these meters put in which is absolutely not right. I pay \$460 every 6 months for water even tho my neighbor only pays \$250! This is just another way to hike up our taxes. We pay enough give it up!!!	10/13/2019 1:54 PM
277	Neutral Nil ?	Are we asked to fill out the survey blindly? Not sure if I missed something but I would like to at least know what the fee per meter would be. Also who pays to install meters?	10/13/2019 1:38 PM
278	Money concerns	The cost of meters does not justify the minimal savings	10/13/2019 1:11 PM
279	Money concerns	How many years to notice a payback, for households and the municipality.	10/13/2019 1:01 PM
280	Already conserve	I make an effort now to conserve water	10/13/2019 1:00 PM
281	Money concerns	We pay enough for water and city taxes.	10/13/2019 12:59 PM
282	Generally negative	I believe that water conservation would be better accomplished by boycotting water sales and increasing HOME water usage. Take your water WITH you, don't buy it!	10/13/2019 12:43 PM

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283	Generally negative I don't think the city of Cornwall should put homes on water meter ,, our lives are governed as it is .. and surveys don't really help cause the city does what it wants no matter if the whole of cornwall were against it ..	10/13/2019 12:36 PM
284	Money concerns Just another waste of money.	10/13/2019 12:34 PM
285	Money concerns i agree with all of the questions above this one....water meters are great....but likely will be like insurance...even though your a no infraction or none driving record...your insurance don't go down...i'll pay the same...even when buddy across the road waters his lawn while its raining :-)	10/13/2019 12:11 PM
286	New builds only If your going to implement this, start with the high end homes who have multiple bathrooms and kitchens first and see if there is a change.	10/13/2019 11:54 AM
287	Wont change Why cons Is there a water shortage in Cornwall	10/13/2019 11:38 AM
288	Generally positive I have no idea how much water I use. A meter will be good information to determine how I can conserve and save \$\$	10/13/2019 11:33 AM
289	Money concerns Cost of living has already increased faster than wages have in this town - I can hardly afford rent anymore despite working full-time, and I would not be able to make ends meet with adding this extra expense. Crack down on those watering their lawns all summer and for commercial areas/places of business and stop putting the brunt of the financial responsibility on the little person.	10/13/2019 11:29 AM
290	Money concerns We are a very "green" planet friendly family who live in the highest taxed area of the city. I am getting sick and tired of the city attempting to dictate how we live our lives. There has never been an issue with a water shortage in Cornwall. This is merely a tax grab, taking more money from the pockets of the tax payers.	10/13/2019 11:28 AM
291	Generally negative We do not want water meters.	10/13/2019 11:20 AM
292	Money concerns If your idea of consumption is making your population MORE CASH POOR then you are on the right track. This is a horrible idea. Stop making the people pay for your poor decisions.	10/13/2019 11:10 AM
293	Money concerns if it worked like it did at my moms when it went in its just a money grab.....no way an 80 year old is using as much water as a family of 5 next door.....and that took almost 2 years to fix!!!!!!	10/13/2019 11:01 AM
294	Money concerns Waste of tax payers money to install and maintain.	10/13/2019 10:53 AM
295	Money concerns Water meters really, I believe as a homeowner we pay enough taxes as is for what we get , and keep losing. 80% of homeowners agree I am sure	10/13/2019 10:41 AM
296	Impact on rentals What about apartments and condos ? How would water consumption be monitored for them ?	10/13/2019 10:30 AM
297	Money concerns People will use the water they need regardless. Meters are a waste of our money.	10/13/2019 10:17 AM
298	Neutral Nil ? Nil	10/13/2019 9:58 AM
299	Money concerns I am all for meters if", the city does not raise my rates to cover the short fall it might incur from me saving on my bill. I do not trust the city because it will come up with another excuse to cover my savings.	10/13/2019 9:56 AM
300	Money concerns We paid enough as it is just another way to make people on a fix budget to figure where the money coming.	10/13/2019 9:55 AM
301	Generally negative Water metres have been known to read inaccurately, these would need to be very accurate! There will be a loud outcry if bills jump up for many.	10/13/2019 9:51 AM
302	Money concerns I think the low income people that are working there but off to make ends meet and rent may have another bill added to their budget. Landlords will pass the bill to renters so rents will go up or have a water bill on top of the already difficult bills they have to pay. Seniors will also be in that predicament due to being on fixed incomes. Our water system works. Why spend unnecessary money to fix a problem that does not exist. Work on making more low income properties for seniors and help those in need. Take that money and spend it where it needs to be. Example landlord that don t fix their properties, housing for seniors, housing for young pregnant teenagers that need help. We are also in need of drug rehabilitation centre, we have an overwhelming population on drugs and need help.	10/13/2019 9:50 AM

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303	Generally negative	NO NO NO	10/13/2019 9:46 AM
304	Money concerns	Just more cost the city doesn't need a waist of time and money our taxes higher then any city our size	10/13/2019 9:44 AM
305	Neutral Nil ?	Return to even and odd days with fines for not adhering. day and evenings included.	10/13/2019 9:40 AM
306	Money concerns	Water meters won't help water conservation because the meter is just an excuse to get more money from the town's people. We have been fine for this long without the use of a water meter if water consumption was really a problem you would have implemented the meters without asking your townsfolk	10/13/2019 9:33 AM
307	Generally negative	No meters	10/13/2019 9:28 AM
308	Money concerns	I already pay enough in water taxes every year! So with a family of 6 will I be looking and an even bigger increase?! This is no be beneficial for my family! Don't change this!!	10/13/2019 9:28 AM
309	Money concerns	Too costly to implement. City should assign 2 days per week by neighbourhoods to water grass. That would reduce consumption by owners who water daily or 4 times a week. This should be monitored by the bylaw officers. Cornwall is a low income city and this charge would be a heavy burden for most owners and a huge problem for multi residential owners to apportion water consumption to tenants. It's a bad idea. This would be a huge deterrent to buy in Cornwall. Cornwall is known as a retirement community and it's housing affordability. Ottawa is on meters and all residents hate it; I could not afford to live there.	10/13/2019 9:27 AM
310	Money concerns	Like all other meter systems, they are not accurate and have more issues that come along with billing etc. Which means extra tax payer money towards installation, staff to go check meters and more staff to answer the thousands of complaints when their inaccurate bills come in. They can stop using our water for big corporation bottling which often ends up in our landfill anyways and plastic in our lakes rivers and oceans. That is a much more effective solution if there is water supply concern.	10/13/2019 9:23 AM
311	Already conserve Money concerns	I am conservative with all water, energy and my paycheques. My water tax, property tax and income tax keeps rising (along with all goods). If pricing keep going up and I know they will, I might be forced into selling my duplex which is my home. So while I'm already conserving water and not being wasteful, for the few who's water bill goes down, great. But many people in this cities water bill will only increase which hurts people pocket books. And for those who may be less conservative while on a fixed income, there will always be funds for those selection of people to help pay their bills (our working taxed dollars). For my husband and I, the middle working class, will be forced into paying more.... with no tax break. So unless our water tax will be fully tax credited, I'm not interested.	10/13/2019 9:17 AM
312	Generally negative	Meters will not help	10/13/2019 9:16 AM
313	Money concerns	I already pay over 1000\$ for water I can barely afford it as it is minimum paying jobs this need to stop making money grabs from us low income people	10/13/2019 9:08 AM
314	Generally positive	1. I Like the idea because I do know there are other families who waste water quickly. 2.if this was in place, I think it would be beneficial to still bill the address twice a year so that we don't have influxes In bankruptcies and consumer proposal due to not being able to afford an extra bill monthly	10/13/2019 9:07 AM
315	Money concerns	These are known waste of money and do not help in any way. The town is just looking to grab more money from the tax payers. How will this help get money from renters who don't pay property tax?	10/13/2019 9:03 AM
316	Money concerns	This will not curb behaviour only cost money any councilor who does not vote in opposition to this does not get my vote come election.	10/13/2019 8:53 AM
317	Generally negative	The reason why I stay in this city is because of the way it is now if you keep changing things I will move and tell everybody not to move to Cornwall	10/13/2019 8:52 AM
318	Money concerns	It is costly when people water lawns and it's raining outside and the hose just keeps running and running	10/13/2019 8:52 AM
319	Money concerns	In Ottawa citizens were promised reduced fees for consumption. Then there was a massive funding deficit. Rates were raised equal or above what they were paying before. Water meters work to conserve, but do nothing to help the taxpayer.	10/13/2019 8:51 AM

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320	Generally positive	I think it is pretty obvious that water meters will impact conservation because people will not want to pay more money for water than they are now, which will cause them to try to use less.	10/13/2019 8:50 AM
321	Already conserve Money concerns	I feel like water meters is just another way for the city to make profit. We have 3 taps in our house which means you already make a profit from my household. We have a family of 6, we dont have a pool, we dont water our lawn, I do however have to do laundry, dishes and wash my children. If you impose these meters I will go in even more debt.	10/13/2019 8:44 AM
322	Money concerns	Just another money grab. The City wouldn't do this to help lower our rates, it's only in their own interest to get more money out of us.	10/13/2019 8:42 AM
323		Comment removed to due inappropriate content	10/13/2019 8:37 AM
324	Generally positive	I see so much waste of precious drinking water with incessant watering of lawns (and driveways) and drinking water totally taken for granted as shown in your stats above. Meters would make people conscious of this precious resource that is currently being taken completely for granted. Please just do it!	10/13/2019 8:28 AM
325	Already conserve Generally negative	My house uses less water here then when I lived in Lancaster under water meters service there is only the two of us and we don't water the lawn or have a swimming pool nor a garden We don't spray the driveway nor the windows nor clean the cars so we use the least amount of water as possible. I do not want the meters attached to my consumption. Who would pay for the installation of such meters ?? That would be the occupants right that would cost a lot of money plus occupants would have to purchase these meters also so that would mean the price I pay now would go up double what it is now or it would be added to my taxes and both would go up so I have no interest in agreeing with water meters being installed on my water consumption!!!	10/13/2019 8:26 AM
326	Generally positive Money concerns	If it is measured and recorded accurately and also charged affordably, I'm sure most people would save money.	10/13/2019 8:17 AM
327	Wont change Why cons	They wont do anything... cant conserve a necessity.... the planet is getting hotter we are going to use more water its Inevitable	10/13/2019 8:10 AM
328	Generally positive	rates for water tax are exhorbitant! I have neighbors with in ground pools and water lawns overnight who pay less than I do, am a single senior!! Please join the wave!	10/13/2019 7:55 AM
329	Generally positive	Conservation in any natural resource is a positive step to a healthier planet	10/13/2019 7:55 AM
330	Money concerns	I think it's just a money grab...	10/13/2019 7:48 AM
331	Money concerns	Cost of installation would be very expensive to the tax payers	10/13/2019 7:40 AM
332	Impact on rentals	If the City chooses to use water meters, it should be set as a utility so tenets can be involved directly. The water meters work for consumption when an individuals has to pay their own bills. There must be a way set up for landlord to protect themselves in this regard.	10/13/2019 7:33 AM
333	Wont change Why cons	I have lived in places that had water meters. I never saw any difference. People still watered their lawns, washed their cars and filled their pools .	10/13/2019 7:25 AM
334	Money concerns	Waste of money	10/13/2019 7:24 AM
335	Already conserve Money concerns	I am very conscious about the water my home currently uses. I would not change my practice! What should happen is the monitoring of households that water their lawns for hours on end or clean their driveways and boulevards. This is where the waste lies!! The cost for implementing water meters is not noted anywhere. Provide the appropriate information for us to respond!! How much will each household have to pay. In speaking with family in other areas that have meters they have never received any type of rebate is this false information that you're providing? You no doubt are swayed that Cornwall is a low income area - how can these residents afford ALL the added costs to the initial implementation?	10/13/2019 6:35 AM
336	Generally positive	It's about time. Of course it will impact water conservation.	10/13/2019 6:16 AM

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337	Money concerns	Don't compare a small city such as Cornwall to a city the size of Guelph. We already pay for our water through taxes and the cost of living is already so high, not to mention the cost of rentals and homes in this tiny city. This will make it that much more difficult for people to own a home or even rent!	10/13/2019 5:30 AM
338	Impact on rentals	Put meters on rentals, not houses that already pay a water bill and tons of taxes.	10/13/2019 5:26 AM
339	Generally negative	Bad idea	10/13/2019 4:43 AM
340	Money concerns	The city just wants to make more money. It's the same thing as the garbage. When we first had to pay for it it was good. Now we have to pay for a disposable fee for electronics and other accessories like furniture but now cornwall doesn't pick that up anymore and we still have to pay a cornwall dump fee for all of these things. Once again cornwall is trying to make the city worst or better. Because with all these stupid by laws cornwall isn't a place of possibilities it's just a city that will try and get more money from its people and contract out jobs.	10/13/2019 3:46 AM
341	Already conserve	I pay over \$800.00 in water taxes... which used to be \$300.00 that being said.. I use what I need..	10/13/2019 2:44 AM
342	Generally negative	No to the water meters. This was an unfair survey that was more what did you learn review of what you just read on water meters and water conservation.	10/13/2019 2:04 AM
343	Generally positive	With water meters people would be less likely to water their lawns during the summer dry spells. They should allow the grass to dry naturally and it will green up again after the dry period. I feel this is the biggest waste of water in Cornwall - especially when the water is allowed to go on driveways, paths, sidewalks and roads. If they were paying for it, it would soon stop.	10/13/2019 12:50 AM
344	Money concerns	According to people that live in towns with this already and experienced it first hand it seems to be unreliable and expensive for the home owner, there must be other more cost efficient ways to implement something that doesn't cost residents more money, people are struggling as it is please do not do this	10/13/2019 12:39 AM
345	Money concerns	Water meters will cost more to implement in the system than any gain given by the meters.	10/12/2019 11:58 PM
346	Money concerns	We're already paying water taxes. This is just another way for the government to make money.	10/12/2019 11:21 PM
347	Generally negative	As with most ideas in this city..the end result will not be as advertised..	10/12/2019 11:11 PM
348	Already conserve	Wont change Why cons Family size is not mentioned. A family of 7 would use a lot more water than a family of 4. We already are water careful, only doing full dishwasher and laundry loads, bathing multiple children at once so the tub doesn't have to be filled extra times, taking short showers, not leaving the water run for no reason, etc. I don't think a water meter is going to change that.	10/12/2019 11:07 PM
349	Money concerns	It's ridiculous on how The City of Cornwall wants to implement everything to raise the Cost of Living in this City, ENOUGH ALREADY!!!	10/12/2019 11:02 PM
350	Money concerns	It is only a way to raise cost to customers and not a way to conserve water	10/12/2019 10:54 PM
351	Money concerns	This is not a very good plan. Most residents are currently struggling to survive with their current utility bills. Cornwall has too low of residential incomes to implement this. People will not be able to afford this. Cornwall is not a large community like Toronto, Montreal or Kingston. Council needs to preserve our small town community and keep our community affordable for people to remain living here. I am opposed to water meters. They should not be implemented in our small community.	10/12/2019 10:54 PM
352	Generally negative	No water meters	10/12/2019 10:40 PM
353	Money concerns	Not a good idea..we pay enough..should not have to pay for water	10/12/2019 10:39 PM
354	Generally positive	I live alone. I do not consume as much water as those with more than one person in their homes. I do not water my lawn as do my neighbours. Not fair! I want a water meter.	10/12/2019 10:20 PM
355	Neutral Nil ?	None	10/12/2019 10:18 PM

