



## OAKLEY – Raise gas tax & add road tolls

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Ontario should raise the gas tax and begin creating more road tolls to pay for transportation infrastructure.

The recommendation from a Trent University road pricing expert is being released today, just as the Pan Am Games are sparking controversy about regional road congestion.

A report by professor emeritus Harry Kitchen, for the **Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO)**, argues that Queen's Park should hike the gas tax this year from 14.7 cents to 23 cents a litre.

Paired with a similar rise in diesel fuel tax, the increase could generate up to \$14 billion over seven years for infrastructure spending.

**RCCAO executive director Andy Manahan** suggests that the government should move to test high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes immediately following the Pan Am Games, while drivers are accustomed to lane restrictions.

What do you think? Would you pay a toll to use the HOV lanes if it went to infrastructure spending?