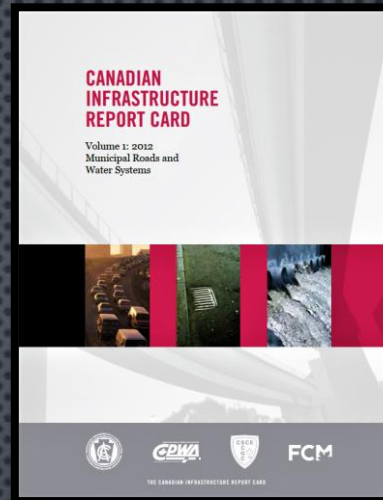


## Canada's water systems and roads 'at risk': report Long-term plan recommended to avoid a crisis



A survey of more than 120 Canadian municipalities reveals that more than half of the roads owned by cities, like this one in Windsor, Ont., require repairs.

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"I commute into Toronto every day, so I guess I have a first-hand feeling of what that does feel like," said Reg Andres, senior vice-president of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineering. "Ultimately, you get to the point where it's not economically feasible to transport your goods on the highway if they're sitting on the highway for far too long."

Drinking water systems were considered to be in better shape, but the report card estimated that there were still about 15 per cent of the infrastructure that would need upgrades.

"Infrastructure, after all, is the health care system for Canada's national economy," said Michael Atkinson, president of the Canadian Construction Association.