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356	Money concerns Less waste of water. As a sailor, where we only have so much water onboard, we know that we must conserve our water. Water is precious and if we have water meters installed in our homes, it will hopefully make people think of other ways to conserve. E.g. I have two rain barrels that I use for garden, etc.	10/12/2019 10:18 PM
357	Generally positive I believe Water meters are a fair way to determine water consumption. I believe the current system is very unfair. For years there were two of us in our home and we both worked days so we weren't home for 9 hours of the day. however, because we had two hose outlets and three bathrooms we continue to have high water tax bills, I have installed low flow toilets but it doesn't benefit me.	10/12/2019 10:18 PM
358	Money concerns Wont change Why cons Fresh water from the river is plentiful. The cost that we pay is to pay for the filtration and water infrastructure. Charging people for water might reduce water usage... but makes it harder to budget for families.	10/12/2019 9:56 PM
359	Neutral Nil ? meh	10/12/2019 9:54 PM
360	Neutral Nil ? I have a water meter that was installed as part of a trial but never got any feedback	10/12/2019 9:45 PM
361	Money concerns As a property owner.. everything has significantly increase in price. Adding an additional expenses will nearly make it impossible to afford living.	10/12/2019 9:43 PM
362	Money concerns They are not very reliable or accurate and who will pay for the installation and maintenance of these meters. I'm sure the homeowner will be saddled with this expense. We already pay exorbitant taxes in Cornwall and this is just another tax grab. Eventually our pockets are going to be empty. Where will you get your funding then?	10/12/2019 9:41 PM
363	Money concerns My wife and I pay an arm and a leg in our home because we have two bathrooms. The way water bills are set up in Cornwall we get soaked pardon the pun for what little water we use. We are in turn paying for other people's bills that are watering their lawns for hours every day for example.	10/12/2019 9:39 PM
364	Money concerns Timmins went from meters to a flat rate. I went from a meter and the flat rate and paid more . We had a family of 5 with 3 teenagers showering 2 to 3 times a day . How to curtail water usage . Charge pool owners for more than 1 fill up a year .The honour system doesn't work . All those blow up pools from the stores hold 2 to 3000 gallons .Check your backyards and count the pools in town .Might be more than you think . Meters for all businesses would help . On the other hand meters would help pinpoint leaks in your system . They are quite expensive to install .Regardless we tax payers will have to pay for them . We don't get much for our tax's . Ditch's aren't maintained so our neighborhood's get flooded and roads and side walks are late or poorly plowed at times . :(10/12/2019 9:30 PM
365	Money concerns Water meters, if accurate, are better than charging according to how many bathrooms/taps you have. As a single person, I use way less water than my neighbour. I should therefore only pay for what I use.	10/12/2019 8:48 PM
366	Money concerns I think it's completely wrong for people to have to pay for water when it freely falls from the sky. To me, this is just another money grab from Cornwall.	10/12/2019 8:32 PM
367	Money concerns I don't believe the statistics on the average person water usage. Seems excessive.... as someone who uses very little water, doesn't drink tap water, it seems like a waste of tax payers money to implement, from my perspective. I only do 1 load of laundry a week, and a 5 minute shower a day... as a home owner, living by myself, the only way I believe that this would benefit me is if the water tax was reduced greatly, or non existent after the installation of meters. Im not sure if this is actually a way to preserve water, or another way for this city to make more money off its citizens.	10/12/2019 8:28 PM
368	Already conserve I'm unsure if this means my prices would increase or decrease. I am currently being billed based on number of fixtures/taps, but I'm a single person in a family home. I also feel like I use below average amounts as it is.	10/12/2019 8:18 PM
369	Money concerns It will favour the wealthy and hurt 'working class' families.	10/12/2019 8:17 PM
370	Money concerns This is simply a way for more money to be billed to the residents of Cornwall. Give me a break about water conservation!	10/12/2019 8:14 PM
371	Money concerns information is power. Charging people to install a water meter means that the City can justify charging more. This doesn't solve the problem.	10/12/2019 8:07 PM
372		10/12/2019 8:01 PM

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373	Money concerns	We cant afford to live now on odsp adding another bill will be more people at the agape. That is alrrady stappex	10/12/2019 7:48 PM
374	Already conserve	I grew up on well water, so I believe I'm fairly conservative with my water usage. I do wonder, when the water is shut off due to maintenance for a couple of days, will customers be refunded?	10/12/2019 7:47 PM
375	Wont change Why cons	Living on the St Lawrence River, I don't think we need to worry.	10/12/2019 7:45 PM
376	Money concerns	Absolutely meters help conserve water. Do we not pay for water through our bi-annual water taxes?	10/12/2019 7:32 PM
377	Generally positive	If we paid based on what we use people would pay more attention and not leave water running because we wouldnt want to pay more	10/12/2019 7:31 PM
378	Generally negative	Water meters may have some value but I don't personally think we need them unless someone is really wasting water for no good reason.	10/12/2019 7:22 PM
379	Already conserve Money concerns	I try to consume very little water in our household so we do not need meters. This is a tax grab plain and simple, if you install them it's time to move	10/12/2019 7:20 PM
380	Neutral Nil ?	n/a	10/12/2019 7:14 PM
381	Generally negative	No no you clowns	10/12/2019 7:13 PM
382	Generally negative	No water meters. Period. There are far more things we need in Cornwall than meters.	10/12/2019 7:11 PM
383	Money concerns	How much would it cost to install per household	10/12/2019 7:08 PM
384	Generally positive	I think we should be paying for what we use instead of by how many bathrooms we have or water taps. You can have a household with two bathrooms but only one person or a one bathroom home with 4 or 5 people living there. It doesn't make sense the way we are doing it now.	10/12/2019 7:06 PM
385	Money concerns	Our taxes are high enough. If you can guarantee that I won't end up paying more in the short or long term, I'm in. If not...keep your meters!	10/12/2019 7:06 PM
386	Money concerns	this will just add more cost to the working middle class with families that can hardly afford the electric bills now, water should not even be taxed!	10/12/2019 7:01 PM
387	Generally negative	Less usage=more flushing to maintain residual chlorine. Dead-ends would see a more dramatic chlorine drop. In warmer months especially. Less usage in Cornwall may contribute to increased tuberculation build up in piping. This would over time decrease water quality and increase maintenance costs?.	10/12/2019 7:00 PM
388	Generally negative	No, no and no	10/12/2019 6:56 PM
389	Neutral Nil ?	None	10/12/2019 6:47 PM
390	Generally negative	I would rather see a slight increase in property taxes over a metered system.	10/12/2019 6:43 PM
391	Generally negative	There would be a huge variance between a single person in a house or a couple, to families of 4+ even as many as 6. I firmly believe that the municipality shouldn't adopt the method at question as it is nice to conserve. But there are alot of low income families and new canadian families that may have difficulty with payments when having to do laundry for 3-5 kids that are in school not to mention bathing and food preparation, hygiene times. These families would have astronomical rates witch would be a struggle cause bigger families need every money for budgetary reasons.	10/12/2019 6:40 PM
392	Generally positive	I live alone, I don't feel that I should pay the same as large families or where 2+ people reside in a house.	10/12/2019 6:32 PM
393	Generally positive	Living in a community in the past where they metered water to non metered water is such an improvement (as in presentation).	10/12/2019 6:30 PM
394	Generally positive	By conserving water the actual cost might be reduced for homes with one or two people in them compared to the current system	10/12/2019 6:17 PM
395	Already conserve	I have taken measures to conserve water as much as possible.	10/12/2019 5:58 PM

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396	Wont change Why cons I was on a metered system before. I don't believe people use less water. My neighbor's watered their lawn every night, regardless of the excess water they were using. Others did the same and didn't seem to care, they just paid what they needed to and continued as usual. I don't believe water rates won't increase, as they did where I lived previously. Water taxes keep going up now, so I don't see where it would be any different with meters.	10/12/2019 5:54 PM
397	Money concerns I'd like to reduce my impact; but as a renter already paying 60% of my income to rent and utilities, I could not afford to pay more.	10/12/2019 5:51 PM
398	Already conserve We already do our part to conserve water. Putting a meter on would not change anything as we already do all we can to conserve water	10/12/2019 5:43 PM
399	Generally negative No water meters!!! Taxes are already too high!!	10/12/2019 5:42 PM
400	Money concerns Wont change Why cons We do not have a water supply problem so I don't see why a meter would be needed to help conserve the drinking water supply, unless this statement means water already treated (question 1). I think that if these facts are correct and you bill based on usage, with no flat rates or service charges, the usage of residents will decrease and the residents will conserve water. The city will also be able to conserve the treated water supply. However I am doubtful that all the cost savings would be passed on to residents. I would expect, based on the facts above, my metered usage charges to be split in half if this is implemented. Service fees such as a basic fee for service is not warranted as the service is already existing throughout the city. For rental properties a program would also have to be introduced to protect tenants and landlords in the case of a change to meters. I also think that meters will exploit not only the heavy water users but also those who are marginalized. Who can't afford to fix a leaky faucet or toilet. This will need to be addressed at no cost to other consumers. Because the city is spearheading the change they should be responsible for all implementation and the problems that may arise as a result.	10/12/2019 5:36 PM
401	Money concerns You need to explain if it would actually save money, is there a correlation between cost and production? If not what's the point!	10/12/2019 5:27 PM
402	Generally negative I grew up in BC, moving to Cornwall is a shell shock at how far behind the times the city is. I would recommend by-law conservation initiatives before water meters. Give the thought a few years, before my city went to water meters cause they wanted to save and budget for it properly they implemented a water schedule. You could only water your gardens and lawns on the odd or even days that correlated with your address, and only in the coolest hours of the day. I can't tell you the amount people in this town that water for hours in the dead heat of the day. Start there! They people of this town struggle with to much change to fast	10/12/2019 5:27 PM
403	Money concerns its a money grab in glen walter they kept raising the cost although people were using less then the minimum usage	10/12/2019 5:15 PM
404	Money concerns I agree on the water meter, just not the \$95/year for ten years to install them	10/12/2019 5:11 PM
405	Money concerns Depending on the cost of installation verses the savings incurred. Also no conflict of interest like Montreal.	10/12/2019 5:09 PM
406	Generally positive Water meters should only be installed in households that have pools or those that have sprinklers and sprinkler systems to water their lawn on a regular basis	10/12/2019 5:08 PM
407	Money concerns Water should be free	10/12/2019 4:54 PM
408	Generally negative Perhaps water is being wasted due to old water supply piping which has an impact on the overall average residential use. We are not in favour of meters, which will be a significant expense to the residents of Cornwall, and no doubt an expense that the City will collect from the taxpayers.	10/12/2019 4:49 PM
409	Already conserve This would not change our water use because we are conscious of the usage. However, how much water is being lost by leaks in the system!!!	10/12/2019 4:49 PM
410	Money concerns We have lots of water in Cornwall and conservation is not an issue, and people can't afford more costs.. water she old be free	10/12/2019 4:40 PM
411	Money concerns If the current system covers the cost for residents then why change it. The people with swimming pools and spas would probably need to pay more as they are using more so give them a meter.	10/12/2019 4:24 PM

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412	Money concerns Wont change Why cons Putting a 'sin tax' on the amount of water we use will only hurt the poor. Rates of water consumption only go down because the cost of using ones normal amount of water would be too high. We are a municipality in Canada. The country with the largest supply of fresh water in the world. Next we'll have oxygen meters and will be charged for every cubic meter of air consumed. The current method of taxing our water consumption should be sufficient.	10/12/2019 4:14 PM
413	Neutral Nil ? households with pools should pay for extra water consumption	10/12/2019 4:09 PM
414	Money concerns Water meters are very expensive to install and is not fair for large families	10/12/2019 4:06 PM
415	Generally negative One of the reasons why I moved back to Cornwall was because it didn't have metered water. Would be disappointed if that was to change.	10/12/2019 4:04 PM
416	Wont change Why cons It does not make any difference for water conservation. A person who believe in water conservation will do everything possible without even meter. This is just another tax in the name of water conservation.	10/12/2019 3:53 PM
417	Money concerns If we go over it's just another high bill we have to pay	10/12/2019 3:42 PM
418	Money concerns They are inaccurate and cost taxpayers more in the long run	10/12/2019 3:33 PM
419	Money concerns I just can't pay more than I am in water taxes and don't want to pay for a water meter or installation of one. Struggling just to pay a mortgage and taxes.	10/12/2019 3:22 PM
420	Money concerns What I recall, when Ottawa converted to metered water, they eventually increased rates because they weren't bringing enough. People were penalized for conserving.	10/12/2019 3:11 PM
421	Money concerns I believe your estimates as to the amount of water we use may be high. Unless u are including commercial business. I Already use a minimum amount of water. If everyone consumed less water I suspect the city would just raise rates (tax) so that they could keep their water infrastructure \$ high. Can I get off city water by using a well.	10/12/2019 3:10 PM
422	Money concerns We already pay enough money to the city. We dont need to pay more	10/12/2019 3:09 PM
423	Money concerns Money scam..	10/12/2019 3:06 PM
424	Generally negative Water meters are a bad idea.	10/12/2019 3:02 PM
425	Neutral Nil ? We had a water meter installed the last time the city was looking at implementation strictly for our own information. It is still installed in our basement.	10/12/2019 3:01 PM
426	Impact on rentals How would people that rent has this put on them would it go by landlords pay and than rent go up	10/12/2019 2:37 PM
427	Money concerns End up costing more over the years.....keep raising the rate	10/12/2019 2:30 PM
428	Already conserve At our Household we try to conserve water everyday	10/12/2019 2:26 PM
429	Money concerns We already avoid unnecessary water use such as watering lawns/flower beds, washing cars etc. Water meters won't change that for us, but could for others. Unfortunately, water meters will always cost more at the end, no matter how much water use reduces.	10/12/2019 2:22 PM
430	Generally negative We have too many meters in our lives right now I dont believe another will really help. I am not in favour of a water meter.	10/12/2019 2:19 PM
431	Neutral Nil ? nonee	10/12/2019 2:19 PM
432	Money concerns Water meters do not take into account the requirements of a large family... it is a way cities can tax grab on the less fortunate.	10/12/2019 2:01 PM
433	Money concerns The overall cost of install of the meter would run into the millions of dollars for the city. Then you would have a means of reading the meters by electronic or other means. The meter would need to be serviced for back flow valve and accuracy of the meter which would have an added cost to the homeowner. The practice of using water meters is highly recommended when cities and town have a limited source of water or operating at capacity both these issues are not a problem in Cornwall. The water treatment is operating at half capacity since its began. We have less large industries in Cornwall than ever which are metered already so therefore we are only talking residential. The source of the infrastructure is more likely to cause water loss in the system than what could be saved by water meters. In closing the cost of production of potable water is a fixed number, if the reduction of water usage is lowered than the City will have to cover the cost by increasing the flat rate to recover the loss revenues somehow.	10/12/2019 1:43 PM

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434	Generally negative	Do not want City to implement water meters. Also, your per person water consumption estimate is not accurate for Cornwall thank you.	10/12/2019 1:31 PM
435	Generally negative	There have been many Municipalities that have proven that a water meter did not help and is inaccurate.	10/12/2019 1:29 PM
436	Money concerns	I've been on water meters in the City of Ottawa, larger families who have less income tend to suffer. water meters also make it hard to predict you finances. The population of the city of Cornwall is stagnate and therefore we are not overconsuming water. there are virtually no city pools any more, people do not put pools in the way they used to, we certainly did not suffer from a drought this year, no one had their hoses on. when the population rises, we can consider it. we will all be under water soon with the climate crisis	10/12/2019 1:18 PM
437	Wont change Why cons	We have an endless abundant supply of water in the St Lawrence River	10/12/2019 1:13 PM
438	Money concerns Wont change Why cons	We have the St. Lawrence river to provide us with an abundance of water. We the residents of Cornwall pay enough taxes and the City wants to put water meters in! I think the residents of Cornwall pay enough!	10/12/2019 1:05 PM
439	Generally negative	I would preferred to police the wasteful few and to educate people on improper use of treated water , things such as washing down driveways and sidewalks	10/12/2019 1:00 PM
440	Generally negative	Water should be free, its the building block of life, Canada has so much drinking water we allow it to be dumped in the Ocean , Where does the St Lawrence Seaway go?	10/12/2019 12:52 PM
441	Generally negative	Water is a natural resource that we all need to live. I don't want it metered.	10/12/2019 12:39 PM
442	Money concerns	Never in the history of mankind has any "City", "Municipality" or "Corporation" installing meters saved the user money, it always costs the user more however the entities end up saving costs and making money.	10/12/2019 12:36 PM
443	Generally positive	Hurry up installing them.	10/12/2019 12:22 PM
444	Generally positive	I live alone. I'm sure I don't use as much water as a couple or a family, yet my rates are based on the number of taps I have. This is a ridiculous method of charging people. If people were charged according to the amount of water they used, I'm sure they would be more careful. No more 20 minute showers or watering the driveway for instance.	10/12/2019 12:14 PM
445	Generally positive	Water meters are pay as you use. this will help residents make decisions to not mow grass during heat waves and then water extensively to have a green lawn. It will also encourage keeping residences in good condition. No leaking faucets, toilets. Betterment for the whole community.	10/12/2019 12:06 PM
446	Money concerns	Given our household is based on a fixed income... Water meters would make it more difficult to meet our monthly and yearly bills. A water meter would considerably cripple us financially even more. Our household is an 12k annually income household and water meters would not be to our benefit.	10/12/2019 12:04 PM
447	Money concerns	Just a tax grab	10/12/2019 12:01 PM
448	Money concerns	In the first 5 questions, there seems to be no consideration on the cost of installing water meters!	10/12/2019 11:48 AM
449	Generally positive	Object to paying a monthly water tax for the times I am away and not using any water. Feel meters could curb water wasters who wash their drives and leave sprinklers running all night.	10/12/2019 11:34 AM
450	Neutral Nil ?	At this time, 1 senior living in her ow home with mulched flower beds, pays exactly the same amount as a household of 6, with a garden, swimming pool, 2 adults and 4 children taking baths/showers, laundry, toilet along with friends who stay over etc.	10/12/2019 11:32 AM
451	Money concerns	I just see this as one more way to take more of my money and make showers and drinking water not a free moment of relax and now itll be stressful and limited	10/12/2019 11:14 AM
452	Money concerns	Again using conservation as your goal to hide behind another tax grab to increase city revenues to run a faulted Pringle's city!	10/12/2019 11:09 AM
453	Already conserve	I already conserve (i dont water the drive way for example!) so it would not change my use... but sure would change a lot of peoples.	10/12/2019 10:51 AM
454	Wont change Why cons	Water meters will not do much. It is the culture that needs to change, through education. Forcing only leads to frustration and anger.	10/12/2019 10:50 AM

