

‘URGENT REPAIR’: CAA releases list of top 10 worst roads in Ontario and you might be surprised with the number 1 pick

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The nominations are in, according to the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA), and the CAA’s Worst Roads List is out.

[Aberdeen Avenue in Hamilton](#) is Ontario’s worst road for 2024, the CAA said in a news release Tuesday.

This is the first year Aberdeen Avenue has claimed the top spot on the provincial list due to potholes, poor road maintenance, and traffic congestion, the CAA said.

Here is Ontario’s Top 10 Worst Roads list for 2024

- Aberdeen Avenue, Hamilton
- Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto
- Barton Street East, Hamilton
- County Road 49, Prince Edward
- Hurontario Street, Mississauga
- Bloor Street West, Toronto
- Cedar Street North, Uxbridge
- Finch Avenue West, Toronto
- Lake Shore Boulevard East, Toronto
- Laclie Street, Orillia

“We know that the campaign works; time and time again, we see roads and infrastructure projects being moved up and budgets prioritized after the road has appeared on the list,” says Teresa Di Felice, assistant vice president of government and community relations, CAA South Central Ontario.

“For the last 21 years, the campaign has given Ontarians a voice to help them nominate the roads they believe are in need of urgent repair.”

In Ontario, 145 municipalities nominated more than 2,000 different roads in their communities. Municipalities are responsible for about 140,000 kilometres of roads across the province, the CAA said.

“Roads, sidewalks, and bike paths are only some of the things municipal governments fund with limited revenue sources,” Di Felice said. “It’s important for communities to share their view on what and where investments should be made. CAA Worst Roads is a forum to do that.”

Drivers accounted for most of the nominations, while cyclists and pedestrians accounted for about a quarter, the CAA added.

Ontario’s top 10 list is verified by the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO), the CAA said.

The [2023 campaign ended with Barton Street East in Hamilton as the worst road in the province](#), while the top 10 also included streets in Toronto, Prince Edward, Ottawa, Orillia and Mississauga.

The campaign happens annually, asking drivers to point out which streets in the province are worst. The 2024 campaign opened Wednesday, March 27 and voting continued until April 19.

The campaign is run by CAA South Central Ontario but is open to all of Ontario.

“Our research shows that 65 per cent of members don’t feel enough is being done to fix the roads,” said Di Felice. “This is causing a variety of concerning driving behaviours, including swerving to avoid potholes, slowing down for bad spots, and some even changing their route altogether to avoid a bad road. We encourage all Ontarians to vote for their worst roads and join the community of drivers, cyclists, transit riders and pedestrians committed to improving and actively working to help make our roads safer for all.”

News of the list is generating some reactions online.

“Eglinton (Avenue West) is fine, sure there’s lane restrictions, but the asphalt conditions from 401 to blackcreek are almost pristine, not a single pothole,” Andrew Quibell wrote on X.

Added @EdgeHyper, “Hamilton tops CAA list of worst Ontario roads for 3rd straight year, ahead of Toronto and Orillia.”

The CAA is warning drivers, as the warmer weather approaches, these are unfortunately prime conditions for disaster on the road.

“The weather’s absolutely perfect. The road is dry as a bone. Life is good ... so you step on the gas a bit too hard,” the CAA said.

According to Transport Canada, two out of three fatal collisions on Canadian roads happen under these circumstances, the CAA added.

“Moreover, summertime can also mean a sudden downpour, a fog bank appearing out of nowhere, or the blinding glare of the sun on your windshield. In short, the risk of disaster is always there during the warm season,” according to the CAA.

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