

WORST ROADS CAMPAIGN HITS THE HALFWAY POINT

Rural roads take over, pushing consistent Winnipeg contenders out of the top 10

WINNIPEG, March 24, 2016 - In the weeks since CAA Manitoba launched their annual search for the worst roads in our province, three rural roads have challenged long-standing Winnipeg streets, including St. James Street and Ness Avenue, for the highest spots of dishonor.

Main Street South in Carman, Manitoba, 353 in Brookdale and 2015's winner, Manitoba 280, are holding steady in first, second, and third place respectively. Provincial Road 251 in Goodlands, Provincial Road 450 near Boissevain, and 1st Street in Winkler are gaining ground and could also climb ahead before the end of the campaign.

"With thousands of votes so far, it's clear Worst Roads demonstrates there is major public interest in the state of our streets, and serious demand that our next elected officials do something to improve our infrastructure and road safety," said Erika Miller, public and media relations specialist with CAA Manitoba. "Manitobans have a lot to consider, especially when it comes to infrastructure, before they step into the voting booth on April 19."

With two weeks left in the campaign, CAA Manitoba has already received close to 4,000 votes for 450 roads.

"Serious potholes have been popping up all over Manitoba, and we've had reports of hubcaps littering Pembina Highway and the Perimeter. While this happens every year, it is worse this spring because it was so mild. Needless to say, our drivers have been consistently responding to tire calls, and it has prompted a number of votes in the campaign," added Miller. "But potholes aren't the only issue. If your pet peeve is the lack of cycling lanes, your congested commute, or poor signage and safety, those are all good reasons to nominate a road."

Votes will be accepted until April 6, 2016 at www.caamanitoba.com/worstroads, where you can also view submitted pictures of ranking roads. Only one vote per road each day is permitted, though you may vote for as many roads as you'd like.

If you have lost a battle with a worst road, select CAA Approved Auto Repair Services (AARS) garages are offering car care promotions [detailed on the Worst Roads webpage](#). CAA Members also save 17 per cent and earn 3 per cent back in CAA Dollars at Miracle Dent Repair on Regent Avenue West until April 12, 2016.

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Worst Roads 2016 current rankings

Rank	Road	Location
1	Main Street South	Carman
2	Manitoba 353	Brookdale
3	Manitoba 280	Gillam
4	Ness Avenue	Winnipeg
5 tied	Pembina Highway	Winnipeg
5 tied	St. James Street	Winnipeg
6	Main Street North	Carman
7	Saskatchewan Ave.	Winnipeg
8	Provincial Road 251	Goodlands
9	Empress Street	Winnipeg

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