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London infrastructure at risk: Canadian Infrastructure Report Card

London is among the Canadian municipalities whose infrastructure is at risk, according to the first Canadian Infrastructure Report Card.

"This is not something we wanted to hear, but it is our responsibility to be fully aware of the what the reality is," Mayor Joe Fontana said in a release. "Only when we have the complete picture can municipal and other orders of government work together to ... improve the necessary infrastructure."

The report card, released Tuesday by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and three industry partners, says more than half of Canadian municipal roads are falling apart and one in four roads is over capacity.

The federation also found that one in four wastewater treatment plants needs to be upgraded or replaced to meet new federal standards introduced this summer, at a cost of at least \$20 billion.

"The report card shows that core municipal infrastructure like roads and water systems, assets critical to Canada's health, safety and economic prosperity, are at risk," said federation president Karen Leibovici on Tuesday at a news conference in Ottawa.

The City of London joined the federation in calling for a new, long-term infrastructure plan.

The report card surveyed more than 120 municipalities representing 60 per cent of the Canadian population. The first edition measured the condition of municipal roads, drinking water, wastewater, and storm water systems.

The full report card can be read at [canadainfrastructure.ca](http://www.canadainfrastructure.ca) (<http://www.canadainfrastructure.ca>).



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