



Ontario Municipalities See 34.7 Billion Dollar Infrastructure Deficit Shortfall

OGRA calculates Ontario's municipalities are in need of more infrastructure support to keep our roads and bridges safe, secure and moving.

Oakville, ON, January 11, 2020 – Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) has calculated the harsh reality the Provinces' municipalities are facing when it comes to infrastructure management, and the desperate need for funding to keep the roads and bridges we use and rely on everyday, to a tune of 34.7 billion dollars.

Using 443 municipal asset management plans (there are 444 municipalities in Ontario), OGRA's Dr. James Smith has calculated using Monte Carlo simulations Ontario roads – curb to curb need more than 34 billion in funding to help sustain healthy roads. "This really paints a stark picture of the reality municipalities are facing." said Scott Butler, OGRA, Executive Director. "Our roads not only good for business, take our children to school and work, connect communities, but now during the pandemic, they are a safe gathering place for us." continued Mr. Butler.

"Other numbers have come out on the lack of infrastructure funding to municipalities, however OGRA calculations take into considerations Monte Carlo simulations. The data behind Ontario's 34.7 Billion dollar roads and bridge deficit is a result of data extraction of key information, engineering economic principles combined with expert knowledge, along with mathematical modeling and simulation". commented Dr. James Smith, OGRA, Manager, Member Services. "Roads and bridges were taken into account, however other infrastructure such as trails, bike lanes and sidewalks were not calculated." said Dr. Smith.

"This number is significant because it demonstrates the importance for quality of life and importance for business. If we look through the municipal lens, it demonstrates the value of asset management planning as 34.7 billion is the stark reality our communities are facing in road repair." said Rick Harms, President, OGRA.

OGRA advances the infrastructure and transportation interests its members through training, advocacy and services. For more information about OGRA's Infrastructure Deficit and infographic, please visit <https://www.ogra.org/member-services/index.html>. OGRA will be looking at road infrastructure and other critical topics at its annual conference February 22-25, 2021, www.ograconference.ca

About Ontario Good Roads Association

The Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) was founded in 1894. Based out of Oakville, Ontario, OGRA is governed by 15 board members with 17 staff supporting its membership. The mandate of the Ontario Good Roads Association is to advance the infrastructure and transportation interests of its members through training, advocacy and services. OGRA currently has more than 650 members, which includes corporations, municipalities, and First Nations. For more information visit www.ogra.ca

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