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455	Generally positive	Knowledge is everything. If the consumer knew their consumption they may be able to reduce consumption. If dollars are attached (another form of tax) this would harm large families with school age children.	10/12/2019 10:39 AM
456	Impact on rentals	Tenants of rental properties should be responsible for paying water usage bills.	10/12/2019 10:37 AM
457	Generally positive	I do believe that having water meters would help conserve water. There are some residents that use a tone of water just to make their grass as perfect as can be.	10/12/2019 10:32 AM
458	Impact on rentals	Lots of rental properties in Cornwall not sure installing water meters will matter.	10/12/2019 10:21 AM
459	Money concerns	Unfortunately this will hurt seniors with low incomes	10/12/2019 10:04 AM
460	Already conserve	Money concerns We already conserve water at home, and are doing just fine thank you! I know family who have had these meters installed and pay more than they did before, even when they don't have any children, use their washer, hose etc. And they pay more than they did before! We already keep paying high electricity rates, our property taxes keep going up, and nothing improves in our neighborhood to make it look nicer, and this is just another gimmick that's going to end up costing us more money, and we're tired of it... we're already long hours to keep our house... we don't need to worry about surprise water bills, I like knowing what we pay the way it is!!!	10/12/2019 10:04 AM
461	Money concerns	Waste of home owners money. It only for the city to profit off it.	10/12/2019 9:52 AM
462	Generally negative	All this is going to do is have people buying more bottled water. Then more plastic waste. Make sure you let people know there will a charge for disposal of the water. Just because every other city dies it isn't a good reason to do it here. So glad this new mayor is helping us out	10/12/2019 9:46 AM
463	Already conserve	My house hold conserves water now and we dont drink the city water	10/12/2019 9:25 AM
464	Money concerns	This is just another move to gauge people for more money, how about looking for it in the salaries and expenses of upper management? As a retired couple who earn just 1000 dollars a month in combined pensions we certainly won't be able to afford any kind of increase in our bills! Thanks again for thinking with your wallets.	10/12/2019 9:21 AM
465	Money concerns	People would sacrifice health and hygiene to save money because the population already struggles with lower income, poor health outcomes. Clean and safe housing is already in short supply, landlords would transfer costs to low income tenants, making their struggles all the more difficult	10/12/2019 9:20 AM
466	Money concerns	You would just raise the rate for water regardless of we home owners having meters. How about businesses will they be held to the same rates or higher?	10/12/2019 9:15 AM
467	Money concerns	Just another money grab with the name conserve to make it look like your doing something good ya right	10/12/2019 9:00 AM
468	Generally negative	I feel this survey to be persuasive and one directional. I agree with most statements made and I understand why it would be worth contemplating going metered. This survey does not demand results for the negative and positive effects of a metered water system, therefore it is a useless/incomplete survey. "Would this affect your next home purchase being in cornwall vs an unmetered area?" I bet you get over 90% saying it would. It just another one of those perks to residing in Cornwall we're close to losing.	10/12/2019 8:58 AM
469	Generally negative	I live in a high rise building. I live alone. I am concerned and conscious of our environment and I feel that I am doing my part in conserving energy including water usage. I see a lot of wasted water usage as I walk/drive through our city during the summer months. Educating folks on when and how much to water their lawns could save a lot of wasted water usage! I would not be in favour of water meters. Sounds like a very costly solution to water conservation!	10/12/2019 8:56 AM
470	Neutral Nil ?	I have a city water in my basement. Has been installed years ago. And still waiting for it's application	10/12/2019 8:54 AM

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471	Money concerns For 1, this is a lowwww income city. 2 you would adding another burden onto those who work , most people in Cornwall take there pay check and pay, rent, electricity, gas to heat, once these are payed there is barely enough to put food on the table. Now you to buy clothing for the kids put gas in the car to get to work I'm sure buy now you see where I'm going with this. Take renting a place to live .the rent is out of this world . The electric his far hight then place like Saskatchewan or Alberta I say this because I have lived there.and I have proof . I can go on and on here , so in short adding another monthly bill will only result in some people no being able to pay and children will suffer.	10/12/2019 8:52 AM
472	Money concerns For the first year people will save money. With the current mayor the second year we will be over taxed.	10/12/2019 8:51 AM
473	Money concerns I lived in Lancaster for 10 years and we had bills averaging \$300.00 a month. There are a lot of low income families struggling in old diapidated homes where the plumbing is far below standards. Leaky pipes, toilets running water daily, etc. Fix the problem with slum landlords not renting properties that are livable or up to standards. Fix the horse before you fill the cart. Not in favor of water meters.	10/12/2019 8:43 AM
474	Already conserve I should not have to pay more for water when I am already conserving. I do everything in my power to recycle as much as I can.	10/12/2019 8:39 AM
475	Neutral Nil ? Très difficile de trouver le lien pour faire le sondage en français. Pourquoi ne pas limiter l'arrosage de pelouses au 2 ou 3 jours selon l'adresse municipal- chiffre pair/impair.	10/12/2019 8:36 AM
476	Wont change Why cons This survey is asking nonsense questions that stack the deck. You give no information about how volume of water influences costs. That might be a reason to make a decision. Certainly there is no shortage of water as we live on one of the largest water systems on the planet.	10/12/2019 8:31 AM
477	Neutral Nil ? To ensure conservation there would have to be an electronic email sent out on a monthly basis to show water usage. Also on this report adding previous month usage versus current month usage	10/12/2019 8:27 AM
478	Already conserve I conserve water now I don't need a meter	10/12/2019 8:20 AM
479	Neutral Nil ? 1. From the link I got from the email, I didn't have the option of doing the survey in French, which I was looking for; 2. Je me questionne sur les chiffres mentionnés en ouverture: d'où provient l'estimation pour les résidents de Cornwall? 3. Suite à ma réponse au #2, je considère que le sondage est biaisé afin d'obtenir des réponses favorables pour le projet;	10/12/2019 8:11 AM
480	Already conserve Generally positive We're already conserving our water. Water meter would drastically reduce the amount I pay for my water taxes annually. Count me in!!!	10/12/2019 8:10 AM
481	Money concerns Sad part is people with young children and pools cannot afford to pay more and they sure would pay	10/12/2019 8:06 AM
482	Generally negative My family and I, just like many in Cornwall do not want a water meter. We don't need to be watched and charged for everything for the most part when asked by the city to conserve water we can and do. We are not a big city, but we're being treated and taxed like one. **NONE OF US WANT THIS IN CORNWALL, WE DON'T WANT THIS**	10/12/2019 8:06 AM
483	Money concerns its all a money grab from the city for us to py more and the taxes would go up anyway why don't you tax people who had there hoses out all night on there grass and flower beds leave the little person alone every one will pay for those who waste al the watwr on there flowers and grass	10/12/2019 8:04 AM
484	Impact on rentals I thing this would work for homes that are owned by the tenants. However, we own several rental units and I would be concerned if there was a possibility of the rates going up. We pay for all of their utilities and have noted that there is much waste on the heating side (windows open and heat on). Some of our units are for high functioning special needs and so trying to get them to buy into conservation efforts is not always possible. If you were going to implement this can you propose something that would protect landlords? Either a cap that is the same as what we pay now or don't put the meters on rental units.	10/12/2019 8:02 AM
485	Money concerns Concerned about cost of implementation for individual tax payer on top of existing water tax. Accuracy of meters?	10/12/2019 7:50 AM
486	Money concerns As long as the cost to install water metre is not charged to the household I am 100%for it	10/12/2019 7:48 AM

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487	Generally positive	People would be motivated to use less water if they can save money. I feel water meters is the only way to go for Cornwall to reduce their water consumption which is quite higher than other municipalities.	10/12/2019 7:41 AM
488	Generally positive	Positive	10/12/2019 7:37 AM
489	Wont change Why cons	People that want/need to use water will continue to use it.	10/12/2019 7:32 AM
490	Generally positive	Rates likely increase for ongoing maintenance and future capital projects. Water meters will definitely reduce unnecessary usage.	10/12/2019 7:22 AM
491	Generally negative	We lived in a town where our water was metered. We used less than the minimum amount of water but had to pay the same fee as people using more water. Which I thought was grossly unfair. Also if you used more water such as for watering your garden you paid a higher sewer fee, which I think is not right as nothing was going into the sewer.	10/12/2019 7:16 AM
492	Generally negative	This is just another way the stupid city management team is trying to destroy the average home owner by increasing taxes!	10/12/2019 7:11 AM
493	Money concerns	I said yes to all the Questions BUT knowing Government Officials all they are going to do is Gouge us Taxpayers AGAIN absolutely know faith in our three levels of Government	10/12/2019 7:06 AM
494	Neutral Nil ?	nil	10/12/2019 7:00 AM
495	Generally negative	I think they have proven to be inaccurate so I'm not sure I would trust the new system. Until there is a fool proof system I don't think water meters are a good choice	10/12/2019 6:57 AM
496	Money concerns	How much to install the equipment?	10/12/2019 6:42 AM
497	Impact on rentals	My only concern, is that I own many rentals in Cornwall. How will this affect negligent tenants? Will meters be transferred into existing leases?	10/12/2019 6:37 AM
498	Money concerns	Water meters are proven to be inaccurate and fail. Why put this extra cost into a low income community? This is a terrible idea and nothing but a money grab.	10/12/2019 6:31 AM
499	Wont change Why cons	I am one person living in my place, and do not use much water as it is, so unsure if this would actually affect my usage at all.	10/12/2019 6:29 AM
500	Generally negative	waste of resources	10/12/2019 6:03 AM
501	Generally negative	Different generations use and waste at different people in social housing or welfare systems don't care enough to make a difference everything is free to these people people who pay taxes matter	10/12/2019 5:23 AM
502	Wont change Why cons	No real impact as we will still take showers , do laundry , wash dishes , water gardens . We buy bottled water because city water taste like javex	10/12/2019 5:04 AM
503	Money concerns	The initial cost of purchase and installation is high will be handed down to the tax payers. Define incentive programs before asking my opinion as to their effectiveness. Most Cornwall property appears to be low income rentals. How will any incentive program work for them or be used.	10/12/2019 4:46 AM
504	Money concerns	as long as it doesn't cost more than what I am paying now	10/12/2019 4:37 AM
505	Impact on rentals	What about rentals. It is always a free for all, tenants overuse, they have no ownership and will take all the time.	10/12/2019 4:36 AM
506	Generally positive	It is frustrating to see people watering their lawns in the summer. Water meters would eliminate some of that	10/12/2019 2:55 AM
507	Generally negative	I don't agree on water meters. City should be focusing on road repairs!! Crazy idea....	10/12/2019 2:21 AM
508	Generally negative	I don't NOT agree with installing this new water meter system	10/12/2019 2:12 AM
509	Generally negative	We already pay water taxes, please don't change what already works...	10/12/2019 1:42 AM
510	Already conserve	Wont change Why cons I don't believe a water meter will benefit my home. We already pay attention to our water consumption and do what we can to keep it to the necessary	10/12/2019 1:39 AM

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511	Generally negative Not impressed with the direction that the City is taken. You are supposed to serve your constituents and not your own ideology with again no proof or facts to back your claim. You should be facilitating your residence lives, all people have seen is from City Hall is a lot of intrusiveness, stay out of our lives. You guys can't even get simple things done, very frustrating to say the least.	10/12/2019 1:37 AM
512	Money concerns It's not fair for people with pools that's will now have to pay more. Water and property taxes are already so high it makes it difficult to maintain and keep your home	10/12/2019 12:14 AM
513	Money concerns City revenue would decrease dramatically with implementation of metres. Citizens would use less and pay less initially, but the city would have to recoup that lost revenue by raising rates or raising other taxes. In the end you will have low consumption, exorbitant rates (to make up for lost revenue), and brown and dusty lawns.	10/12/2019 12:12 AM
514	Generally negative They installed water meters where I lived in Australia and it did nothing worthwhile, it just made things worse, the Brisbane city council just complained about the grass dying because no one would water their lawns and it made the city look less green, here in Cornwall most people are renting so water meters would drive up rents and make people's lives harder	10/11/2019 11:59 PM
515	Generally negative I don't think this is a good idea, while it can be helpful, it feels like another way Cornwall is policing its citizens. What the beginning of the survey forgets to mention is that we also pay some of the highest taxes for a small municipality in Ontario.	10/11/2019 11:44 PM
516	Wont change Why cons Answered no on question 5 because we already make efforts to reduce water consumption. For our household a meter would not change much	10/11/2019 11:38 PM
517	Money concerns People with young children often do more laundry than others, so it will cost them more. People with pools who fill their pools with fresh water every year may decide to buy water from other sources so that might reduce the use of drinkable city water.	10/11/2019 11:31 PM
518	Already conserve We already conserve water. We don't water our lawn. We don't have a pool. We don't leave taps running. Laundry is only done if there's enough for a full load. We don't allow teen-daughters to spend over 5min in the shower (was your parts and get out) etc etc. Before installing water meters, update the city's plumbing first. I certainly do NOT want to get charged for water I'm not consuming. Now my neighbors on the other hand... like the dingdong washing his car daily, or the nitwit watering the lawn when the skies are grey and rain is coming... I'd like to see City employees handing out tickets for that nonsense.	10/11/2019 11:24 PM
519	Money concerns People should pay according to their usage. This means NO BASE RATE! YOU PAY FOR WHAT YOU USE!	10/11/2019 11:22 PM
520	Money concerns Seriously, we are taxed so enough. An average household income is struggling as is. Water is a necessity and water meters should NOT be considered. I agree more what the city of Cornwall had implemented a couple of years ago, that lawn be watered only every second day or so. Water meter is NOT the solution.	10/11/2019 11:07 PM
521	Money concerns The problem is some people dont care. implement by laws for watering lawns. Encourage water saving low flow faucets and shower heads. Biggest concern would be for apartment buildings. Tenants dont care and landlords would be on the hook. Stop nickel and diming your citizens. We had a free boat launch at the R.C.A.F. wing you said that charging for parking and that fees would improve boat launch. Well that didnt happen nothing is getting policed and children are still playing in the launch unaware of the danger and refuse to get out of the way when boats are backing in or out. Stop taking from citizens we have had enough want more money from us show us some improvement. Because nothing's happened so far as for our mayor I didnt vote for her and im not voting for that money grabbing wench either.	10/11/2019 11:01 PM
522	Generally negative Don't want meters.	10/11/2019 10:59 PM
523	Already conserve Money concerns We already conserve water. This is just another way to control citoyens. It is the corporations and factories that waste water. Not the average family. Just adding more worry and financial worry on the citizens of Cornwall.	10/11/2019 10:51 PM
524	Money concerns They dont, it's a money grab	10/11/2019 10:49 PM
525	Generally negative You dont want to hear what i really think of this!	10/11/2019 10:45 PM
526	Money concerns It is just a way to tax people and fund salaries of public servants. NO WAY. We pay enough taxes. Are you willing you cut municipal taxes to get meter so things balance? Water is a neccessity and a right, not another monopoly to control and tax like the milk and poultry. Start fixing leaking pipes for water wasting and come back to us in few years.	10/11/2019 10:39 PM

