

March 22, 1994

Mr. Tom Reisz
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Ralph E. Dunphy
Commissioner

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Dear Mr. Reisz:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your participation at the recent Cambridge City Council Meeting during the public hearing on snow clearance from sidewalks and other issues of snow clearance. The information you provided on conditions coupled with your recommendations and suggestions for improvements were extremely helpful and greatly appreciated.

Everyone that participated in this public hearing provided us with the neighborhood/community insight to our snow operation efforts. It is our intention to explore each of the suggestions, recommendations and concerns that you and your neighbors presented during the hearing in an effort to develop better ways of clearing snow. This will allow us to determine operational procedures and actions that may be implemented in time for next season. We anticipate having all the work completed in time to put recommendations forward for consideration and approval by September 1994. Some of the areas that we anticipate recommendations will be made include:

- Booklet Explaining Snow Emergency and Procedures
- Sidewalk and Crosswalk Clearing
- Handicap Access Consideration
- Enforcement Issues
- Communication, Information and Education
- Bus Area Cleaning
- Priorities for Pedestrians

The aforementioned list is a sampling of the issues we will be considering for change. As progress is made and recommendations are formulated, we will contact you and request your comments on our proposals.

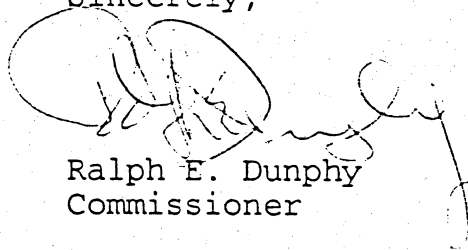
The twenty items you presented for consideration will be evaluated and incorporated when possible into our recommendations. Your comments on these specific issues and how we address them in our recommendations/proposals for implementation will be appreciated. Please anticipate hearing from us in August/September 1994.



We all share in the responsibility of finding reasonable solutions to the severe conditions associated with the inclement weather of winter. You have clearly demonstrated your willingness to share these responsibilities by bringing to our attention the problems and concerns of your neighborhood/community concerning the clearance of snow from public ways. You also made it abundantly clear about the things we are doing right and the areas that we need to improve.

We feel confident that we are up to the challenge and anticipate that we will have snow clearing operations next winter that meets the reasonable expectations of the community. Please do not hesitate to call me at 349-4800 or Deputy Commissioner Steven L. White at 349-4810 if you have any additional questions or concerns on the above.

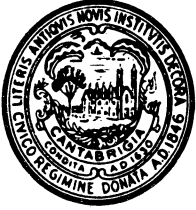
Sincerely,



Ralph E. Dunphy
Commissioner

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cc: Robert W. Healy, City Manager
Kenneth Reeves, Mayor
City Councillors
Steven L. White, Deputy Commissioner
Richard Medeiros, Supervisor of Snow Operations



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April 11, 1994

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 12, regarding a communication received from Mr. Tom Reisz, received from Public Works Commissioner Ralph E. Dunphy.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over the words "Very truly yours,".

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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attachment

Consent Agenda #2

S-159

Transmitting Comm. from R., W. Healy
relative to Awaiting Report No. 12 re:
comm. received from Tom Reisz.

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Sundries #101

In City Council April 11, 1994

Placed on file.