



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Mr. John H. Corcoran
City Manager

From Mr. William H. McGinness
Superintendent, Water Dept.

Subject Hydrants

Date March 22, 1974

Reference

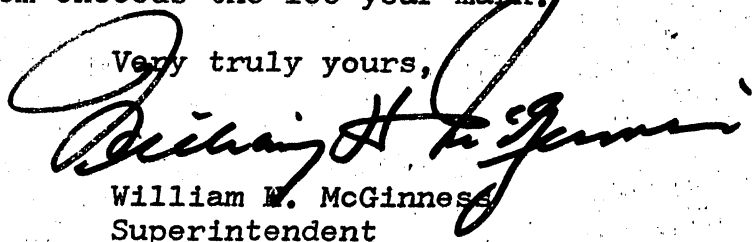
With regards to the hydrant program of the Cambridge Water Department, hydrant information is compiled on a daily basis. In addition to information from the Department and other sources, a tabulation of hydrant information is furnished to the Department from the office of the Fire Chief monthly.

With regards to the monthly tabulation as submitted from Fire Headquarters under date of March 4, 1974, I wish to advise you as follows. As of this date every City of Cambridge hydrant in the system, with the exception of three units, are in good working order. These three units are scheduled and I am hopeful that they will be back in service within a week or ten days. Four hydrants were listed as removed and not replaced. Two of these items are now back in service. One was removed by Council order. The fourth unit cannot be replaced due to the location of underground utility conduits.

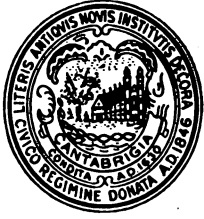
Five private hydrants were indicated as out of service. Two of these units have been reconditioned by the owners. Three other units are still out of service. Hopefully between the Fire Department and this Department remedial action may soon resolve this problem. The final item indicates that there are seven hydrants in the system all of which are working but are indicated as having insufficient water. A survey of conditions relative to these units is presently being made and every effort will be taken to resolve the problem realizing, of course, that the limitations of the city budget could well be a factor in this area.

Percentage wise the three hydrants out of service as of this date against the total of approximately 1600 in the system, I believe is probably the best record of any community where in the water system exceeds the 100 year mark.

Very truly yours,



William H. McGinness
Superintendent



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March 29, 1974

To the Honorable, the City Council:

With reference to previous correspondence from the Fire Chief, William J. Cremins, to your Honorable Body, relative to fire hydrants, I transmit herewith for your information a communication from William H. McGinness, Superintendent of the Cambridge Water Department. I believe Mr. McGinness' communication is self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

John H. Corcoran
John H. Corcoran
City Manager

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Comm. from John H. Corcoran, relative to
information on fire hydrants.

In City Council,

April 1, 1974

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