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527	Money concerns	Meter or not, I still have to flush my toilet, take a shower and wash my clothes. With a meter I will either have to pay more (I'm sure you will charge me for the meter) or have a lower quality of life.	10/11/2019 10:35 PM
528	Generally positive	i don,t know why the city waited so many years to do this. it will be good for all residents.	10/11/2019 10:32 PM
529	Money concerns	People are not used to conserving water unless they have been on a well system. Would be interested to also know the cost of the meters and the cost of water consumption in other cities compared to water cost without the meters!	10/11/2019 10:31 PM
530	Already conserve Generally positive	We already have installed low flush/dual flush toilets and we conserve water all the time. I know that having a water meter will reduce the amount I have to pay for using water because we use a lot less than the average household in Cornwall. Water meters will definitely impact the usage waste of water everyday.	10/11/2019 10:27 PM
531	Generally positive	I think people would consider using less water for lawns if they were being charged by how much they used, and would think twice about length of showers.	10/11/2019 10:26 PM
532	Already conserve Money concerns	We already work to conserve water...we don't need meters they are only another tax grab for the city. If council voted it in our family would vote to get them out of office in next Municipal election. I'm sure most corwallites would do the same. It wouldn't conserve any more water, it would only put more burden on us. It also has proven to not work very well in other municipalities, also this city is made up of seniors and lower income families we don't need any more stress put on us.	10/11/2019 10:23 PM
533	Money concerns	I feel water meters are a tax grab. Water consumption may decrease due to people being afraid to use it otherwise they get too big a bill. Also, the fees will keep increasing due to meter maintainance, salary increases, etc.	10/11/2019 10:19 PM
534	Already conserve	We already do our best not to waste water. We lived in London for 10 years and the water costs were high. There were sewage cost added in there as well. This all came with our hydro bill. I realize that some residents do waste water but with high percentage of seniors in our city it may be an added cost that would add hardship	10/11/2019 10:03 PM
535	Generally positive	Good idea	10/11/2019 9:55 PM
536	Generally negative	Stop finding reason too put them we don't need them	10/11/2019 9:48 PM
537	Already conserve	We already do our part for conserving water. We don't water our lawn, we don't take long showers...no baths anymore. We don't run the water to rinse dishes, we collect rain water for indoor plants. Perhaps fine people wasting water on lawns when the sprinkler has been on all day.	10/11/2019 9:43 PM
538	Money concerns Wont change Why cons	The cost of installation of water meters is astronomical and as we have an abundant supply it would be a totally cost non-effective exercise taking years to recover the cost. City Councillors wake up and stop trying to look like you care about the envionment	10/11/2019 9:39 PM
539	Generally negative	I entirely oppose a water meter. Water is necessary for all kinds of use. I also resent the City telling me what to do in my own household. What are we?? a communist country?	10/11/2019 9:38 PM
540	Money concerns	I pay water tax, property tax, and whatever other taxes I pay through out the year. There are enough taxes paid throughout the year and they rise annually. Homeowners pay enough. We care about out homes, and the community and ensure our properties are well kept. If you want to implement this, then best go after rental property owners so the tenants have to pay for the water usage! Their the ones who dont care, and use all this water and electricity when they pay a rental fee all included! They dont pay property or water taxes! Leave property owners alone	10/11/2019 9:38 PM
541	Money concerns	I do not want the city of Cornwall to install this on my home and properties as it would potentially decrease my rent profit and cost me more. I and other landlords may be forced to raise rent substantially should our tenants utilize more than a fair amount of water. Take into consideration large families who struggle enough financially as it is, by implementing this it may cause financial hardship. I vote NO on this proposal.	10/11/2019 9:30 PM
542	Money concerns Wont change Why cons	again you politicians fail to take into account human nature. people really dont care about conserving water. installation of meters will be horrendously expensive despite the politicians saying otherwise. install meters in all new and extensively renovated buildings and grandfather in the existing homes.	10/11/2019 9:26 PM

City of Cornwall - Water Meter Survey

543	Money concerns	We need more information ie: cost to implement, etc. before making an informed decision. As a homeowner, yearly rates for water are already high enough. I'm open to change if it is not on our dime. I sincerely didn't not think there was a water issue in our area.	10/11/2019 9:19 PM
544	Money concerns	In the long run, it will cost more and there will be nothing we can do about it.	10/11/2019 9:10 PM
545	Money concerns	Lived in Glen Walter with a meter just another government cash grab. Sick of it. I make same salary as I did 20 years ago. How can any one retire unless they work for a branch of the government.	10/11/2019 9:09 PM
546	Generally negative	No water meters , just start telling people to stop watering their lawns, no need to waste water by watering lawns. It's common sense.	10/11/2019 8:59 PM
547	Money concerns	What is the cost of 150 liters per day per resident? What is the cost per meter installed and basement wall repaired where necessary? The question is return on investment.	10/11/2019 8:56 PM
548	Already conserve Money concerns	I am concerned that metering water is only another way to generate more tax revenue. I do not waste water as it is now so metering will not change anything in that regard.	10/11/2019 8:55 PM
549	Money concerns	U would have to use less because u couldnt aford to use more because of water metor	10/11/2019 8:51 PM
550	Money concerns	Meters are there to make money not to conserve water.	10/11/2019 8:51 PM
551	Generally positive	If a person pays for the amount of water used they will pay more attention to the amount of water.	10/11/2019 8:48 PM
552	Money concerns	Water was put on earth for us to consume, do you wanna charge for the air we have to breath too!? Families already can't afford all the taxes and bills we already have, where does the money go to anyway?	10/11/2019 8:46 PM
553	Impact on rentals	As a small landlord with 1 rental property which I use as a retirement savings, my feeling is that the cost of water will increase for me as tenants do not care how much water they use. As I cannot make them pay for water while they already are in a lease agreement with me, I feel this would unfairly punish small landlords.	10/11/2019 8:37 PM
554	Generally negative	I dont support this by any means. Not because of the monitoring of water but because of the radiation these meters give off. I already try to limit the amount my family is exposed to but slapping a meter onto our house will greatly increase the levels we are exposed to this.	10/11/2019 8:25 PM
555	Money concerns Wont change Why cons	They are an unnecessary expense that will have zero impact on water consumption. We draw our water from the St. Lawrence river. There is no shortage.	10/11/2019 8:25 PM
556	Wont change Why cons	The water level is too high in the St. Lawrence River so there is no need for strict measures.	10/11/2019 8:24 PM
557	Generally positive	Having lived in other communities with metered water, I can say most definitely that meters make people more diligent with their water usage.	10/11/2019 8:22 PM
558	Neutral Nil ?	This survey seems to be skewed for the results to warrant the City of Cornwall to install water meters. Please don't be ignorant of the publics intelligence. If you are already in the plan stages of putting water meters this survey to try and male us feel like we have a say in the matter is moot.	10/11/2019 8:22 PM
559	Generally positive	We would tend to be more careful	10/11/2019 8:21 PM
560	Generally positive	Currently our water/sewage taxes are based on the # of water outlets installed in our home. This is not a fair assessment, as it presumes that a house with more outlets uses more water. I can assure you that my husband and myself don't shower or use the facilities any more frequently than a house with less receptacles. In fact, a home with more members would presumably use more water. Having meters would not only help to conserve water, but would allow the residents to possibly save money by conserving water usage if their bills are too high. The current system is not based on actual usage and, as such, is not fair. In fact, it does not encourage conservation at all as not using any water, say while on vacation, would not have any affect on your bill. Meters allow residents to control how much they use and would help us all become better water stewards. Those who use more would pay more and conversely thiose using less would pay less.	10/11/2019 8:18 PM

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561	Money concerns I think it is another tax grab. We already pay high enough taxes and do not need another bill on top of our already HIGH TAXES.	10/11/2019 8:09 PM
562	Already conserve not everybody should be punished for water wasters. My family is very careful on what we use, some neighbors leave their hose on watering their lawn for days, also these are the people that do not recycle, these are the people that should be put on meters, Even city works don't care how much water is wasted, call then city works one time about water running out of a pipe at the old courtaulds plant and never did nothing for along time before it was caped .	10/11/2019 8:05 PM
563	Money concerns All water usage should b metered so that people aren't watering their lawns during summer drought, simply because they don't have to pay more for it.	10/11/2019 8:04 PM
564	New builds only I believe the correct procedure is to start now on new houses and meter them. As well if there is a renovation permit that touches the water system then force meters on them. Keep a grandfather clause it will will work. We have infinite water source from the St. Lawrence. Concern about a shortage is a con job. The city should impose lot levees instead or water meters. The only city that does not charge lot levee's	10/11/2019 8:00 PM
565	Generally negative I was on one before not a great idea.	10/11/2019 7:54 PM
566	Generally negative I do not think they are needed. Also, how do you know how much water we use, if we don't currently have water meters?	10/11/2019 7:54 PM
567	Money concerns I own rental properties and having one water meter for three units would do nothing to conserve water but would cause me to raise the rents. Currently I pay the water taxes and have not raised any rents in over 20 years. If a water meter was installed I will definately raise the rents.	10/11/2019 7:49 PM
568	Money concerns I feel this is just another money grab and a way for the city to collect more from our pockets. Please do not do this. We are not wasteful with water. This will be expensive. We are so regulated now! No to meters!	10/11/2019 7:47 PM
569	Money concerns As we would all love to conserve waterthat fact is that the majority of the population in the city of cornwall can not cover the cost even with incentives/rebates. Unfortunately ot would probably put most homeowners in way more debt with the city then they are currently.	10/11/2019 7:44 PM
570	Already conserve I have a large family and already conserve as much as possible. It is not fair that we use the same lines and mains as my neighbour who has 3 less people.	10/11/2019 7:43 PM
571	Money concerns All this is going to do is raise the prices of already expensive housing. I already pay a water bill and all utilities ON TOP of \$1300 in rent. If you force a landlord to install something in my house that is known to be faulty, who do you think is going to eat that cost? I can promise you it isn't my landlord. My rent will go up, they will charge extra on an already ridiculous water bill and I for one, a person who is working two jobs to keep their house afloat, cannot afford for the City of Cornwall to look at another means of gaining more money from its already highly taxed citizens. Find another way to make your money.	10/11/2019 7:39 PM
572	Money concerns it is a huge expense to install and upgrade when metres fail. Why not hire a bylaw officer instead to issue citations to people that leave their sprinklers on during rain storms etc. Or charge extra on taxes for people that own pools or more than 3 bathrooms. Like the City Hall building or any city owned building should pay their share.	10/11/2019 7:39 PM
573	Generally positive I am in the process of signing up for the voluntary water meter program. I see many neighbours that seem to use excessive water. I believe that if everyone was more aware of how much water they consumed, and knew that they had to pay for it, they would be more careful with consumption.	10/11/2019 7:38 PM
574	Generally negative I have seen water meters installed in other communities. The only water conversation I saw was people not watering their lawns. Way to want to screw over the people who own pools. If these meters are installed is the city going to shut off all water fountains and shut down city pools, stop having the fire department have their sprinkler go off on hot days in the summer or other activities with water to help with the impact on water conservation.	10/11/2019 7:34 PM
575	Neutral Nil ? We need way more information. What would the cost be per litre used? Would their be peak periods that would be more expensive? Will residents have to pay for meter installation? What will the cost be if any for maintenance and checking the meters? Will there be protections for low income residents? So much more information is needed before anyone can intelligently answer.	10/11/2019 7:27 PM
576	Generally positive Metereing allows us to see the results of our own water use, & can give us clues as to how we might reduce consumption.	10/11/2019 7:26 PM

City of Cornwall - Water Meter Survey

577	Generally negative	everyone uses what they wish and our water taxes cover so leave things alone that are not broken..	10/11/2019 7:26 PM
578	Generally positive	I think water meters would make people more aware and maybe wouldn't waste water like watering their lawns when it is raining..	10/11/2019 7:24 PM
579	Generally negative	I think the biggest offenders to water wasters are those who wash their driveways and vehicles daily and over water their yards. I think imposing water restrictions during peak months would be a benefit (only water your yard/garden or wash your car on even days if your address is an even # for example). Couple this with an extensive ad campaign on social media and local radio about the importance of water conservation. Maybe work out a partnership with a water timer manufacturer for outdoor taps for consumer rebates so people aren't overwatering their yards by accident because they forgot the hose was on.	10/11/2019 7:19 PM
580	Money concerns	I think, unfortunately being we have the highest rate of people on a system for income (welfare, odsp, etc) water meters will add pressure to landlords to increase rent to where the low income housing would not be sustainable. Plus as a homeowner, knowing I pay higher city taxes than friends & family in Ottawa/Kingston/Ajax, with FAR less amenities, if we meter water than city prop taxes should take a dip for a year or two to regulate.	10/11/2019 7:11 PM
581	Generally negative	No meters, are you canceling water taxes	10/11/2019 7:10 PM
582	Money concerns	I believe the system works, but I don't fully trust the municipality to ensure that I save money by conserving water in the long term.	10/11/2019 7:09 PM
583	Generally negative	I think they are ridiculous, expensive inaccurate Sick of city controlling every thing!	10/11/2019 7:09 PM
584	Impact on rentals	As a landlord of single family homes in Cornwall my biggest fear is that due to water not being on the lease for my present tenants, they will abuse the water consumption and force me to either sell the houses or look for ways to evict them so I can raise the rent over \$100 for each house in order to cover any incidental costs (like when the tenant refuses to pay the water bill). Cornwall is a lower middle income city with many on social welfare and pensions... many families rent homes in Cornwall and already are struggling to pay the rents that are at present market value. Raise those rents another \$100+ and we will see families on the streets. As it stands, families cannot fond affordable rentals, add another expense and these families will break. Many rentals in Cornwall are owned by small landlords, who, if faced with the additional cost of water meters and the associated risks, will pull out and sell their properties and invest elsewhere. Right now Cornwall is attracting investors from Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto due to the affordability of this area... the City of cornwall needs to NOT BLOW IT!!	10/11/2019 7:07 PM
585	Money concerns	What financial benefit is there to water meters? We are seniors on a fixed income. City taxes are very high! Do not make them higher. We conserve water now!!!	10/11/2019 7:05 PM
586	Generally negative	Education is the key - not metering. Electricity is metered but it does nothing for conversation. Education helped here and higher efficiency appliances and LED lighting	10/11/2019 6:55 PM
587	Generally positive	Pay per use obviously works as stated in your comparison of use rates with other cities	10/11/2019 6:53 PM
588	Money concerns	We are a household of 5, 2 adults & 3 kids. We do our best to conserve water. Adding a meter and thus yet another bill that would continuously increase over the years would cause a huge financial burden.	10/11/2019 6:53 PM
589	Generally negative	Absolutely do not want!	10/11/2019 6:49 PM
590		Comment removed to due inappropriate content	10/11/2019 6:48 PM
591	Generally positive	If we waste it then we should pay for it.	10/11/2019 6:45 PM
592	Money concerns	Who is paying installation, just another program the citizens have to pay for, that's why the City never installed them decades ago	10/11/2019 6:40 PM
593	Generally negative	I do not want a water meter!	10/11/2019 6:39 PM

City of Cornwall - Water Meter Survey

594	Already conserve Money concerns	We are a family of 6. We have upgraded our home to all energy efficient appliances, we consciously make an effort to use water wisely. We don't water our lawn, my flowers are draught resistant and I honestly feel that meters will not be beneficial in any way shape or form. As a home owner I already pay property and water tax and I will not pay for the installation and maintenance of a water meter.	10/11/2019 6:33 PM
595	Money concerns	I think this will be a problem for many Cornwall families and individuals because of the income Cornwall families make. Many are already in financial stress and this will just add to it.	10/11/2019 6:29 PM
596	Wont change Why cons	In my opinion meter or no meter most people only use what they need ! In knowing people who have these on their home they may have 2 people and still pay as much as a family of 4-5 this is just another way to increase money for the city ! This city needs a lot more things fixed then worrying about water ...think about this before passing another unwanted bill for the city of Cornwallclean up the city ,make people keep there property up ! we will never get any business to invest here !!!drive around council and take a good look at the ugly city you represent !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	10/11/2019 6:27 PM
597	Money concerns	I feel that charging people for water is just another money grab for the government and that it will not make people conserve water.	10/11/2019 6:23 PM
598	Impact on rentals Money concerns	Even without water meters cornwall rates go up anyway.Also you are putting any landlords,which we are seeing less and less,due to high costs of taxes on being responsible for the meters in their apts.Sorry but I do not see where water meters will help,it's only another cash grab from the city.As being one of the last municipality without water meters,why should we care,it's working as it is! Leave it alone	10/11/2019 6:22 PM
599	Money concerns	The other communities have meters, Cornwall would have to install new ones resulting in about \$8 million of set up costs plus the lifecycle costs of maintaining and eventually replacing the meters. Residents trying to reduce their costs may be disappointed as when the volumetric water flows are reduced, the fixed costs remain relatively constant, and those costs per litre of water used will have to be increased, raising the residents bill for water. Lastly, there is no shortage of water for Cornwall in either the water supply or purification plant capacity. Thanks.	10/11/2019 6:20 PM
600	Already conserve	We already do as much as possible to conserve water consumption in our household.	10/11/2019 6:16 PM
601	Impact on rentals	What about tenants. I would be in the responsible if my tenant is irresponsible.	10/11/2019 6:14 PM
602	Generally positive	If there were water meters installed, people would not waste water as much.	10/11/2019 6:11 PM
603	Wont change Why cons	I do not believe that water meters will help with the water conservation. I already do my own water conservation by not watering my lawn, not let the tap running when I brush my teeth, use rain water, repair dripping taps, take shorter showers and not every day etc. I agree with a lot of people that we pay enough taxes and it is too bad that a lot of people water their lawn when not needed. These people should be fined and we should not suffer because of a few irresponsible people. Also who will have to pay for the installation of these water meters? I think we the residents will probably end up paying. It is a shame that so many people are struggling with all these curves that are being thrown at them.	10/11/2019 6:11 PM
604		Comment removed to due inappropriate content	10/11/2019 6:09 PM
605	Money concerns	Why should we have to pay for water ? This will hurt low income families and probably come from their grocery money	10/11/2019 6:01 PM
606	Money concerns	I dont believe we should have meters.....we pay water taxes as is and I think it's just another way for the city to make money.....people are gonna use water if they need it	10/11/2019 5:50 PM
607	Money concerns	Can Cornwall afford to install these meters on every household? Are we just going to be paying more taxes to cover the cost of installation. Cornwall has a terrible tax system...we pay a lot for not much. Instead of comparing water consumption.....compare taxes between cities. We moved here from York region, and we pay a whole lot more in taxes...we had metered water, and yes, we did conserve water.....but our water was cheaper in York region as well.	10/11/2019 5:50 PM
608	Already conserve	Our house hold already conserves water.	10/11/2019 5:44 PM

