



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF COUNCIL

Date: December 19, 2025

Time: 9:00 am

1355 Peddlers Drive, Calvin, ON

Attendance: Mayor Gould, Councillors Grant, Latimer, Manson, Staff: CAO Maitland, Public Works Superintendent Carr, Admin Assistant Albright

Regrets: Jordan Whalley, Fire Chief, Councillor Moreton

Guests: John Tarantino, Marmak

1. CALL TO ORDER

Resolution Number: CW2025-01

Moved By: Councillor Latimer

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

Now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this December 19th, Committee of the Whole of Council meeting be called to order @ 9:09 a.m. by Mayor Gould who indicates Fire Chief Jordan Whalley and Councillor Bill Moreton are regrettably unable to attend this meeting and that quorum has been achieved.

Result: Carried

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution Number: CW2025-02

Moved By: Councillor Manson

Seconded By: Councillor Grant

Now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole hereby approves the agenda as circulated.

Result: Carried

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - None

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS - None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 2025 Asset Management Plan – Led by John Tarantino, Marmak

Resolution Number: CW2025-03

Moved By: Councillor Manson

Seconded By: Councillor Grant

THAT Committee of the Whole received the 2025 Asset Management Plan and recommends to Council that it be adopted.

Result: Carried

12. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

By-Law # 2025-56

Resolution Number: CW2025-04

Moved By: Councillor Grant

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

Now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2025-56 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Committee of the Whole be approved.

Result: Carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution Number: CW2025-05

Moved By: Councillor Manson

Seconded By: Councillor Latimer

Now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Dec 19, 2025 be adjourned @11:30 a.m.

Result: Carried

6.1

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN
BY-LAW NO. 2024-46 Amendment to By-Law 2024-35**

BEING a By-Law to establish and maintain a system for the disposal of garbage and other refuse.

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*S.O. 2001, c.25, section 10(1), as amended, states that a single tier municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public

AND WHEREAS the *Municipal Act* S.O. 2001, c.25, section 10(2)7, as amended, provides that a single-tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting matters pertaining to services and things that the municipality is authorized to provide under subsection(l)

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin deems it desirable to amend By-law No. 2024-35 to establish and maintain a system for the removal and disposal of garbage, and for contracting with any person for the removal and disposal by him/her of garbage and other refuse upon such terms and conditions as may be considered expedient;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of ~~Cain~~ enacts as follows:

1. DEFINITIONS

"Garbage" shall mean waste food or any putrescible organic matter resulting from the preparation, serving and consumption of edible food.

"Other refuse" shall mean discarded materials and goods incidental to the operations of households and business establishments.

"Site" shall mean the Calvin Waste Disposal Site at Lot 21, Concession 3, Calvin Township.

"Rubbish" shall include the sweepings and cleaning from yards, basements, sheds or other places, and branches cut from trees or shrubs, boxes, barrels, or other containers, excelsior and other packing materials.

2. HOURS OF OPERATION

The gate at the site shall be locked when the Site is closed. The Site shall be open as follows:

April 1 to Sept. 30 (a) Tuesday 1:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.
(b) Saturday 10:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.

Oct. 1 to April 30 (a) Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 (b) Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

3. UNAUTHORIZED DISPOSAL

- a) No person shall deposit or cause to be deposited any garbage, domestic or commercial refuse or rubbish within the township limits other than at the Calvin Waste Disposal Site.
- b) All garbage, refuse or other materials shall only be discharged under the direction of the Site attendant.
- c) No person other than a resident of the municipality or authorized personnel shall deposit garbage at the Site unless authorized or otherwise prearranged by Council.
- d) No unauthorized person shall set fire at the Site.
- e) No trespassing. No unauthorized person shall enter the Site other than during the hours of operation.
- f) Hunting is prohibited on the Site.
- g) Scavenging is prohibited at the Site.
- h) No person shall deposit garbage, refuse, rubbish or any waste materials at the locked gates when the Site is closed.
- i) No person shall deposit the following unacceptable materials; large rocks, stumps, animal carcasses, sewage, animal waste, toxic or hazardous wastes, chemicals, explosives, volatile materials, pathological waste, buildings or used vehicles at the Site.

4. RECYCLING

The recycling depot is located at the Site.

The recycling depot shall receive all recyclable materials that are

- a) approved for removal by our contractor (subject to market conditions),
- b) approved by the Site attendant

A list of acceptable recyclable materials shall be available at the Site from the Site attendant on duty.

