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## **HALF WAY CHECK IN: CAA MANITOBA'S WORST ROADS CAMPAIGN**

*Manitoba highway overtakes St. James Street for number one spot*

Two weeks since CAA Manitoba launched their annual search for the worst roads in our province, a busy Manitoba highway has overtaken St. James Street for first (or last?) place.

Manitoba 280, the only road connecting northern communities like Gillam and Split Lake to Thompson, has not only been nominated for this dishonour, it has dethroned long-standing St. James Street in Winnipeg for the first time since 2013.

"Looking at some of the pictures and videos sent to us from Manitobans, it's no wonder why this road is in the top spot," says Angèle Young, Public and Government Affairs Specialist for CAA Manitoba. "Hundreds of people have joined the conversation about this road and the desperate need to get it fixed, as it is a lifeline for many."

On CAA Manitoba's Facebook page, hundreds have shared their stories about the road, including stone chips, washouts and extremely muddy conditions, even for a 4x4. This stretch of road is vital to both residents and industry alike, with many semis hauling supplies and equipment to Manitoba Hydro projects in the area.

With two weeks left in the campaign, CAA Manitoba has received over 3,000 votes for over 400 roads in the province. Votes will be accepted until April 22 at [www.caamanitoba.com/worstroads](http://www.caamanitoba.com/worstroads), where you can also view pictures of some of the top contenders. Only one vote per road during the campaign is permitted, though you may vote for as many roads as you'd like.

"Roads can be voted on for a myriad of issues, including traffic congestion and cycling safety," adds Young.

If you've lost a battle with a worst road in our province, you can download a coupon for a free front-end inspection at over 40 CAA-approved garages on the Worst Roads webpage. CAA Members also save 15% and earn 3% back in CAA Dollars at Miracle Dent until April 22, 2015.

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## Current standings: Worst Roads 2015

Rank	Road name	City/town
1	Manitoba 280	Gillam
2	St. James Street	Winnipeg
3	Ness Avenue	Winnipeg
4	Empress Street	Winnipeg
5	1 <sup>st</sup> Street	Winkler
6	Pembina Highway	Winnipeg
7	Manitoba 274	Gilbert Plains
8	Scurfield Boulevard	Winnipeg
9*	Archibald Street	Winnipeg
9*	Manitoba 450	Deloraine
10	Manitoba 234	Little Bullhead

*\*There is currently a two-way tie for ninth place*

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