City of Cornwall - Water Meter Survey

609	Generally positive	Please implement this water measurement system. Our environment depends on it.	10/11/2019 5:41 PM
610	Money concerns	A water meter would only help if everyone in the household made an effort to conserve water. Otherwise, it would put a financial strain on it.	10/11/2019 5:41 PM
611	Neutral Nil ?	No comments	10/11/2019 5:37 PM
612	Generally positive	I think peoples might reflect on how much water they are wasting.	10/11/2019 5:37 PM
613		Comment removed to due inappropriate content	10/11/2019 5:34 PM
614	Money concerns	I feel that water meters may reduce water consumption however I do not feel it will help the consumer with lower prices. Greed and money are the winners every time. I have yet to see a reduction on any of my taxes to date and they keep cutting services. I had to have my gas meter redone because the gas company wanted it now done a certain way and it was not to cost the home owner. Hahaha, let me tell you it cost me around 500.00 in the end. So no thanks to more meters.	10/11/2019 5:29 PM
615	Already conserve	Already try to conserve water....	10/11/2019 5:26 PM
616	Wont change Why cons	I use what I need and will never miss a day bathing regardless if there is a meter or not. I use what I need and I don't think I'm being wasteful. Water is plentiful in this region.	10/11/2019 5:21 PM
617	Generally negative	City has been promising meters for years, so I never squeaked, one person household paying over a thousand and I recycle water.	10/11/2019 5:20 PM
618	Generally positive	350 to 400 litres average consumption for a Cornwall resident seems rather high. Would be in favour of water meters if residents consuming less water would be entitled to a rebate and higher consumption residents would pay the maximum amount.	10/11/2019 5:17 PM
619	Money concerns	I will disagree if we are still going to pay \$800 annually, then pay metered water. The current situation seems to work fine. We need enforcement so people do not water their lawn needlessly, and make filling swimming pools with city water illegal. Pool owners should pay to fill their pool.	10/11/2019 5:16 PM
620	Money concerns	This is a \$\$\$\$ grab	10/11/2019 5:07 PM
621	Generally negative	Don't do it!	10/11/2019 5:06 PM
622	Already conserve	Impact on rentals I'm a responsible person, my husband and I are carefully using water...also we have a rental property wich would be very expensive to pay for tenant who don't care...we can't dictate to people what to do in there home,,,I always strongly suggest to used cold water for washing,,,I d'ont water the lawn...I do not allow dishwasher, ,, , so we don't need extra expenses,,especially when we're retired people with a fix income. ..thanks. .	10/11/2019 5:05 PM
623	Generally negative	Expensive, inaccurate, many failures. Concentrate on more important issues	10/11/2019 5:03 PM
624	Generally negative	I came from the city of Barrie which implemented water meters. It might work for the city. It did not help the residents. Grass was left to die. Gardens suffered. It's not just about bathing and drinking. It's about keeping our green spaces healthy. Which keeps the ground and air healthy. Also, what about families and seniors on already restricted budgets. I was informed that residents here used to have tanks underground from there eavestrough. Which they were forced to remove. A good water source for green space. You are so worried about water consumption, but you classify our yardwaste as garbage all summer. We do not keep green bins here. Let's not jump the gun until the whole environmental system can be researched. And a good plan implemented with Cornwall public input and then a public vote. I think a small few are making decisions that are not their right. Just my opinion and feelings.	10/11/2019 4:58 PM
625	Money concerns	did other municipalities water rates increase or remain the same after meter installation. has overall impact if water meters showed any significant gains. where does cornwall see itself after 5 years if water meter use	10/11/2019 4:53 PM
626	Generally negative	Do not want them!!	10/11/2019 4:43 PM
627	Money concerns	There are enough taxes paid as well as water tax to be sufficient for each household.	10/11/2019 4:34 PM
628	Money concerns	Enough with gouging the taxpayers! Penalize those who are wasteful instead of making us all pay for their overages! If something this ridiculous is enacted, our water taxes better become non existent!	10/11/2019 4:29 PM

City of Cornwall - Water Meter Survey

629	Generally positive	I would to see water meters in house holds, but families with a veg. garden get a lower rate	10/11/2019 4:27 PM
630	Money concerns	Water meters will only add to the cost of living that most Cornwallites cannot afford. That is the only impact that the meters will have. More poverty and conservation ONLY because people can't afford to pay more to live than they already do.	10/11/2019 4:27 PM
631	Generally positive	With no way of knowing what your usage is per day a meter would help bring consumption down and hopefully bring a rebate for conserving.	10/11/2019 4:20 PM
632	Generally negative	We don't need it atm so many other things need attention right now ! People are frustrated already with all the changes happening so I'd say this is not the time to add to the mayhem	10/11/2019 4:16 PM
633	Money concerns	its just a way for the government to bleed more money from the poor	10/11/2019 4:13 PM
634	Generally positive	Use more water, pay more. Very simple.	10/11/2019 4:10 PM
635	Generally positive	As a senior citizen a metered system can only benefit me. I am using less water now than ever yet paying 800 dollars a year	10/11/2019 3:54 PM
636	Already conserve Generally positive	I think they would really help by reducing the amount of lawn watering that happens in Cornwall. Especially for those that water even when it is raining. I do not believe my consumption would change much since we already do our best to use as little water as possible.	10/11/2019 3:41 PM
637	Money concerns	Another form of tax grab by our municipality to attack our hard earn wages or pensions.	10/11/2019 3:16 PM
638	Generally positive	It's about time! When I moved here I was shocked by the flat fee. People who conserve are subsidizing those whose water their grass while it rains. I never saw so much water wastage until I moved here - I was quite shocked by how thoughtless peoples' use of water in this town is.	10/11/2019 3:10 PM
639	Impact on rentals	I don't believe that water meters would be successful in conserving water in Cornwall due to the extremely high number of renters (tenants) in cornwall vs the number of home owners. While SOME (few) homeowners may be incentivized to reduce their consumption as a result of metered consumption and incentives, it would not be sufficient to offset the number of tenants who would have absolutely no regard for their consumption because they are not paying for it. I also believe that placing the burden on landlords to over the cost of consumption of water by tenants would further exacerbate the affordable housing crisis that Cornwall is experiencing. We are owners of a multi-tenant residential building in Cornwall. The property tax rates are excessive to the point that we cannot afford to do anything beyond the minimum repairs and maintenance on the building. Our rents are affordable (below the average for all 12 units) but this means that we are forced to pay out of our own pockets for unforeseen expenses, and can not afford to pay a property management company, which is causing extreme stress and therefore we are considering selling our property, but this has proven to be challenging based on the exorbitant property tax rates. If we were forced to pay for the consumption of water by tenants we would be unable to continue renting at the current rates, and would likely be forced to sell. We are a two income household earning over \$130,000 before tax, but we incur an annual loss on our rental properties every year. The city of Cornwall really needs to consider whether it can afford to lose affordable housing as a result of this program.	10/11/2019 3:08 PM
640	Generally negative	No good for home owners	10/11/2019 3:01 PM
641	Money concerns	Friends and relatives in other cities who have switched to metered water rates all claim their rates have risen steeply. These are all couples whose children have left home and so use far less water than a family with three or more members. Based on these reports, I am somewhat wary of water meters. Also, I figure these cities must have set the static portion of the monthly bill too high.	10/11/2019 2:39 PM
642	Generally positive	This will reduce greatly the lawn watering waste	10/11/2019 2:35 PM
643	Already conserve	I already do my part to conserve water as do many of my neighbours. It is not necessary to have meters as many of the population are already aware of the climate problem and are doing their part to help the environment.	10/11/2019 2:06 PM
644	Neutral Nil ?	Why do you send out these surveys, when you have already planed to go ahead with it anyway, sound familiar, like the open air burn..	10/11/2019 1:55 PM

City of Cornwall - Water Meter Survey

645	Money concerns	Water meters are just another way to tax tax's payers more . We as a household pay a lot annually for this service and conserve without the use of a meter . While it may be helpful for some , we do not need this to help us conserve	10/11/2019 1:52 PM
646	Generally positive	I'm sure an effort would be made to conserve water. Water is scarce in parts of the world.	10/11/2019 1:32 PM
647	Money concerns	Basing water bills on the number of taps is ridiculous. If we don't have metres it should be based on the number of people in the household. I paid twice as much for water in my last house than I do in this one with a pool (which I no longer have). Metres would definitely make our payments "fair". That being said, I'm not willing to pay for the metre, and feel it should be provided by the city - or at least provide government rebates.	10/11/2019 1:22 PM
648	Generally positive	I live alone and pay for other resident consumption. I am not sure if this would save me or not.	10/11/2019 1:20 PM
649	Generally negative	This is ridiculous we don't need them	10/11/2019 1:10 PM
650	Generally positive	I do think that people would conserve more when it comes to watering lawns or wasting water watering their driveways.	10/11/2019 1:09 PM
651	Money concerns	As long as there isn't any charge for installation.	10/11/2019 1:09 PM
652	Money concerns	Just another way to make people pay for something that should be free. It's another money racket. We already pay enough for taxes, electricity, groceries, gas, etc.	10/11/2019 1:06 PM
653	Generally positive	A rebate incentive program for low volume flush toilets would be a great incentive to get householders on-board.	10/11/2019 1:05 PM
654	Neutral Nil ?	Water rates should depend on size of family, not fair to meter a home with a family of 4 with small children the same as a family of 6 with grown children.	10/11/2019 1:05 PM
655	Money concerns	If water meters were installed free of charge, or a nominal charge (less than \$100 in total), then my household would agree to the installation, provided the metering would solely be used for informational purposes...not as a "charge for usage" basis	10/11/2019 12:50 PM
656	Wont change Why cons	If people choose to conserve water, they will do so regardless of whether or not they have a water meter. Those who choose not to conserve will still not conserve even with a water meter. It is a mindset issue not a meter issue.	10/11/2019 12:47 PM
657	Generally positive	Get it done already.. and all installation costs borne by home owner. NO FREE INSTALLATION.	10/11/2019 12:43 PM
658	Wont change Why cons	We do not use a lot of water - only one kid who dislikes showers, no pool, seldom water the grass - so meters would not change our usage. However, for many others they hopefully will become more aware of where and how they use water and will curb their usage to reduce their bill	10/11/2019 12:41 PM
659	Wont change Why cons	If I end up with a water meter or not, I'd still be using the same amount of water. Dishes, laundry etc. I've been on metered water before, and paid triple what I pay now(yearly). For lower income households, they will be the ones unable to afford water for their children's, pets.	10/11/2019 12:40 PM
660	Money concerns Wont change Why cons	I'm still not clear WHY we need water conservation in a country that has enormous water resources. I don't care how much we use if it is in good supply. I do care about the costs if they are reflected in either my taxes or metering. I would like to know if my taxes pay for it currently and if so how metering affects things.	10/11/2019 12:36 PM
661	Money concerns	My experience with water meters in other municipalities does not reduce costs to consumer	10/11/2019 12:34 PM
662	Generally negative	We do not want water meters	10/11/2019 12:29 PM
663	Generally positive	I think it's a given that if you know how much water you use and you are not paying at flat fee for unlimited water a competent person would want to save water or at least money.	10/11/2019 12:21 PM
664	Generally positive	Because we pay a flat rate regardless of usage, I see many people wasting water. Housing driveways instead of using a broom, hours watering lawns (which means those people cut the grass more frequently wasting other resources and causing pollution), filling swimming pools with garden hoses, letting the water run while washing their cars.... we conservers pay for their unnecessary waste of water.	10/11/2019 12:19 PM

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665	Money concerns	Water meter would be nice if there was an option for equal billing	10/11/2019 12:19 PM
666	Generally negative	Would prefer not to have one	10/11/2019 12:05 PM
667	Money concerns	Save who money, surely not the rate payer. It would be the same thing as energy saving appliances. Electric rates keep going up anyway. The same for fuel efficient cars...price of gas still goes up. Less service more money.	10/11/2019 12:04 PM
668	Neutral Nil ?	We have one at the moment however it would be nice to have a readout periodically as for consumption.	10/11/2019 12:03 PM
669	Money concerns	I am unsure if we really need to have this. We are being taxed accordingly by the numbers of bathrooms, pools, etc. The cost of adding this is huge and you already have it in big commercial buildings. I just think this is another cash grab. These days it's all about climate change and reduce reuse recycle. Go to the 40% household that don't recycle enforcement should be done.	10/11/2019 12:00 PM
670	Neutral Nil ?	My home already has a meter..	10/11/2019 11:58 AM
671	Generally negative	ridiculous	10/11/2019 11:58 AM
672	Generally positive	I should pay for only what I use and I would welcome a water meter .	10/11/2019 11:50 AM
673	Generally negative	If this happens no one aill be clean no one would want to shower .our grass would be brown another thing the water truck that waste water washing roads in the rain. Our taxes and water taxes cover this. We want a break from paying paying paying rise this rise that. Sick and tired of payibg. You want our economy to grow give us a chance to save. We are beyond paying high taxes and water taxes. Then you want more more more please stop this everyone will be dirty and stinky dirty clothes. No one will want to shower anymore. Give us a break.	10/11/2019 11:46 AM
674	Already conserve Money concerns	We already use the least amount of water possible and fear that a water meter may not help keep the cost down at all, and that this would force us to try to use even less, to the point of lowering our quality of life standards, and we can only hope that we could transfer these costs to our tenants, (if meters were installed) as they will only abuse the amounts of water they use if they are not paying for it directly. we're already approaching the edge of financial ruin due the higher costs of everything, the last thing we need now are any additional expenses, or we'll be forced to sell everything we have.	10/11/2019 11:43 AM
675	Generally negative	Water meters are notoriously inaccurate, will you be metering the massive amount of water that is just flowing down the sewer drains when the city is performing road work?	10/11/2019 11:35 AM
676	Money concerns	I don't think that Cornwall's population can afford to pay for a program like this. I lived elsewhere in Ontario that had meters and it's expensive, why fix something thing that isn't broken.	10/11/2019 11:35 AM
677	Generally positive	I am so disappointed that Cornwall does not have water meters. Many mornings I walk my dog and see water running into the sewers from sprinklers left on all night - I see sprinklers going when it is raining - with no deterrent to water use people abuse the privilege - in today's world of conservation and climate change the City of Cornwall should be ashamed for not having meters - no study needs to be done - get started with all new homes today and start implementing everywhere ASAP.	10/11/2019 11:35 AM
678	Generally positive	Good idea, if people who conserve are compensated	10/11/2019 11:31 AM
679	Money concerns	It would be nice to know what treating our water costs per gal.	10/11/2019 11:29 AM
680	Generally positive	Having volunteered for the water metering a few years ago, I was extremely disappointed that there was no follow up. While metering would personally result in my rate going down being a single resident who respects water consumption and metering would bill those who waste water like there is no tomorrow. I have seen people running defacto car washes, watering their driveways almost daily, watering lawns on a daily basis and using thousands of liters of water in pools. This later item (pools) is insanely treated by the city as a minor water item as my billing went down by a whopping \$20 when I filled in my inground pool (28x24x10)! If we are charging \$20 for this massive type of water use then our city seriously needs to wake up if we are ever to address far more serious issues facing us today.	10/11/2019 11:25 AM
681	Money concerns	I like the idea and think it would be beneficial. However what is the cost of the meters	10/11/2019 11:21 AM
682	Money concerns	Not interested in more tax grabs and fees by our municipality	10/11/2019 11:20 AM