All materials being brought free of charge into the recycling depot shall be clean and deposited in an orderly fashion under the supervision of the Site attendant.

5. DISPOSAL AND TIPPING FEES

The attached Schedule "A" Landfill Site Services, Disposal and Tipping Fees (Residential and Non-Residential) shall be attached and form part of this by-law.

6. ENFORCEMENT

Any police officer, provincial offences officer or employee of the Municipality whose duties include the enforcement of this by-law, is authorized to enforce this by-law pursuant to the provisions hereof, the *Municipal Act, 2001* S.O. 2001, c.25 as amended or any successor thereof, and the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33, or any successor thereof

7. OFFENCES

Any person who contravenes any provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine, penalty or order as provided for in the *Provincial Offences Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.33, as amended, or any successor thereto, or in the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended or any successor thereto.

8. This By-law rescinds By-law No. 2024-35 and any other By-Law inconsistent with this By-Law is hereby repealed;
9. This By-law comes into force and effect upon the passing thereof.
10. This By-law includes “Schedule A” Landfill Site Service Residential and Non-Residential disposal and tipping fees to be reviewed annually.

Date: July 30, 2024

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SCHEDULE "A"
LANDFILL SITE
SERVICES

Disposal Category	Resident, (each)	Non-Resident, (each)
Shingle disposal permit	\$25 + tipping fees	\$50+ tipping fees
Mixed Load (Divertible materials sorted)	\$25 per cubic meter/yard	\$50
After hours opening of landfill site (for special circumstances only)	\$80 per load + tipping fees	\$160 per load + tipping fees
Annual Household Waste Limit	104 Garbage Bags. After Limit the fee is \$1 per bag	No annual waste allotment. The fee is \$5 per bag
Recycling Blue Box, Grey Box or Clear Bags	\$0	\$5 each
Tipping Fee Category	Resident, (each)	Non-Resident, (each)
Utility Trailer (Single Axle)	\$25	\$50
Utility Trailer (Tandem Axle)	\$30	\$60
Pick-Up truck $\frac{1}{2}$ ton (Beds, couches, etc.)	\$40	\$80
Single Axle Truck	\$100	\$200
Tandem Truck	\$175	\$350
Tri-axle Truck	\$225	\$450
Semi-trailer	\$250	\$500
Commercial Trailer- Single Axle (Dump/Enclosed Trailers)	\$45	\$90
Commercial Trailer- Tandem Axle (Dump/Enclosed Trailers)	\$80	\$160
<u>Disposal Bins</u> Large (40 Yard) Small (20 Yard) Any other sizes will be prices at \$10 per Yard	Large-\$300 Small-\$150	Large-\$600 Small-\$300
Freezer, fridge, air conditioner, dehumidifier.	\$40	\$80
Freezer, fridge, air conditioner, dehumidifier. -Freon Free Certified, Mattresses, Couch, Upholstered Chair & Box Springs each.	\$20	\$40
Tires-not on rims	\$0	\$10
Tires-on rims	\$10	\$20

DRAFT BY-LAW FOR DISCUSSION

Presented by: A. Carr

**With the exception of minor changes, it mirrors Haliburton
and Bonfield's by-law**

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

BY-LAW NO. 2025-XX

**BEING A BY-LAW TO GOVERN THE MANAGEMENT OF WASTE AND RECYCLING
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN**

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, C.25, section 8 provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on the municipality to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance a municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS Section 74, Section 425(1), Section 426 and Section 429 of the Municipal Act 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended authorizes that a municipality may, in a by-law prohibiting or regulating any matter passed under the "waste management" sphere or jurisdiction, provide that a Person who contravenes the by-law is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine;

AND WHEREAS Section 127 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended from time to time, permits councils of local municipalities to pass by-laws for requiring the owner or occupants of land to clean and clear the land, not including buildings, or to clear refuse or debris from land, not including the buildings, to regulate when and how such matters shall be done, to prohibit the depositing of refuse or debris on land without the consent of the owner or the occupant of the land and to define "refuse";

AND WHEREAS Part V, Section 40 of the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19, as amended from time to time, states that no person shall deposit or cause, permit or arrange for the deposit of, waste upon, in, into or through any land or land covered by water or in any building that is not a waste disposal site for which an environmental compliance approval or renewable energy approval has been issued or a registration under Part II.2. 2010, c 16, Sched.7, s 2 (30);

