

To: City Clerk
Hi Margaret
Can you please place
this item on the
communications agenda
Thank you
Don Boudry



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March 20, 2003

Honorable Mayor Michael A. Sullivan
City of Cambridge
795 Massachusetts Avenue
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Dear Mayor Sullivan:

As of March 20, 2003, the YWCA of Cambridge, is in arrears to the City of Cambridge for water and sewer charges as follows:

Water usage	\$30,541.00
Sewer usage	51,076.00
Water interest	13,611.00
Sewer interest	<u>23,231.00</u>

Total	<u>\$118,459.00</u>
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This balance continues to accrue interest at the rate of 18%, and is placing a large unfair financial hardship on our institution.

In order to resolve this situation, and prior to investigating any other remedies, we would like to offer the City of Cambridge a lump sum payment of \$81,617.00 as payment in full for the above balance.

By waiving the accumulated interest charges, you will be assisting us in many ways, least of which is providing the needed shelter for 10 families and 99 women in the City of Cambridge.

We are confident, that with your acceptance of this offer we will be able to pay all future water and sewer usage charges on a timely and current basis.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Regina A. Caines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Regina Caines, President, Board of Directors

cc:

- Ms. Henrietta Davis
- Ms. Marjorie C. Decker, City Council Member
- Mr. Anthony D. Galluccio, City Council Member
- Mr. David P. Maher, City Council Member
- Mr. Brian Murphy, City Council Member
- Mr. Kenneth E. Reeves, City Council Member
- Ms. E. Denise Simmons, City Council Member
- Mr. Timothy J. Toomey, City Council Member
- Mr. Robert W. Healy, City Manager
- Mr. Louis DePasquale, Assistant City Manager for Fiscal Affairs

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TO: Ms. Margaret Drury, City Clerk
FROM Dan Guadagnoli, Director of Finance
RE: YWCA Outstanding Water and Sewer Balance

Margaret, thanks for your response to the letter that I had mailed to all the City Council Members and the Mayor, in regards to our outstanding water and sewer issue. Per your instructions, I am delivering a copy of the letter with a notation requesting that this item be placed on the communications agenda. I know that you mentioned that the letter would be read but that no public comment would be appropriate.

Can you answer a few quick questions?

Should we have a YWCA representative at the City Council Meeting?

After reading our letter, do they take any action and how is it communicated to us?

Is there any other forum available that would provide us the opportunity of meeting with the City Council in person to discuss this issue?

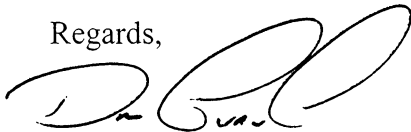
We are very interested in resolving this issue as soon as possible. Additionally, we have been making water and sewer usage payments for the last 2 quarters and continue to do so.

Do you have any advice for us in this regard?

Thanks in advance for your help.

I will call you on Monday to discuss. Have a nice weekend.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Guadagnoli', with a stylized, flowing script.

Dan Guadagnoli, Director of Finance

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Communication #1

A communication was received from
Dan Guadagnoli, Director of Finance,
YWCA, regarding the YWCA
outstanding Water and Sewer Balance.

In City Council April 14, 2003

**REFERRED TO CITY
MANAGER.**