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Hamilton's Burlington Street East voted Ontario's Worst Road

CAA reveals provincial and regional lists for 2017

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Toronto, ON, June 1, 2017 – The votes are in and Ontario's Worst Road for 2017 is **Burlington Street East in Hamilton**.

Taking the second and third place spots on CAA's annual list are **Dufferin Street in Toronto** and **Lorne Street in Sudbury**. Burlington Street East has risen progressively higher up the top 10 list since it first appeared on the CAA Worst Roads list in 2009. Dufferin Street has made nine appearances on the provincial top 10 list since the campaign's inception.

"With Burlington Street East attaining the top spot on this year's CAA Worst Roads list, it is a clear message by voters that this road isn't meeting the needs of residents," said Raymond Chan, government relations specialist, CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO). "We look forward to discussing the results of this year's list with elected officials and municipal staff from across the province in the coming months."

"I hope that CAA's spotlight will spur some much-needed improvement on Burlington Street East and the many other Hamilton roads that require immediate attention," said Paul Miller, MPP (Hamilton East—Stoney Creek). "We must invest in the repair and maintenance of our existing infrastructure as well as in building new transport connections. People depend on this road to be safe."

Over 3,000 roads were nominated from across the province this year – the highest number since the campaign's inception.

"Once again this year, we see evidence that regular maintenance required to extend road life, in many cases isn't being done," said Geoff Wilkinson, chief operating officer, Ontario Road Builders' Association (ORBA). "In other instances, roads are simply at the end of their life-cycle. While many municipalities see the importance of investing in maintenance and reconstruction of roads and bridges, CAA's Worst Roads campaign reminds us that many municipalities still have a long way to go in addressing their infrastructure deficit."

Ontario's Top 10 Worst Roads for 2017

1. Burlington Street East (Hamilton)
2. Dufferin Street (Toronto)
3. Lorne Street (Sudbury)
4. Maley Drive (Sudbury)
5. Queenston Street (St. Catharines)
6. Algonquin Boulevard West (Timmins)
7. Hunt Club Road (Ottawa)
8. **TIE** – Carling Avenue (Ottawa) and Duckworth Street (Barrie)
9. **TIE** – Algonquin Boulevard East (Timmins) and Yonge Street (Toronto)
10. County Road 49 (Prince Edward County)



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Worst Roads by Region

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- **Eastern** – County Road 49 (Prince Edward County)
- **Halton, Peel, York and Durham** – Highway 7 (Markham)
- **Niagara** – Queenston Street (St. Catharines)
- **Northern** - Lorne Street (Sudbury)
- **Southwest** – Plank Road (Sarnia)
- **Western** – Northfield Drive West (Waterloo)

The top five roads in Toronto are Dufferin Street at number one, followed by Yonge Street, Bathurst Street, Eglinton Avenue West and Finch Avenue West. This is the first year that Yonge Street in Toronto has made the list.

“We have seen a significant shift this year in the top five Worst Roads in Toronto,” continued Mr. Chan. “Bayview Avenue received more votes than any other Toronto road in 2016 but did not return this year, while Finch Avenue West and Bathurst Street appear for the first time. This year’s list also features Eglinton Avenue West which is undergoing significant construction in preparation for the Crosstown LRT.”

The CAA Worst Roads campaign is a platform for Ontarians to make roads safer by helping municipal and provincial governments understand what roadway improvements are important to citizens, and where they need to be made.

For the full list of 2017 Worst Roads please visit caaworstroads.com.

About CAA South Central Ontario

As a leader and advocate for road safety and mobility, CAA South Central Ontario is a not-for-profit auto club which represents the interests of over 2 million members. For over a century, CAA has collaborated with communities, police services and governments to help keep drivers and their families safe while travelling on our roads.

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ONTARIO'S TOP 10 WORST ROADS

2017

Burlington St. E.
Hamilton

Lorne St.
Sudbury

1

Dufferin St.
Toronto

2

Maley Dr.
Sudbury

3

Algonquin Blvd. W.
Timmins

4

Queenston St.
St. Catharines

6

5

Hunt Club Rd.
Ottawa

7

TIE

Carling Ave.
Ottawa

Duckworth St.
Barrie

TIE

Algonquin Blvd. E.
Timmins

Yonge St.
Toronto

8

County Road 49
Prince Edward County

9

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TOP 10 ROADS FACTS

This year's #1 road, **Burlington St. E.** has been on the CAA Worst Roads list annually since 2009

Yonge St. in Toronto appears for the **first time** on the Ontario Top 10 list

Dufferin St. and **Burlington St. E.** have each appeared at **least seven times** on the Ontario Top 10 list over the years

Over 3,000 roads were nominated across Ontario

They're back. Seven roads that appeared on the 2016 Top 10 placed again in this year's rankings

TOP WORST ROADS BY REGION

TORONTO

- 1 Dufferin St.
- 2 Yonge St.
- 3 Bathurst St.
- 4 Eglinton Ave. W.
- 5 Finch Ave. W.

OTTAWA

- 1 Hunt Club Rd.
- 2 Carling Ave.
- 3 Ramsayville Rd.
- 4 Riverside Dr.
- 5 St. Joseph Blvd.

HAMILTON

- 1 Burlington St. E.
- 2 Barton St. E.
- 3 Main St. W.
- 4 Nikola Tesla Blvd.
- 5 Upper James St.

HALTON-PEEL-YORK-DURHAM

- 1 Highway 7, Markham
- 2 Zephyr Rd., Uxbridge
- 3 New St., Burlington
- 4 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill
- 5 Bloor St. W., Oshawa

NIAGARA

- 1 Queenston St., St. Catharines
- 2 Drummond Rd., Niagara Falls
- 3 Eagle St., Fort Erie
- 4 Dominion Rd., Fort Erie
- 5 Ontario St., St. Catharines

WESTERN

- 1 Northfield Dr. W., Waterloo
- 2 Dundas St., London
- 3 Weber St. E., Kitchener
- 4 Franklin Blvd., Cambridge
- 5 Wilton Grove Rd., London

CENTRAL

- 1 Duckworth St., Barrie
- 2 Morrow Rd., Barrie
- 3 Lockhart Rd., Innisfil
- 4 Hurst Dr., Barrie
- 5 Mapleview Dr. E., Barrie

NORTHERN

- 1 Lorne St., Sudbury
- 2 Maley Dr., Sudbury
- 3 Algonquin Blvd. W., Timmins
- 4 Algonquin Blvd. E., Timmins
- 5 Theriault Blvd., Timmins

EASTERN

- 1 County Road 49, Prince Edward County
- 2 Lansdowne St., Peterborough
- 3 Otonabee Dr., Peterborough
- 4 Queen St., Kingston
- 5 Avondale Rd., Belleville

SOUTH WEST

- 1 Plank Rd., Sarnia
- 2 Tecumseh Rd., Tecumseh
- 3 Seminole St., Windsor
- 4 Tecumseh Rd. E., Windsor
- 5 Ouellette Ave., Windsor