AND WHEREAS Section 180 of the Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, c.H8, s. 180, as amended from time to time, "Every person who throws or deposits or causes to deposit any glass, nails, tacks, or scraps of metal or any rubbish, refuse, waste, or litter upon, along or adjacent to a highway, except in receptacles provided for the purpose, is guilty of the offence of littering a highway";

AND WHEREAS Section 2 (b, h, i, j, k, m, n, and q) of the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, S.O., c 12, Sch 1, as amended from time to time, states "It is in the Provincial interest that Ontario have a system of resource and recovery and waste reduction that aims to, (b) foster the continued growth and development of a circular economy; (h) minimize the need for waste disposal; (i) minimize the environmental impacts that result from resource recovery activities and waste reduction activities, including from waste disposal, (j) provide efficient, effective, convenient and reliable services related to resource recovery and waste reduction, including waste management services; (k) increase the reuse and recycling of waste across all sectors of the economy, (m) promote public education and awareness with respect to resource recovery and waste reduction; (n) promote cooperation and coordination among various persons and entities involved in resource recovery activities and waste reduction activities; (q) do any other related thing that may be prescribed;"

AND WHEREAS the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, S.O., c.12, Sched.1, Part II, "Application for Provincial Interest" section 10 (1)(4) "The following persons and entities shall have regard to the provincial interest described in section 2 when doing the following things: 4. An owner or operator of a waste management system engaging in waste management activities." Furthermore the Resource and Recovery and Circular Economy Act, S.O., c.12, Sched.1, Part II section 16 (5), states that "If, in the Director's opinion, a person or entity described in subsection (2) fails to act in accordance with the person's or entity's obligation under section 12 to ensure that it performs its duties and carries out its activities in a manner that is consistent with all applicable resource recovery and waste reduction policy statements, the Director may do one or both of the following: (1) Require the person or entity to provide information the Director specifies with respect to the person's or entity's efforts to meet the obligation and the reasons for the failure to do so. (2) Require the person or the entity to prepare and submit to the Director a report describing the proposed steps to be taken to meet the obligation and the proposed timelines for doing so;"

AND WHEREAS under the Environmental and Protection Act, R.S.O., 1990 c.E.19, R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 347: General-Waste Management that the rules and regulations are mandated by the Province of Ontario and that all rules and regulations for waste management be followed to prevent unnecessary fines imposed on the Municipality for the mismanagement of waste;

AND WHEREAS effective January 01, 2026th, the Province of Ontario has created a common collection system financed by producers and that O. Reg 391/21: "Blue Box" under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, S.O., c.12, as amended from time to time, shall have control of what material will be recycled as Blue Box materials;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin has entered into an agreement with Circular Materials Ontario, the entity in control of recycling, to become the sub-contractor for the collection of recyclable material;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Calvin recognizes the need to protect the environment, extend the useful life of the Municipality's Waste Disposal Site, protect personal property, and to protect the properties of the Municipality from the disposal of waste and promote recycling programs in accordance, with established policies and provincial regulations;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin shall adhere to all provincial legislation regarding waste management activities within the boundaries of the Municipality of Calvin, including being the owner and operator of the landfill site located at 111 Adams Road, located on the southeast corner of Concession 3, Lot 21, Parcel 27896, in the Municipality of Calvin;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby enacts as follows:

1.0 **DEFINITIONS**

1.1 That the following terms are defined for the purpose of this By-Law:

- A) "Assessment Roll" means a public record containing the information about property and individual pieces of land within the taxing jurisdiction of an assessing unit.
- B) "Attendant" means the trained staff who work at the landfill site, and may be employees of the municipality, or an employee of a contractor of which has been contracted by the municipality.
- C) "Blue Box Recyclables" means divertible material which the province has included in a recovery program, amended from time to time.
- D) "Burn Pile" means an area at the landfill for the disposal of clean burnable materials such as paint free wood products, leaves and brush.
- E) "Clean Up Costs" means any reasonable expense incurred by the Municipality or the contractor required to restore a particular location to its usual state of repair or cleanliness because of an offence of this By-Law.
- F) "Clean Up Load" means a clean up load for the purpose of spring cleaning, moving from a home as an example. Clean Up Loads shall not contain construction materials, divertible materials, furniture and mattresses.
- G) "Construction Waste" non-divertible material such as shingles, windows and dry wall disposed of through the renovation or construction of a building and have not been designated as recoverable by the Province of Ontario and are subject to a tipping fee.
- H) "Contractor" means any individual, firm, corporation and the employees of any such individual, firm or corporation with the Municipality that has entered into an agreement with the Municipality for the purpose of waste management activities.
- I) "Contractor Permit" means a permit which allows contractors to use the landfill on behalf of a resident for the sole purpose of disposal on the behalf of that resident.

