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**NIAGARA FALLS WATER BOARD APPROVES \$4.8 MILLION  
INITIATIVE TO REPLACE APPROXIMATELY 16,000 WATER METERS**

***First phase of initiative to start in North End of the City***

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK – The Niagara Falls Water Board recently announced the approval of the first phase of a \$4.8 million initiative to replace approximately 16,000 residential and commercial water meters throughout the City of Niagara Falls. The first phase of the project will include approximately 5000 customers in the Northern neighborhoods of the City of Niagara Falls over the next several months.

“This is the latest investment to modernize our operations through state of the art technology as many meters in our system are over twenty years old,” said Paul A. Drof, executive director of the Niagara Falls Water Board. “The technology also will allow us to detect any leaks in the system which is another measure to keep our costs down and save customers money. The initiative will enhance our customer service by reducing estimated billing and provide more accurate information on customer bills.”

Once the meters are installed, Niagara Falls Water Board employees will no longer need access to residential customers’ properties as they will simply use a hand-held device to electronically read the meter.

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In order to install the meters, representatives from the Water Board's sub-contractor Yarussi Construction Company will be contacting property owners in the Northern neighborhoods to schedule an installation appointment between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday –Friday. In some instances residents may need to make an appointment on a Saturday. The installation process takes approximately 30 minutes and phase one is expected to be completed by the end of 2013.

"We greatly appreciate the cooperation and assistance of our customers on this important initiative to modernize our operations. We are confident that this investment will provide both the Niagara Falls Water Board and our residential and commercial customers with significant benefits over the long term," Said Ted Janese, Chairman of the Board for the Niagara Falls Water Board.

The Niagara Falls Water Board is requesting that customers with any questions about the installation of new water meters visit the following website or call Yarussi Construction at 1-855-307-1260 or 716-283-7055. The website for Yarussi Construction can be accessed at:

[www.yarussiconstruction.com](http://www.yarussiconstruction.com)

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