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Worst Roads wraps up with astounding results

St. James Street in Winnipeg claims top spot

Winnipeg, MB – Four weeks have come and gone, bringing to a close the first annual CAA Manitoba Worst Roads campaign. With a total of 3454 votes cast over the course of the campaign, and 484 roads receiving votes, CAA says the campaign will go a long way towards putting a spotlight on some of the Worst Roads in our province.

“In the last few days of the campaign, we saw a big bump in the votes coming in – and the total number of roads jumped from 450 to 484 too,” said Liz Peters, CAA Manitoba Public and Government Affairs Manager. “We knew people were frustrated with the state of our roads, but when this many people log on to vote, it tells us they care about more than just complaining. They care about finding a solution too.”

Votes are still being tallied, but St. James Street finished in first place overall, receiving 455 votes. Comments like: “it’s the worst I’ve ever driven on” and “a major overhaul is long overdue”, show the frustration that residents feel when they drive along that particularly rough road.

CAA Manitoba will now analyze the data on a road by road basis, before presenting the lists to government and then making the entire report and the rest of the top ten list public.

“Sometimes small segments of a single road were highlighted by voters. But for the most part, when a road is in bad condition or it is highly congested, it’s not often isolated to a small section of the road. It’s a problem for many kilometres in a row. Before sharing the final report, we need to look at those roads and ensure our tabulations give a clear and accurate accounting of what people told us.”

The final report, segmented by road and community, is expected to be made public early next week.

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