J) “Council” means the council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin.

K) “Dwelling” means a place of residence as defined in the Municipality of Calvin’s Zoning By-Law as amended from time to time.

L) “Electrical and Electronic Equipment” means any material designated by the Province of Ontario included in Ontario Regulation 522/20; Electrical and Electronic Equipment, under Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, S.O., c.12, which is operated under the Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA).

M) “Furniture” means sofas, couches, ottomans, tables, chairs etc. Furniture not in a recovery program by the Province of Ontario, items not in a recovery program are subject to “tipping fees.”

N) “Garbage” means any solid waste other than waste that is included in a recovery program.

O) “Hazardous Waste” means any material which is governed by Regulation 347: General Waste, as amended from time to time by the Province of Ontario. The Municipality of Calvin participates in a Hazardous Waste program with the City of North Bay.

P) “Illegal Dumping” means the disposing of waste, refuse and or garbage in non-designated areas, such as public spaces such as ditches, parks and municipally owned property. Also includes the illegal dumping of waste, refuse and or garbage on private property within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Calvin.

Q) “Industrial, Commercial, Institutional” also known as (IC&I) as defined by the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, S.O., c.12 as amended from time to time; for example, factories, restaurants, stores, churches, non-for-profit, government buildings.

R) “Litter” means a disorderly accumulation of objects left lying in an open areas or public space.

S) “Liquor/Alcohol Containers” means a container that held alcohol beverages and is part of a supplemental collection system, bottle return system.

T) “Manager” means the manager of Public Works or designate.

U) “Metal and Appliances” means any material which the Municipality or Province of Ontario has included in a recovery or disposal program.

V) “Municipality” means the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin.

W) “Non-Divertible Materials” means materials that are not covered under a recovery program. For example, food soiled foils, diapers, furniture, construction materials. These materials may be amended as Ontario moves to a Resource Recovery and Circular Economy.

X) “Officer” means a Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer, authorized to enforce the provisions of this By-Law.

Y) “Owner” means a Person who is shown as the assessed owner of the real property on a current assessment roll for the Municipality, or a Person who, for the time being is managing or receiving the rent of the land of premises, whether on their own account or as an agent or trustee for any other Person.

Z) “Person” means a natural Person or corporation and includes:

- i) Every general partner in a firm, partnership, or joint venture.
- ii) The employer of any Person who does something at the direction of the employer.

- iii) The parent or guardian of any Person under the age of eighteen (18) years who resides in the parent's or guardian's household and does something at the direction of the parent or guardian.
- AA) **"Private Property"** means any land or building that is privately owned and is not owned or leased by the Municipality, a local board, or the Crown in Right of Ontario, or the Crown in right of Canada.
- BB) **"Prohibited Substance"** means anything which is not permitted to be disposed of at the Landfill and includes each substance and material list within this By-Law.
- CC) **"Province"** means the Province of Ontario, including the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks or any other ministry.
- DD) **"Provincial Parks"** means parks or public spaces that are owned and operated by a ministry within the Province of Ontario. For Example, Samuel Champlain Park, Eau Claire Gorge.
- EE) **"Public Property"** means any land or building that is owned or leased by the Municipality, Local Board, the Crown in Right of Ontario and the Crown in Right of Canada.
- FF) **"Refuse"** means Waste and or Garbage.
- GG) **"Resident"** means a property owner that pays taxes to the Municipality of Clavin.
- HH) **"Special Waste"** means anything discarded which the Municipality or Province of Ontario has included in a recovery program or disposal program as amended from time to time. For example, electronics, metal, tires, batteries, hazardous waste.
- II) **"Unorganized Township"** means the Township of Lauder or any other Township which is not incorporated.
- JJ) **"Waste"** means anything discarded from any other source for management by the Municipality.
- KK) **"Waste Disposal Facility"** means the landfill site or the "dump" which is real property owned and operated by the Municipality of Calvin.
- LL) **"Yard Waste"** means any material that is organic in nature, for example leaves and brush.

