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Canada's First Infrastructure Report Card shows Municipal Infrastructure At Risk



On September 11, 2012, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) released the Canadian Infrastructure Report Card, Canada's first nationwide, benchmark study of municipal drinking-water systems, wastewater and stormwater networks, and municipal roads. It is the first assessment of its kind in Canada, and features the most comprehensive analysis and reporting to date on Canada's municipal infrastructure.

The report card provides a detailed snapshot of the state of public infrastructure in 123 municipalities and rates it according to factors such as physical condition, ability to meet capacity or demand, and quality of project management. Data were obtained from a voluntary survey of Canadian municipalities, which was designed to assess the condition of municipal infrastructure in 2009-2010.

The Canadian Infrastructure Report Card is a joint project of the Canadian Construction Association (CCA), the Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA), and the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE), with FCM as the lead. The report card is not prescriptive, and does not provide recommendations for action or forecast capital needs. Rather, the intent is that the data will help governments and other organizations to assess need and develop their own plans.

John Gamble, ACEC's President, represented ACEC on the Report Card Advisory Board (RCAB) which played a key role in providing guidance and direction to the project.

To view FCM's news release, click here.

To view the full report card, as well as background information and supporting documents, please visit the new website www.canadainfrastructure.ca, launched on September 11, 2012.