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To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 23, regarding a report on repairing the gutters at the Collins Branch Library, please be advised of the following:

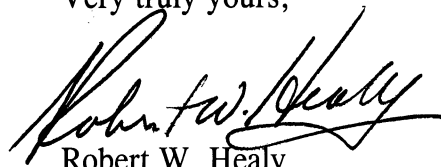
William Courier, Business and Facilities Manager for the Libraries, spoke to John Bruce of John Bruce Associates Construction Consultants of Cambridge, who immediately visited the branch and identified the problem as ice dams forming in the gutter.

These formations are frozen solid and when they are present, the rainfall "rolls" down the roof, over the top of the ice dam and down onto the pavement. This does appear as if the gutter is leaking, but is not.

Mr. Bruce contacted Gilbert & Becker, the roofing contractor who installed the roof, who also investigated the apparent leak when the warm weather allowed. Mr. Bruce confirmed by telephone after visiting the branch again on February 18th, that the ice dams were the proper answer and the gutters are in satisfactory condition.

Also, Lise Foss the children's librarian at the branch, confirms there have been no leaks since the warmer weather melted the ice.

Very truly yours,


Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Relative to Awaiting Report Item Number
Twenty-three, regarding a report on repairing
the gutters at the Collins Branch Library.

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