

19.0 Re-opening Infrastructure (for local authorities)

During a disaster event, a local authority may be faced with a large amount of damaged infrastructure. Local authorities may be under pressure to re-open certain roads and crossings as residents may need to access homes, businesses and to meet certain agricultural deadlines.

Ultimately, local authorities are responsible for maintaining their infrastructure in a manner which is safe for public use. They are also responsible for deciding if and when their infrastructure needs to be closed or re-opened.

- If a site is damaged and it requires a non-engineered solution before re-opening:
 - The local authority is responsible for determining whether the infrastructure is safe for public use and taking appropriate measures to close the infrastructure if necessary.
 - Damages to the site should be documented with photos before repair, and the damaged infrastructure should be assigned a site number.
 - The local authority may proceed with repairs, either as a temporary fix to allow public access or as a permanent solution as they see fit.

- If a site is damaged and it requires an engineered solution before re-opening:
 - The local authority is responsible for determining whether the infrastructure is safe for public use and taking appropriate measures to close the infrastructure if necessary.
 - If the local authority cannot determine if the structure is safe because an engineer is required to make the assessment, they are encouraged **to contact Manitoba EMO immediately**. Manitoba EMO can deploy its third-party engineering consultant on short notice, often within 24 hours.
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