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683	Money concerns	I see water meters as an increased cost passed on to the consumer. This is not welcomed.	10/11/2019 11:19 AM
684	Wont change Why cons	Cornwall has an unlimited supply of water from Lake St Lawrence. What would the benefit be to monitor household usage? Reduce consumption? The only possible saving is the chemicals used to treat the water. Cornwall is not growing. Why is water consumption even on the radar?	10/11/2019 11:16 AM
685	Money concerns	like anything else cost cost cost. tax tax tax. installing, servicing. as far as i am concerned there will be no conservation and we will end up paying more for our water.	10/11/2019 11:15 AM
686	Money concerns	To expensive to install water meters	10/11/2019 11:14 AM
687	Neutral Nil ?	No	10/11/2019 11:03 AM
688	Generally positive	Water consumption in Ontario is a problem or will be in the future. Ontario allows bottled water companies to sell water that is a product of Ontario residents to start with. If this practice does not stop soon, I suggest that every person in Ontario become a legal supplier of bottled water. This way, we can sell the water from the City of Cornwall to offset our cost for water meters and the water itself. I know bottled water is not the issue but if you need to install meters, I understand and am all for that but at the same time, do something to help the environment as well as just yourselves. When the meters are in place, impose a bottled water tax on any retail establishment that sells bottled water of any sort, impose a mandatory bottle bounty on each bottle , plastic of glass, and make return of each bottle mandatory and impose a city wide tax on bottled water that is not bottled in and by the city. Sell your water to help offset the meter installation costs instead of passing it on the the end user. If you want control on water, go all the way and help the environment at the same time.	10/11/2019 11:03 AM
689	Neutral Nil ?	Answered above	10/11/2019 11:00 AM
690	Money concerns	Fix existing infrastructure before spending more money.	10/11/2019 10:59 AM
691	Money concerns	Little of any .. water meters are an excuse for water conservation and the best and easier way the city has for increasing their water revenues.	10/11/2019 10:51 AM
692	Generally negative	For (one) I/we still do not drink the city water and (2) I/we do not want to have to make the decision between daily use such as taking a shower vs whatever else.	10/11/2019 10:51 AM
693	Generally positive	Most municipalities have water meters and Cornwall should as well. I understand that the residents are used to not having a water meter, however should not be the sole reason the city does not implement. Residents need to become responsible consumers of water, and if they are paying for what they use, it will encourage people to use less	10/11/2019 10:46 AM
694	Generally positive	Many people take long showers wasting allot of water. So this would probably decrease time in the shower!	10/11/2019 10:45 AM
695	Money concerns	It's a very expensive program to implement and manage with very little return on investment and constant water meter rate hikes. The cities by laws and regulations are already making life miserable Enough for the residents	10/11/2019 10:45 AM
696	Generally positive	It is annoying to see the needless use of water in Cornwall. Two biggest problems 1 - People who water their grass in the middle of day during a heat wave; 2 - water bills are based on the number of bathrooms/pools in a persons house. I have 2.5 bathrooms but only two people living in the house. We consume far less water than what we are being charged. We also do not water our lawn/garden during the heat of the day. We should be charged for what we use NOT what is estimated.	10/11/2019 10:42 AM
697	Generally positive	I would really appreciate if some of our neighbors would turn off the automatic sprinkler when it rains. Having just moved in town, I find it very frustrating since we always were careful in our consumption on a well system. If you use it, pay for it.	10/11/2019 10:40 AM
698	Money concerns	What we notice and measure tends to improve. The days of taking water for granted are ended and it's time to be activelu conserving this resource.	10/11/2019 10:38 AM
699	Already conserve	We do not waste water.We use only what is necessary.	10/11/2019 10:33 AM
700	Money concerns	They definitely reduce usage. So much so that water rates have to increase dramatically.	10/11/2019 10:29 AM
701	Money concerns	This is another scheme to control and taxes.	10/11/2019 10:29 AM

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702	Generally negative	If the water metre uses RF(Smart metre) I don't want anything to do with it and if I'm forced I will sue.	10/11/2019 10:29 AM
703	Generally positive	Notice so much water waste in the summer people leaving there water sprinklers on for days no need for that	10/11/2019 10:29 AM
704	Generally positive	I seriously think people who wster there lawns all day ling all summer would decrease this bad habit. Such a waste of water for the city to even allow this to happen.	10/11/2019 10:28 AM
705	Already conserve Money concerns	We are all aware that we need to conserve water already and do our best to . No need to grab more money from the people.	10/11/2019 10:25 AM
706	Impact on rentals	As an owner who is conscious and who owns a big house with 4 bathrooms , I get hammered hard. As an owner of a rental property. This could be horrible as I would not have control.	10/11/2019 10:11 AM
707	Money concerns	The city of Cornwall will never do anything to decreased tax revenue... That would be foolish on their part... That being said we know that having a metre will increase the rates dramatically... I am for the water metre if our overall property taxes go down	10/11/2019 9:44 AM
708	Money concerns	If meters will help lower my water bill, that would be great. If not leave it alone.	10/11/2019 9:30 AM
709	Money concerns	Money grab	10/11/2019 8:50 AM
710	Money concerns	Meters would save water but let's not kid ourselves by thinking it will save the consumer money. Compare it to the price of gasoline, conservation has saved the consumer a damn cent	10/11/2019 8:48 AM
711	New builds only	It would make sense to begin implementing a pay by use on all who already have a meter in their home. All new builds must be fitted with a meter. Set a target to add new meters each year.	10/11/2019 8:37 AM
712	Money concerns	Who will pay for the installation of these meters?	10/11/2019 8:31 AM
713	Wont change Why cons	We live by one of the largest fresh water rivers in the world. We are not a city in the desert with a limited water supply that have to watch each drop. This is just another money grab by our city. People on limited income and pensions are being pushed to poverty just so this small city can keep increasing taxes as if we were a large metropolis. Think about this now that you've voted yourselves that record breaking increase to your saleries earlier this year. Shame on you all.	10/11/2019 8:19 AM
714	Money concerns Wont change Why cons	We live by the st. Lawrence river. We do not live in a area that is without abundess of water. This is another tax and cost that will make owning a home in this smalk city impossible for most. I am very disappointed that this is even a consideration in Cornwall.	10/11/2019 8:10 AM
715	Wont change Why cons	We have lots of water. Drawing from St. Lawrence River, not from a lake.	10/11/2019 7:59 AM
716	Money concerns	Just another tax ploy	10/11/2019 7:07 AM
717	Generally negative	No water meters	10/11/2019 6:38 AM
718	Money concerns	At the end of the day water taxes will continue to rise whether conservation is kept in mind or not. I believe the city could you these funds towards infrastructure instead.	10/11/2019 6:07 AM
719	Already conserve	We don't waste water, we use what we use	10/11/2019 5:54 AM
720	Money concerns	I use as little water as possible I do not want a water meter just another money grab !	10/11/2019 3:25 AM
721	Money concerns	Your question #5, I can predict water consumption down to low income families with kids and pensioners that have to decide between food or good sanitation. I see this option as another tax grab, low water rates at the beginning then creep up the rates twice a year just to keep up with the ridiculous salaries some of your city departments are getting. Do you think people with nice big salaries like the police and fire departments will give a hoot, they'll just ask for more money to make up the difference.	10/11/2019 3:02 AM
722	Money concerns	We already pay taxes for water which is freely given to us by the earth. Instead of meters try creating fines to homes that are wasteful ei: watering their lawns etc The only way water meters would be effective is if the first 250 liters per person was free and anything over the allotted amount used would be billable. People on minimum wage are already living below the poverty line so creating more household expenses is unfathomable!	10/11/2019 12:56 AM

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723	Generally negative	Let's end the "pet projects" and deal with real issues. Water meters have been discussed by several previous councils, and the results were the same... waste of staff resources. It won't make people conserve water. At best, people won't water their lawns in the rain.	10/11/2019 12:52 AM
724	Wont change Why cons	Not needed in Cornwall. We live next to the St.Lawrence River for Pete sake!	10/11/2019 12:22 AM
725	Money concerns	Water meter implementation would be so challenging in that people would have trouble changing their mind sets and this too would create immense back lash. Again, another something that will inhibit those already struggling to survive, knowing our population (retirees, CPP disability, ODSp etc..	10/11/2019 12:08 AM
726	Generally positive	Whether or not the general population agrees or not, this is the way to go.	10/10/2019 11:56 PM
727	Generally negative	I have used water conservation measures for years. I don't see how meters can help in apartment buildings. I already pay for my own heat and electricity. Water seepage underground should be tackled first.	10/10/2019 11:55 PM
728	Generally negative	To me this is a fairness of billing issue rather than conservation, we have a system of good supply and ICI users, who are significant users are already metered	10/10/2019 10:20 PM
729	Money concerns	Cornwall is a low income city. We would not want to cause hardship on families	10/10/2019 9:59 PM
730	Money concerns	We pay enough in water taxes	10/10/2019 9:44 PM
731	Generally negative	No to water meter.	10/10/2019 9:41 PM
732	Money concerns	It may help but you are not providing enough information at this time. Would I have to pay for the meter and if yes, how much because this would go against the potential savings if I implement measures to conserve. I do believe that it is essential to conserve water but not sure this is the best method.	10/10/2019 9:34 PM
733	Wont change Why cons	We need water to do every day chores, meters are not going to help with the chores.	10/10/2019 9:14 PM
734	Money concerns	How much would water meters cost to install on every house in town? How would that effect our taxes? How can you guess current usage without currently having water meters? If it ain't broke, don't fix it.	10/10/2019 9:01 PM
735	Already conserve Money concerns	We as a household already conserve water, and use it sparingly, as we have done for over 30yrs. The information provided above is false and misleading, not all municipalities have water meters installed. Water meters are a waste of money, they cost money to build, purchase, and install, all of which we pay for through taxes. For a small city like Cornwall, we pay a incredible amount of taxes including water taxes. Installing water meters would most certainly anger most residents of Cornwall, and it will not quell their use of water. The city should be focusing on figuring out ways to lower the existing water taxes, as they are too high. There is a lot of wasteful spending in the city of Cornwall, installing water meters would be an excellent example of that. As a hard working tax paying resident, i expect the city to keep water rates at a minimum, streamline the Water treatment plant, get rid of unnecessary spending and put simply make water affordable to everyone. The water meter idea will not work, and it will only fuel anger and frustration amongst the citizens, and cost us more money, money most of us "do not" have.	10/10/2019 8:55 PM
736	Generally negative	Enough already work on the ridiculous fire ban first.	10/10/2019 8:51 PM
737	Generally positive	Bring it on!	10/10/2019 8:18 PM
738	Impact on rentals Money concerns	I rent. I don't want this to be a way of transferring the cost of water to me as a renter. It won't lower my rent if I end up paying for a water bill. I cannot afford to anymore for anything.	10/10/2019 8:11 PM
739	Generally negative	I think water meters would just cause families who are already struggling financially to struggle that much more. They aren't going to wash less, do less laundry - cleanliness is essential - but charging people for all these things will create more financial burdens. If conserving water is the ultimate goal, perhaps put a ban on watering of lawns? That is truly wasteful. Meters aren't the solution.	10/10/2019 8:05 PM
740	Generally positive Money concerns	For many people, money talks. If they are charged for what they use, they will be more careful about water wastage - especially in the summer with watering their lawns.	10/10/2019 7:56 PM

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741	Generally positive	People will waste less if metered consumption	10/10/2019 7:48 PM
742	Money concerns	Water meters put an undue burden on those who may have small incomes and large families and who may not have the means to pay for use while having minimal control over the amount of water which they are using.	10/10/2019 7:40 PM
743	Generally negative	I agree with online comments. The City should be fining those who abuse water such as sprinklers running during rain storms. We are already taxed for the number of taps we have in our home. Increase water taxes on those who use more water for items such as swimming pools and hot tubs. That's where the increased usage is. I don't believe that these meters would prompt people to think about their water consumption.	10/10/2019 7:17 PM
744	Generally negative	Now, that people are paying a set fee, I have seen people leaving their warn sprinklers running for 24 hour. They do not care, as they are not paying for it.	10/10/2019 7:16 PM
745	Generally negative	NO to water meters. Ottawa has had and is continuing to have many issues with the meters. Exorbitant water bills in the many hundreds of dollars, vastly inaccurate readings, etc. PLEASE let's not go down this route. What we DO need is for a Bylaw officer, dedicated to policing the policies on water conservation, roaming the city looking for violators (eg. watering their lawns during rainstorms; filling their swimming pools; over-watering their yards until our precious water is flowing down the street and into the sewers).	10/10/2019 7:09 PM
746	Generally negative	Meters are not needed. Banning the watering of lawns, washing cars and driveways and filling of pools and requiring permits if one wishes to any of the aforementioned items and fines for those who disobey the bans.	10/10/2019 7:04 PM
747	Wont change Why cons	I have a meter installed already and our consumption really hasn't changed.	10/10/2019 7:03 PM
748	Neutral Nil ?	Would we still be paying water delivery on top of consumption	10/10/2019 7:02 PM
749	Neutral Nil ?	some people are wasteful of water ie. watering the lawn, hosing the driveway, washing the car every week, etc.	10/10/2019 6:54 PM
750	Money concerns	Water meters save water but not tax dollars.	10/10/2019 6:46 PM
751	Generally positive	I agree they should be installed. Some people are wasteful and now there will be an incentive to conserve.	10/10/2019 6:29 PM
752	Generally negative	Keep it the way it is.	10/10/2019 6:09 PM
753	Generally negative	no	10/10/2019 6:06 PM
754	Money concerns	Its great to use less water, BUT the city will continue to raise the rates every year as they will always say that it costs more per year to give us the water.....	10/10/2019 5:39 PM
755	Money concerns	Will the water tax per fixture be eliminated and this absorbed?	10/10/2019 5:33 PM
756	Money concerns	Will there be a reduction in water/sewer fees if meters are introduced? What about rates: will they be metered according to time of use (eg - lower rates if laundry/dishwashing done during evening or overnight hours)?	10/10/2019 5:30 PM
757	Already conserve	We basically use only what we need	10/10/2019 5:21 PM
758	Money concerns	More money the city wants from residents. I dont want to pay for your plans when you already misuse the taxes I already pay!	10/10/2019 5:18 PM
759	Already conserve	Two years ago I moved to Cornwall from Ottawa which has meters. I am accustomed to treating water as an expensive resource and have learned to use only what I need. I see alot of wasted water particularly the summer when many residents cut their lawns too often and too short and then leave their sprinklers running for hours. This obsession with growing the perfect lawn is costing us all.	10/10/2019 5:13 PM
760	Generally negative	It's always to benefit the City, not the residents	10/10/2019 5:09 PM
761	Money concerns	Wont change Why cons Initially it may lower water consumption but humans are creatures of habit and convenience, the cost of the implementation (meters, installation maintenance and replacement as well as staffing cost to read bill and collect would add a huge expense to the city and that money would be far better used to clean the water we do use and upgrade infrastructure to better protect what goes back into the river	10/10/2019 5:05 PM
762	Money concerns	If the water meter is installed and paid by the city, I'm OK with this choice. I don't think the owner should pay to have the meters installed.	10/10/2019 4:57 PM