2.0 Waste Disposal Site:

- 2.1 That the Municipality of Calvin shall operate a Waste Disposal Site on a designated property owned by the Municipality of Calvin.
 - a) Landfill Site located on the Southeast section portion of Concession 3, Lot 21, Parcel 27896, in the Municipality of Calvin.
- 2.2 That the use of the Waste Disposal Site for the disposal of waste is a privilege and not a right which will normally be extended to all Owners in the Municipality of Calvin and such Owners and such Persons from whom the Council may by contract agree to accept Waste.
- 2.3 That the Municipality of Calvin shall set the hours of operation of the Waste Disposal Site as established and set out as a Schedule to this By-Law.
- 2.4 That the Municipality of Calvin shall set fees for the disposal of Waste at the Landfill Site under a separate By-Law.

2.5 That the Municipality may appoint such employees, Contractors, or designated volunteers to enforce the By-Law at the Landfill Site as it deems necessary.

3.0 Rules and Regulations:

3.1 That recycling is mandatory, and that a Person must sort Blue Box and other Divertible Materials into either their proper containers or designated areas within the Waste Disposal Site.

3.2 That Garbage will be disposed of in a clear or transparent bag where contents are visible to Attendants.

3.3 That Blue Box recyclables should be disposed of loose in the indicated bin(s) at the Waste Disposal Site. If bags are used out of convenience, Blue Box Recyclables must be in a clear or transparent bag where contents are visible to the Attendants.

3.4 That a Resident acting with the knowledge or consent of such Person can dispose of at no cost:

- a) That the Municipality will indicate the bag limit and that extra bags needed beyond the limit set in this By-Law will be charged for as per the Schedule in this By-Law:
 - i. The maximum weight of a bag of Garbage is 22 kg. (50 lbs.);
 - ii. The maximum allowable size of bag of Garbage in a clear bag is 79cm (31 inches) wide and 107 cm. (42 inches) tall
- b) Unlimited Blue Box recyclables sorted into containers, and all other Special Waste may also be disposed of at no cost.

3.5 That fees will be applied to:

- a) Garbage in opaque bags;
- b) Garbage that is loose;
- c) Blue Box recyclables that are not sorted into the appropriate containers;
- d) Blue Box recyclables that contain household Garbage;
- e) Garbage containing Blue Box recyclables;
- f) Disposal of bags exceeding the allowable bags of Garbage per year;
- g) Other types of waste including Furniture, Construction, Demolition Waste, Appliances, and any other Waste that the Municipality deems to have a tipping fee for;
- h) Agreements with Provincial Parks, Industrial entities for the purpose of use of the landfill.
- i) Use of the landfill for the Unorganized Township of Lauder residents.

3.6 That a valid proof of residency may be required for use of the Waste Disposal Site. Contractors dumping at the Landfill Site shall provide a permit for the use of the Landfill Site on behalf of the resident.

3.7 That all Persons using the landfill, shall report to the Attendant what they are disposing of, and the Attendant shall have the right to inspect the material entering the Property to direct the placement of materials entering the Landfill site.

3.8 That Attendants have the authority to inspect all Waste entering the Landfill Site.

3.9 That all Persons ensure that relevant disposal fees/tipping fees as set by the Municipality are paid in full prior to disposal, unless an arrangement has been made with the Municipality previous to the disposal of materials. The only method of payment is cash. Credit account fees shall be paid within thirty (30) days and the outstanding invoice shall thereafter be added to the tax roll of the year in which the invoice has been received.

3.10 That the following health and safety restrictions apply at the Landfill Site:

- a) That no Person shall enter the Landfill Site except in a motor vehicle.

- b) That all Persons shall ensure that the motor vehicle load is fully covered and/or secured and the vehicle is not overloaded.
- c) That all Persons shall bring the motor vehicle to a complete stop and await the direction of the Attendant before entering the Landfill Site.
- d) That no Person, while at the Landfill Site, shall operate a motor vehicle or do anything without exercising the due care and attention or in a manner that causes or is likely to cause injury or harm to any Person or damage to any Property.
- e) That all Persons shall at all times obey the directions of Municipal staff and Attendants.
- f) That all Persons shall at all times obey a speed limit of 10km/h while at the Landfill Site.
- g) That all Persons shall enter and exit the Landfill Site by the designated access and exit routes.
- h) That all Persons unload Waste in a safe manner and use extreme caution while unloading.
- i) That all Persons ensure that all children under the age of 12 always remain inside the vehicle.
- j) That all Persons always ensure that minors aged 12 to 17 act responsibly when outside of the vehicle.
- k) That all Persons ensure that animals always remain inside the motor vehicle.
- l) That all Persons acknowledge and accept that any Person entering the Landfill Site does so at its own risk. The Person or Owner of any vehicle brought upon the Landfill Site agrees to save the Municipality, its Contractors, agents and employees, harmless from any damages or claims whatsoever, arising from such Person's negligence or failure to comply with their responsibilities in this By-Law, or otherwise.
- m) That all Persons shall conform strictly to all legislative requirements including, the Environmental Protection Act, the Occupational Health and Safety Act R.S.O. 1990, Ch.01, and any other relevant successor legislation, any relevant regulations there under, any relevant Environmental Compliance Approval and any relevant By-Laws, procedures and policies.

