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## EMERGENCY MEASURES REMAIN IN FORCE

La Pêche, October 31, 2017. Yesterday morning, October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Mayor Robert Bussière declared a state of emergency in light of the damage caused to municipal infrastructures by torrential rains. The state of emergency remains in force.

The Municipality is dealing with an unprecedented situation. At this time yesterday, forty (40) roads were closed because of sink holes, lands slides, and flooding. The municipal team has been working to correct the situation, priority being given to ensuring circulation on all of our roads. This objective had already been achieved yesterday evening by 8:30 p.m., excepting on Chemin de la Montagne.

However, some roads will require additional repairs to bring them up to standard. This work will take place over the next few days. On Chemin de la Montagne and Route 366, where the culverts did not survive the strength of the current, repairs will require a few more days since work will be extensive. In addition, an assessment of municipal roads has been initiated to determine the work to be done in preparation for the winter season.

On the residential front, many houses were flooded, mostly in the Wakefield sector, and some 140 houses are still without electricity. The Municipality is following up with Hydro Québec to reconnect these houses in the best delays possible. Measures have been taken to house persons who would require it at the Sainte-Cécile-de-Masham sport complex.

The Municipality will keep the population informed of developments. Updates will be posted on [the Municipal website](#).

We thank you for your patience and collaboration.

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