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763	Wont change Why cons	It's not going to change anything in people's use of water	10/10/2019 4:57 PM
764	Wont change Why cons	Water is like gas in your car. You need it anyways, if the price goes up, you will still use the same quantity .	10/10/2019 4:55 PM
765	Wont change Why cons	The city of Cornwall never had a water shortage this is just a form of taxation	10/10/2019 4:52 PM
766	Generally negative	I don't believe that water meters are necessary to conserve water. They should a last resort to conserve water due to the amount of money it would require to install and maintain them by the City of Cornwall. There are many other ways to conserve water such as by-laws for watering lawns, requiring permits for pools/hot tubs and include an annual water fee.	10/10/2019 4:45 PM
767	Money concerns	This is nothing but a blatant cash grab! One more thing that makes be feel extremely negatively about the current city council! You've already regressed our garbage collection service level, eliminated joyous evening fires, now this! Awful idea!	10/10/2019 4:38 PM
768	Generally negative	We already conceive our water consumption this would change us but there will always be people that don't care and use everything we try to save regardless of what you do	10/10/2019 4:36 PM
769	Money concerns	It would cost way more to install, maintain, and service the meters. Than we would save. The city still has to bring a in revenue the same revenue to maintain the current levels of service. Therefore the rates would have to go up if we use less water. Also we are at only 35% of capacity already at the water treatment plant and the system is sizes for 100,000m3 per day. We are nowhere near capacity so is this even a problem worth wasting literally millions of dollars to fix? I don't think so. If you can prove that we would get a return on investment for this project in under under 10 years I would consider it.	10/10/2019 4:31 PM
770	Money concerns	I support meters provided you don't rig the prices and make the cost of using water for those low income, or seniors, too expensive.	10/10/2019 4:30 PM
771	Money concerns	Just another tax.. add it to the increasing list.	10/10/2019 4:10 PM
772	Money concerns	I'd like to see the cost of installing water meters on existing homes being portrayed here. You're asking for feedback but only providing a bit of information from which to base our responses. Hardly a fair feedback mechanism.	10/10/2019 4:03 PM
773	Generally positive	I think this is long overdue for the city of cornwall to implement. Time to get with the times, people will trump about it but they will trump more if there is no water to consume.	10/10/2019 3:59 PM
774	Generally positive	I fully support this idea	10/10/2019 3:43 PM
775	Money concerns	I believe that this would just be a money grab by the city under the guise of conservation.	10/10/2019 3:33 PM
776	Money concerns	Water meters will just add to the bills we have already, please install water meters IF you want to see an increase in if homeless people and people living in the east end, water meters are just another tax that is going to cause more people to be in debt, stick with the system we currently have!	10/10/2019 3:24 PM
777	Money concerns	Water meters would provide a more equitable program, however, the capital cost of the program would take years to recover and would not be worth the time and effort. Who would pay for the supply and installation of the meters? Cornwall has a different way of doing things, but it works. Why would the City spend millions of dollars to implement this program when there are more pressing matters, ex. the many kilometers of water/sewer infrastructure upgrades that are required.	10/10/2019 2:50 PM
778	Money concerns	To me this is another TAX grab. We pay our water taxes and now they want more.. For single house dwellers I don't feel it is required. Apartment dwellers YES unless The owner is paying in gross Volumn. There He would have to put a meter in for each appt. More money spent. Less revenue	10/10/2019 2:47 PM
779	Money concerns	Water meters are just a way for you to get more money out of people. Why do I even pay taxes?	10/10/2019 2:43 PM
780	Money concerns	This scares me as I don't know how to monitor what our current consumption is. I don't know what the change would mean financially for us.	10/10/2019 2:23 PM

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781	Generally positive	I absolutely want water meters in Cornwall. To me, it is inconceivable that we don't have them. I regularly witness people wasting water during summer. When I talk to them, they answer that we have lots of water, i.e. the St.Lawrence river. I can't seem to make people understand that ALL the water they use has to be cleaned before being returned to the river and cleaning adds chemicals and other products to the environment.	10/10/2019 2:08 PM
782	Money concerns	This seems like another way the city is trying to make money off of/tax/charge the residents..... perhaps yo pay for all the pipes that are being upgraded throughout the city	10/10/2019 2:01 PM
783	Generally negative	I think your survey is potentially flawed, as the City of Cornwall has no real way of knowing how much an average consumer uses, because there is no real calculation of losses in the system. By assigning 350L/per/day you are assuming that all the water leaving the plant is consumed by citizens - this is inaccurate. You are "leading" the public to support the program with misinformation.	10/10/2019 1:58 PM
784	Money concerns	The city of cornwall already collects a great deal of tax. I am a single woman. I already conserve water. I do not need to work a 5th job to pay for this. Try running the city more efficiently. I have run businesses, and i would be happy to advise.	10/10/2019 1:55 PM
785	Wont change Why cons	I think people who abuse it will continue to. Seniors will take anything for free. I am 62. And believe we can all do better not sure if this would help	10/10/2019 1:55 PM
786	Generally positive	It's about time	10/10/2019 1:42 PM
787	Generally negative	The water consumer at the end of the pipes is not the problem in the city of Cornwall. It is the infrastructure and the ghastly amount of water that leaks out the water transportation system before it reaches the household. Cornwall needs to address that first.	10/10/2019 1:26 PM
788	Generally negative	Do not fix what is not broken by taxing us for water!!!	10/10/2019 1:24 PM
789	Money concerns	i dont want another bill, everything keeps going up, cant get a break, living paycheck to paycheck is not a way of life, the more u make the more they take! but city officials wouldnt know what that's like I guess, just keep taking our money ans letting us fight to keep a roof over our head! thanks	10/10/2019 1:13 PM
790	Generally positive	If this is being established to conserve water it is a good idea but not if it comes with other regulations about how and when you use your water example ; laundry , grass and flower watering	10/10/2019 1:01 PM
791	Money concerns	Poor can't afford this	10/10/2019 12:54 PM
792	Wont change Why cons	Water is free. Water should always be free. It would be interesting to get the meter to measure the amount of water we use for scientific purposes but without having to charge people for water usage.	10/10/2019 12:54 PM
793	Wont change Why cons	I do not feel I would use less water, we watch what we use and don't run water unnecessarily, having a meter would not change but increase our rates. I do not agree	10/10/2019 12:33 PM
794	Generally positive	Water meters are an excellent idea and should have been implemented years ago	10/10/2019 12:30 PM
795	Money concerns	Waste of cities money money can be put to better use with all the new homes being built way more tax revenue for the city yet taxes still go up each year I'm on a fixed income and running out funds to make ends meet	10/10/2019 12:30 PM
796	Money concerns	How long will it take to recoup the initial cost of buying all the meters and their install/maintenance costs?	10/10/2019 12:27 PM
797	Already conserve Money concerns	I currently don't waste water. When I lived in Glen Walter, they installed water meters. Although my consumption did not increase, my water bill increased because I now had to pay for the cost of installation and then at the time, pay for someone to come around and read the meter...I'm tired of all of a decrease in service yet the on-going increase in fees.	10/10/2019 12:22 PM
798	Money concerns Wont change Why cons	People are used to using the same amount of water a meter won't change that it will just make things more financially difficult.	10/10/2019 12:19 PM
799	Generally positive	People would stop watering lawns and gardens when not necessary this conserving water.	10/10/2019 12:17 PM

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800	Generally positive This is a step in a positive direction for the city. Educating the public about water conservation is important but implementing programs like this to actually change individual behaviours is key to community change.	10/10/2019 12:14 PM
801	Money concerns There is not enough information provided with this survey. If a water meter is installed on my home, and I no longer pay water taxes, but instead pay based on my consumption, then yes, it would encourage me to conserve water - If I am going to see a savings. With this survey you should have included the cost savings to consumers based on the current system, and the new system with decreased consumption rates. No one will be on board unless they can tangibly see the savings.	10/10/2019 12:06 PM
802	Generally positive Meters would deter many from watering their lawns needlessly for hours on end (I've even seen sprinklers going when it's raining out). They would also correct a flawed system (in my opinion) of basing rates on the number of water outlets in a household. By design, larger homes tend to have more outlets, which doesn't necessarily translate to higher usage, but the owners get charged accordingly. Meters will cause people with high water usage to rethink their consumption, at least after they see their first bill. On that note, billing should either monthly or every two months. Shorter billing cycles will allow the heavy users to adjust faster than if billing is on a longer cycle, not to mention you having to handle the outcries and complaints because their bills are suddenly so high (through no fault but their own). Plenty of pre-introduction advertising and education is the key to a smooth transition.	10/10/2019 12:06 PM
803	Money concerns money grab	10/10/2019 11:58 AM
804	Comment removed to due inappropriate content	10/10/2019 11:35 AM
805	Generally negative water meters are always inaccurate - we pay more than enough right now - cost of living going up , and being a senior, can hardly make ends meet right now, and you want to install meters that do not work - (angry)	10/10/2019 11:26 AM
806	Wont change Why cons Very few would change their habits	10/10/2019 11:23 AM
807	Generally positive I think it is a great idea! There are so many people in our community that waste water by watering lawns on rainy days or washing their driveway every weekend. With how many people go with out clean water even in this country I can't believe some people abuse the clean water. We need to do our part	10/10/2019 11:22 AM
808	Already conserve Generally negative Money concerns We don't abuse the water at our home. We don't have a pool. We rarely water the lawn. A meter would actually hurt us more than the \$323.25 twice a year for water taxes.we spend our summer at the Campground. Just please don't do the meters. Not accurate, expensive, will hurt many homeowners. Thank you	10/10/2019 11:16 AM
809	Generally negative Water meters have been shown to not reduce consumption and there have been more issues and complaints in terms of faulty meters. The city also struggles as it is with enforcement and the tax burden is far too high in comparison with other municipalities. Education would be a better start and a campaign to understand. This city moves too quickly without exploring other options	10/10/2019 11:11 AM
810	Money concerns I feel this is just another way for the city to charge residents more.	10/10/2019 11:08 AM
811	Money concerns Just a random complaint: Our taxes per \$100,000 of assessment are among the highest in the province. There is no incentive as a result to build a high end home or development in this city. Will look to develop on the outskirts where the taxes are significantly less.	10/10/2019 11:08 AM
812	Impact on rentals I think this might help the landlords who have rentals and can charge tenants appropriately. But people who conserve should get a different rate for usage under a certain percentage or for less use from year to year	10/10/2019 11:03 AM
813	Money concerns This is Cornwall capital city of seniors and social assistance in this area, how much would it cost the city and residents to get these installed again taxpayers money and how long would it take to pay for this. How many years would it take the city to get their money back?	10/10/2019 11:02 AM
814	Money concerns Installing water meters for every household in Cornwall would be very expensive. Our taxes are high enough now. No need to add to our taxes if the system we have now is working fine.	10/10/2019 10:58 AM
815	Impact on rentals Too many rental units in city for it to be effective, as well as too many problems with city lines that would end up affecting home owners usage.	10/10/2019 10:53 AM

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816	Money concerns	We already pay for our water so no I dont agree with this. We do not need another bill for our water. I dont think people with children will benefit from this because they use more water than a single person or a couple.	10/10/2019 10:49 AM
817	Generally positive	I have moved into a condo and am paying double what I paid in a house in Montreal. We are two and consume little water. There is no logic with city council refusing to save water by not installing meters. The money is being spent to improve water treatment plants instead of reducing consumption by targeting the wasteful. Let's reduce waste and move on with the meter installation. Its a no brainer.	10/10/2019 10:42 AM
818	Generally negative	Where of money,most places who gave meters gave nothing but problems. Leave well enough alone for once	10/10/2019 10:40 AM
819	Generally negative	ITS JUST LIKE THOSE GAS METERS. THEY R NOT ACURATE.	10/10/2019 10:38 AM
820	Money concerns	Personally I don't think the cost of installing new water meters would be recouped in a sufficient amount of time to make a significant difference.	10/10/2019 10:37 AM
821	Money concerns	Water meters are too expensive, inaccurate and a drag on the home owner. Money grab for the city	10/10/2019 10:33 AM
822	Impact on rentals	as a landlord the tenants would have no incentive for conserving water.	10/10/2019 10:32 AM
823	Money concerns	This will cost tax payers a lot of money to implement.	10/10/2019 10:30 AM
824	Already conserve	We already are doing our part to conserve water as we are well aware of the benefit of conservation.	10/10/2019 10:30 AM
825	Generally negative	Do not want it	10/10/2019 10:16 AM
826	Money concerns	I don't think it works. And just where are people to find even more money?	10/10/2019 10:16 AM
827	Money concerns	As long as we conserve and our water prices dont go up. I have a duplex and its costing me around 450.00 every six months. I would not like to pay more because of the meters. I would expect to pay less.	10/10/2019 10:12 AM
828	Money concerns	They don't, there is still clothes to wash dishes to wash and personal hygiene. It will only take more money out of our pockets. Pockets that are almost empty due to the high cost of living.	10/10/2019 10:09 AM
829	Money concerns	What is the implementation cost of such a program and what impact would it have on the user rates and for how many years	10/10/2019 10:07 AM
830	Wont change Why cons	In my opinion the people are not willing to save water because they pay a high amount of money yearly regardless how much they use.	10/10/2019 10:06 AM
831	Generally negative	Water meters won't work	10/10/2019 10:04 AM
832	Neutral Nil ?	How	10/10/2019 9:59 AM
833	Money concerns	Only helps empty nesters with a lot of water fixtures. Families will pay more.	10/10/2019 9:57 AM
834	Money concerns	Meters help people conserve then the municipal government needs more revenue for water infrastructure and rates go up. This happened in Ottawa when we lived there. Taxpayers got the shaft	10/10/2019 9:54 AM
835	Already conserve	if people have to watch how much they are using water then they will. i for one don't use the water except for washing the floors laundry 2 times a week. i buy bottled water. so i hardly turn on my water except showers in alot of ways im already conserving water.ing for no more than 7 min. a day.	10/10/2019 9:54 AM
836	Already conserve Impact on rentals	I'll use the same amount of water but just be taxed more. How will this affect landlords/tenants? Will this cause rents to go up?	10/10/2019 9:53 AM
837	Generally negative	in cornwall water is wasted because we have to let it run for quite a while to get the bad smell out of it.....	10/10/2019 9:52 AM
838	Money concerns	It's bad enough we are paying an already existing water tax...stay out of my home! Every person I've ever talked to, in larger cities where these meters have been installed have cursed the city and its representatives. Stop trying to bleed the public for every spare nickel they earn.	10/10/2019 9:51 AM

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839	Money concerns	Right now there is no incentive to cut back water consumption due to the ridiculous rates we now pay, there would have to be a significant rate decrease included with meters.	10/10/2019 9:43 AM
840	Money concerns	People can't buy food or meds now and with added cost of paying water every month they will have to give up more	10/10/2019 9:42 AM
841	Generally negative	Against a water meter	10/10/2019 9:41 AM
842	Money concerns	A neighbor regularly hoses his driveway down rather than sweep. We do not need to worry about volume of supply, but cost of treatments	10/10/2019 9:40 AM
843	Wont change Why cons	personally for our household (2 retirees) uses less water than most so I doubt a meter for us would change anything as we are already a "low end" consumer.	10/10/2019 9:39 AM
844	Generally negative	NO. WATER. METERS!	10/10/2019 9:37 AM
845	Money concerns	The individual home cost will have to be looked at and who will be paying for such a thing!	10/10/2019 9:33 AM
846	Money concerns	This is only going to add more problems for the city and house owner..if you're smart..you already conserve water..I know we do...we don't need this extra headache to be added to our daily lives and in the long run this will end up costing the city and home owner more money which none of us can afford..there are a lot of retirees in this city and we do not need this extra headache added to our daily lives..thanks	10/10/2019 9:33 AM
847	Already conserve	I am already stingy with water use after years of conditioning living with a finite well. If anything, with a meter I would expect my costs to decrease.	10/10/2019 9:23 AM
848	Generally positive	People wash cars and driveways without regard to consumption. I think this will prevent that along with overwatering of lawns and unnecessary draining and rinsing of pools.	10/10/2019 9:22 AM
849	Money concerns	while renting an apartment 8 yrs ago the city did add a water meter but was never turned on? who paid for this cost? us? waste of time... like we need another bill added to what we already pay. im a new home owner and have enough bills already, please stop	10/10/2019 9:21 AM
850	Money concerns	Putting a control measure on water supply only serves to manipulate the costs further. As people cut down on usage to save money, the usage price point can be changed to make up.for the losses against the general public. So please.. so price tag on water.	10/10/2019 9:19 AM
851	Impact on rentals	I'm a landlord. Will separate meters be installed for each tenant?	10/10/2019 9:15 AM
852	Generally positive	It's important to conserve our water! I believe that measuring our water usage would alert us to using it wastefully!	10/10/2019 9:10 AM
853	Money concerns	This would really impact big familys finacilly	10/10/2019 9:02 AM
854	Money concerns	Pre cappda there is a lot of people on social asstance. I have seen water bills from people that are 400. People will not be able to afford. With rent being so high. There will be homelessness in our streets.	10/10/2019 9:02 AM
855	Money concerns	As taxpayers, we should have access to unlimited water. Things happen that would cause a household to use more water, at times, We should not be charged extra for those times.	10/10/2019 8:57 AM
856	Money concerns	A waste of taxpayers money. This household does not waste water. The consumption readings in this survey are way off. Had a water meter when I lived in another city, rates were very high. Too expensive..	10/10/2019 8:57 AM
857	Money concerns	No one needs another unknown bill. I own my home and already pay over \$900 a year for water. Will make rents go up as landlords(I am 1) will be unsure of cost of use and charge tenents even more to make sure the cost is covered. Why can't the city just leave well enough alone. Eventually, all these old people running the city will be gone and better things will happen.	10/10/2019 8:56 AM

