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CAA calls on City of Winnipeg to outline 2014 pothole plan

While the temperature has not been warm enough until today for patching machines to be out in full force, CAA Manitoba is calling on the City of Winnipeg to lay out its plan to tackle the ever-growing pothole problem that is unfolding on Winnipeg streets.

"Winnipeggers need to hear from City Hall what the plan is before the dangerous craters even start to form," said Mike Mager, President and CEO of CAA Manitoba. "I had expected the city would come out and proactively tell Winnipeggers about their plan of attack."

Mager says the city continuing to play catch up on winter-related issues they should be better prepared for is unacceptable.

"Based on what I'm seeing on the roads today, we need to brace ourselves for one of the worst pothole seasons yet," Mager said, noting St. James Street is in particularly bad condition and has been at or near the top of CAA's Worst Roads list for the last two years.

"I drive St. James Street every day, and what boggles my mind is how a road can be left in this condition. It's not just an annoyance. It's completely unsafe – especially with cars darting and weaving in and out of their lanes to avoid the craters."

Mager said with CAA's 2014 Worst Roads campaign set to launch on March 25, Manitobans should take tally of their own Worst Road or call 311 today to report the potholes.



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