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858	Money concerns like anything else, conservation of water in and of itself will not keep water rates from rising as the infrastructure is very old and needs to be replaced. Ask the residents of North Glengarry how effective water meters have been??? Will water meters prevent a situation that Glen Walter faced in 2018 and 2019? How will the meters be paid for last estimate was that the cost for meters was \$10m plus, what is the payback time for that? We have to pay Walmart \$5.2M and replenish the reserves for this, hopefully not on the back of taxpayers....There needs to be some funding between Municipal, Provincial and Federal governments for this project to proceed or else my opinion is that the Cornwall taxpayer cannot afford this.	10/10/2019 8:51 AM
859	Generally positive If people are billed as a result of usage, they will think twice before watering their lawn for hours on end and waste where it isn't necessary.	10/10/2019 8:50 AM
860	Money concerns Re # 4 Once a "tax" has been implemented, it NEVER decreases, always goes up and I feel this would be the same for water meters - you know increased revenue for the city	10/10/2019 8:49 AM
861	Generally negative If we start metering water usage then more ppl are gonna start buying more water in plastic vs just using reusable containers at home with free water	10/10/2019 8:46 AM
862	Impact on rentals How would this impact residents that rent?	10/10/2019 8:44 AM
863	Neutral Nil ? I have a meter and have no idea how water we use.....	10/10/2019 8:43 AM
864	Money concerns Wont change Why cons Just another tax grab. You just raise our taxes anyways, no need for this. Just because other cities do this, doesn't mean we need to do it. Most cities in Ontario are not on the St. Lawrence River. Also we have record levels of water in the river, no shortage there, so just another tax grab making our residents poorer	10/10/2019 8:41 AM
865	Money concerns Wont change Why cons Higher income families with pools, cars to wash, etc. will just pay the extra without conserving. I would also hope that the cost of installation isn't going to be reflected on the present water rates. Also, those using very little could be offered a lower water bill. (lower than what we have now without meters)	10/10/2019 8:40 AM
866	Money concerns No from my pocket	10/10/2019 8:35 AM
867	Money concerns I like to garden. I plant vegetables and flowers in town. I am retiring. If my water taxes are to high I will not be able to do the one thing that keeps me going. Maybe offer rain barrels and show people how to conserve water with water saving taps and other products. I think offer some solutions that people can afford. I am for conservation but let's make it affordable.	10/10/2019 8:34 AM
868	Wont change Why cons Some people will use water as much as they want whether they pay or not because they don't care. The abuse of water is in watering lawns. Placing a water ban in the hot weather season would facilitate water conservation.	10/10/2019 8:32 AM
869	Money concerns The cost of installing meters, hiring additional workers to read and maintain the metering, as well as how passing along these extra costs to renters (with the high number of lower income families) should be considered. The economic impact this will have is going to hurt many people over the long term.	10/10/2019 8:31 AM
870	Money concerns Wont change Why cons Why are we trying to conserve water? Is there a shortage, I think not. It's all for more money for the city. The cost of installation isn't worth it.	10/10/2019 8:30 AM
871	Generally negative There is no need for a water meter. Cornwall will lose many homeowners if you start implementing many rules similar to this..	10/10/2019 8:28 AM
872	Money concerns if I had a water metre installed at my house and I used less than the average or the mean water usage within the city I would like to have less cost to my water tax as a rebate and incentive to use less water	10/10/2019 8:26 AM
873	Already conserve having had a well for many years, we naturally conserve water even though we now live in Cornwall. Meters will adversely affect young families who do more laundry, baths, etc. They can not afford higher water bills and meters will increase their water costs. I have no problem offsetting their higher use with our lower use.	10/10/2019 8:25 AM
874	Generally negative No water meters.	10/10/2019 8:24 AM
875	Money concerns A clear breakdown of anticipated costs should be presented before anything is implemented, including information regarding whether there will be peak times, differential rates ex: first X-liters at \$X, and subsequent liters/usage at a higher rate, etc.	10/10/2019 8:24 AM
876	Money concerns If it was free to put the meter on then everyone would do and consume less however you will charge to add the meter which will piss people off and then charge for the usage	10/10/2019 8:20 AM

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877	Generally positive	I think its a good idea will cut down on waste.	10/10/2019 8:19 AM
878	Already conserve	Money concerns I already use minimal tap water, a meter would not help me conserve water... Allowing people to collect rain water will help people conserve water consumption... We pay a ridiculous amount in water tax, so with any luck this will bring that bill down for us.	10/10/2019 8:14 AM
879	Generally positive	I for one live in the city and it's just my husband and I we don't have a pool we don't have a hot tub we can serve pretty greatly. Get our taxes for water or exuberant! We know people who live in a country and have Pools and Hot Tubs and pay a fraction of the price. I honestly want to be charged for what I use as we know my husband and I we are both good with what we use. We're not wasters at all. I give two thumbs up. Because I have absolutely nothing to hide.	10/10/2019 8:13 AM
880	Money concerns	We have a meter in our home and it would coat us less than what we are playing now. Hopefully the rates wouldn't increase to meet todays revenues required.	10/10/2019 8:13 AM
881	Money concerns	Savings would have to be substantial for us to make an effort to conserve. Also, would an citywide reduction in consumption not adversely affect water quality at the tap? Before moving a head with water meters, perhaps a study on that issue would be advisable.	10/10/2019 8:08 AM
882	Generally negative	Once you get all the the meters installed, you'll just privatize it. No thanks.	10/10/2019 8:05 AM
883	Money concerns	Have had a water meter in my house for several years and have never been told if I saved or used more or the same ants of water this was a trial what I have heard is the cost is excessive to install and water taxes raises were crazy to cover costs	10/10/2019 8:03 AM
884	Generally positive	I'm not totally certain about the positive effect of meters in all situations just from the notes above, however one area of concern and probable positive impact would be on residents who overwater lawns every day all summer. I feel that sort of ridiculous behaviour would be impacted by the meter. Most people water wisely however there are those who don't.	10/10/2019 8:02 AM
885	Generally positive	Water meters may show the ones who water their lawn for hours that it doesn't pay to waste water. I would expect to see a reduction in water taxes for conservative users.	10/10/2019 8:02 AM
886	Money concerns	With any type of conservation, prices alway have to increase. It fails with the overarching objective.	10/10/2019 8:01 AM
887	Generally positive	Climate change is very real, we have to make changes now. Water meters is a step in the right direction.	10/10/2019 8:00 AM
888	Generally negative	Until water meters can be consistently reliable in terms of accuracy and overall quality, they should not be mandatory.	10/10/2019 7:56 AM
889	Money concerns	1. This was implemented in Ottawa area and the cost increased for every one. 2. Will there a minimum charge ? Let's say I am out of town for a month and did not consume water. Do I still need to pay . If yes how much. This should be made public before implementation.	10/10/2019 7:56 AM
890	Money concerns	Honestly, I know to have clean water to have in our homes costs money. In Cornwall is there really a need for water Conservation. Or is using water meters in Cornwall keeping up with the Jones.	10/10/2019 7:54 AM
891	Money concerns	I would not want to see an extra fee for having the city decide this should be installed. The biggest push back seems like it will be from anyone having to incur any cost associated with the installation. I'd like to know the cost of water ppu vs what our taxes cover. I'm assuming this negates the water tax? Thank you	10/10/2019 7:52 AM
892	Money concerns	I do not think this is a good idea, just a means to charge more	10/10/2019 7:51 AM
893	Already conserve	Money concerns I believe the city as a whole would be much more conservative with the implementation of water meters. That being said, I am not delusional and realise that regardless of metering, the cost of water service will always increase. I realise that even tho my household already does everything possible to conserve water, that we will still end up paying more in the end. If I knew true conservation would yield real cost deductions, I would be more receptive to the idea.	10/10/2019 7:50 AM
894	Money concerns	This survey and idea of a water meter is social engineering at its best. Short of providing a list of incentives one can only imagine the tax grab this will be. I would hope that if a water meter program come into affect that we can keep our current usage average with no additional costs.	10/10/2019 7:49 AM
895	Generally negative	Strongly Opposed	10/10/2019 7:46 AM

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896	Money concerns	I think there are many variables that effect your water consumption and politically, things are always tried to be solved with one broad stroke. I have yet to see any new policy work in the favour of the tax payers. I feel this is more about trying to increase revenue for the City than conservation. I have soon to be 5 children in my home and common sense says I'd use way more than most families and because of that, I'll never receive a rebate and pay more than most but I'll also guarantee that there would be smaller families using more water per person than my family...	10/10/2019 7:46 AM
897	Money concerns	Doesn't matter what the city does, they will increase water taxes and the home owner will have to pay regardless. People rental units will end up paying more either way. Another bad idea by the city. leave the status quo...	10/10/2019 7:45 AM
898	Already conserve	We already try to conserve water	10/10/2019 7:44 AM
899	Generally negative	don't do it . I likw using whatever amount of water we want to use. This will not benifit all as people with young kids will have to pay more as they need to uses more water	10/10/2019 7:43 AM
900	Money concerns	They're obviously good for conservation. How much will this cost the home owners per gallon? Who will pay for this, us the tax payers?	10/10/2019 7:43 AM
901	Generally positive	It would be a good thing because we waste a lot of water every day.	10/10/2019 7:39 AM
902	Generally positive	will help reduce water consumption	10/10/2019 7:38 AM
903	Generally negative	There are so many things we have to already pay to maintain a household. This would make me contemplate moving to the country to be free to use my well water how I please.	10/10/2019 7:38 AM
904	Money concerns	Stop trying to make us pay more money!!! If council continues increasing taxes from homeowners and businesses, we're going to move outside of the city!	10/10/2019 7:36 AM
905	Neutral Nil ?	I already have a water meter. It was part of a volunteer process years ago and one was installed.	10/10/2019 7:34 AM
906	Already conserve	I already cut back...got rid of pool...hardly water lawn and garden. I drink a lot of water.	10/10/2019 7:31 AM
907	Generally negative	Simply install meters on residences with swimming pools and with lawns that look like golf courses.	10/10/2019 7:27 AM
908	Already conserve	I use as little water as possible. I do not need a water meter to try to change my habits. City residents are good people. A water meter would only effect my gardening habits (I grow my own vegetables through the summer to offset my carbon footprint from eating vegetables imported from chilli or Mexico). With a water meter I would have to reconsider my ability to afford gardening at home.	10/10/2019 7:26 AM
909	Money concerns	Charging more for water will force you to conserve , but charging for basic necessities is wrong. Will poor go without flushing their toilet so they can drink. Will poor wash less because it's cheaper. Water should be free and cheap. Why should a senior wash less or flush less because of fixed income. Let the rich pay for the less fortunate.	10/10/2019 7:26 AM
910	Generally positive	It's about time maybe people will stop watering the side walk	10/10/2019 7:25 AM
911	Neutral Nil ?	in Kingston it wasn't just how much water used -- it was also sewage out of the house..... can't help but wonder if it would be the same here in Cornwall (which in my opinion has nothing to do with conservation)	10/10/2019 7:25 AM
912	Generally negative	If you decide to install water meters at my place it better be outside on your property you are not coming in my house to to install it.	10/10/2019 7:25 AM
913	Generally positive	Water metres may result in less watering of lawns	10/10/2019 7:22 AM
914	Already conserve	We conserve water wherever we can. Meters will not change our already mindful habits. This is a tax that is not warranted. Be careful with the existing budget line items and unnecessary spending before implementing more regulations on the citizens of this city. Don't give people one more reason to not come here and make Cornwall thier home.	10/10/2019 7:22 AM

City of Cornwall - Water Meter Survey

915	Impact on rentals	The survey input is from the perspective of a rental housing perspective...so my concern as a rental housing provider in Cornwall is having to pass on possible increased costs (rents) to our valued tenants should water rates increase. If the rates per property stays the same or gets reduced then i would relish the initiative. It might be helpful if there were incentives to upgrade properties to conserve water similar to the Green On program which was used in 2018 to help make households more energy efficient.	10/10/2019 7:20 AM
916	Generally negative	You would do far better simply putting a lawn watering ban during the summer. People are going to use the water they need.	10/10/2019 7:19 AM
917	Money concerns	Will this decrease the crazy amount I pay now for water taxes?? Or increase it to pay for council raises? How much will meters cost to add to every home in Cornwall?	10/10/2019 7:17 AM
918	Generally negative	Water meters are just another way to try to throw one solution at a problem which could be dealt with in other ways. How do you collect the usage data currently? Using these will have a cost to taxpayers somehow in terms of purchase, installation, maintenance. Find a different way. We already follow rules for watering lawns etc (which by the way I didn't water once this summer) so find more creative ways than installing meters please.	10/10/2019 7:15 AM
919	Impact on rentals Money concerns	The City already has installed meters in many residential properties-about 8-9 years ago. They have never been used. This will drive up rents in Cornwall as renters care not about waste and water pay as you go bills. The landlords would be on the hook. There is no way for a landlord to make a tenant conserve or even use a normal amount of water so they will need to raise rent prices. FYI I currently rent and I have a water meter. I live in Cornwall. I don't use much water but all the other tenants use a lot. Will this be passed like the outdoor fires?	10/10/2019 7:15 AM
920	Money concerns	Another money grab. Pretty soon it'll be too expensive to live.	10/10/2019 7:11 AM
921		Comment removed to due inappropriate content	10/10/2019 7:11 AM
922	Money concerns	Please consider that a number of cities that implemented water meters as a means of paying for the system never cover their costs adequately. Meters cause conservation to the point where the system is more expensive than the revenue generation. So rates are increased which causes more conservation. This is a cycle that is not broken and never comes out cash positive for the city. This only works if conservation is the sole goal and not to pay for the water treatment.	10/10/2019 7:09 AM
923	Neutral Nil ?	Friends from out of town had water meters saved \$\$. Then the town ship had them removed .	10/10/2019 7:08 AM
924	Money concerns	You have had water meters in business for over 20 years, and have changed the meter 3 times. Still have not been turned on. Hundreds of thousands spent for nothing already. Don't bother. Don't waste taxpayer money installing meters when you can't get business active. Would be a massive waste of money when the river is right there. I also installed a water meter at my house for the test and it was installed improperly causing over \$20k damage. Can't trust this will not be a liability...	10/10/2019 7:06 AM
925	Already conserve	If I need to use water, I use it. I don't waste it.	10/10/2019 7:04 AM
926	Neutral Nil ?	I already have a water meter installed by the city in my house?	10/10/2019 7:02 AM
927	Money concerns	I believe you put meters in homes to what you call conserve is not going to work well. It'll mean more stress on the low and working poor to come up with more money to pay out each month. We are the ones who do the most conserving. If anyone who really needs conserving is the rich in this city. But like always it'll be the poor or near poor to foot the bill to cover the rich people's expenses.	10/10/2019 2:45 AM
928	New builds only	Have water Meters installed in NEW homes. Make it mandatory on the contractor's.	10/9/2019 11:02 PM

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929	<p>Generally positive I won't go into great detail, but a study done a few years back in certain communities in California measured water usage in homes without meters, then those same homes with meters. Within six months, water usage had lowered an average of 13 to 21 % in these homes</p> <p>(https://www.researchgate.net/publication/276241653_Impacts_of_Metering_on_Residential_Water_Use_in_California) I am a single woman with a house. I was chosen as one of the testers for these meters. For two years, i took monthly readings of my meter. The only time it shocked me, was when I discovered what watering my lawn for 20 minutes , three days a week, did to those readings. Wow! I see people in my neighbourhood leaving their hoses on, trickling water down the driveway overnight, forgotten. People put their hoses into their pools overnight and "let it run to clean it out", spilling over. Our great lakes are marvelous sources of water, but since our council sees fit to sell Cornwall's surplus and our Federal government is selling the water in our Great Lakes to the US, then I suppose we must start conserving.</p>	10/9/2019 10:17 PM
930	<p>Money concerns I do believe that meters would lower consumption however the cost would still increase year after.</p>	10/9/2019 9:46 PM
931	<p>Generally positive I agree with water conservation like not washing driveways car and watering grass excessively . I will not reduce the amount of showers baths laundry loads or dishwasher loads</p>	10/9/2019 8:16 PM
932	<p>Money concerns I am not convinced that the main benefit of water meters is water conservation. Perhaps it is a method to collect more from residents. Also, if Cornwall has been using that much water per capita to date, we must have enough supply so I am again uncertain of the need to meter it.</p>	10/9/2019 5:16 PM
933	<p>Generally positive We use way too much water unnecessarily and meters may cut down on wastage.</p>	10/9/2019 5:02 PM
934	<p>Money concerns Is there a cost to homeowners to purchase a water meter? I can't say if I'm in favour of water meters but understand that water would be conserved.</p>	10/9/2019 4:21 PM
935	<p>Generally positive Flat rates do not encourage any kind of attention on how much water is used because you pay the same amount, regardless of whether you have a leaking faucet running 24/7, or use high-efficiency fixtures and appliances and don't water your lawn, etc. Meters make water usage a pocketbook issue. While the end user cannot control the rates and/or minimum charge, they can influence their bill by lowering consumption -- just like for electricity and natural gas.</p>	10/9/2019 4:17 PM
936	<p>Money concerns It's just another tax. We are regulated too much already. You are ruining the relaxed atmosphere this city has always had, up to now.</p>	10/9/2019 4:09 PM