4.11 That no Person, while at the Landfill Site, shall:

- a) Indulge in any riotous, violent, threatening or illegal conduct or use profane or abusive language.
- b) Create nuisance or in any way interfere with the use of the Landfill Site by any other Person.
- c) That all Persons shall adhere to the Municipality of Clavin's "Expected Code of Conduct" By-Law as amended from time to time.
- c) Deface, destroy, or alter any signs, gates, fencing, equipment or facilities at the Landfill Site.

4.12 Any Person deemed by Attendants to be engaging in behavior outlined above may be refused service and/or requested to leave the Landfill Site with their Waste.

4.13 That the following Waste, sorting and disposal restrictions apply at the Landfill Site:

- a) That no Person shall dispose or allow to be disposed Waste except in bins or disposal areas for such purposes.
- b) That a Person shall separate each type of Waste and dispose of it in areas designated for such Waste.
- c) That no Person shall dispose of Hazardous Waste at the Landfill Site and that all Hazardous Waste be taken to the North Bay Hazardous Waste Site located at 112 Patton Street, North Bay, Ontario.

- d) That no Person shall dispose of Waste generated outside of the boundaries of the Municipality of Calvin, unless otherwise determined by the Council.
- e) That no Person shall dispose of Prohibited Substances.
- f) That no Person shall bring any item into the Landfill Site in a concealing packaged manner to not be able to distinguish what it is to determine what type of Waste is being disposed of.
- g) That the Municipality shall not be obligated to accept Waste that is not disposed of in accordance with this By-Law. Should the Municipality accept Waste that is not disposed of in accordance with this By-Law, said actions by the Municipality shall not be construed as a waiver of requirements of this By-Law.
- h) That no Person shall dispose of animal Waste unless it is placed inside a separate, sealed, leak proof bag placed inside of a clear bag of Garbage. Agricultural animal Waste is not accepted.
- i) That no Person shall dispose of sharp items such as knives or glass shards resulting from broken mirrors, dishes, picture frames or other household glass, unless placed in a separate sturdy, walled container secured to remain closed, placed in a clear bag of Garbage.
- j) That all Waste disposed of shall become the property of the Municipality of Calvin and may be recycled, reclaimed, recovered, salvaged, disposed of and otherwise dealt with as the Municipality deemed fit.

5.0 Scavenging:

- 5.1 That no Person shall scavenge, interfere with, pick over, disturb, remove or scatter Waste at the Landfill Site unless the Waste has been designated for re-use by the Municipality and the Person has received permission from the Attendant or their designate. Scavenging under the Environmental Protection Act, O. Reg 232/98: Landfill Sites, section 23 states that “The Owner or Operator will ensure that there is no scavenging at the Landfill Site.”
- 5.2 “Calvin Mall” is for the purpose of a re-use site and the Attendant or designate will determine what can be placed there. Items that require a tipping fee shall be required to pay the fee prior to the placement of the item. Items are not to be placed at the Calvin Mall for the purpose of avoiding fees.

6.0 Trespassing:

- 6.1 That no Person shall unlawfully enter the Landfill Site or the Property that the Landfill Site is situated to at any time. Entry outside of the hours of the Landfill Site without the accompaniment of a Municipal Employee prohibited.
- 6.2 That no Person shall enter the Landfill Site with or operate an off-road vehicle, snow machine, or bike of any type on the property that is located on the Property of the Landfill Site while the Landfill Site is not opened. The purpose of use of off-road vehicles shall only be for the purpose of using the Landfill Site services while the Landfill Site is open.

7.0 Litter Bins and Recycling Bins in Public Spaces:

- 7.1 That the Municipality may provide Litter and Recycling Bins in public spaces such as boat launches, parks, business improvement areas, beaches and boat launches managed by the Municipality for the collection of Garbage and Recycling.
- 7.2 That no Person shall place Residential, Industrial, Institutional or Commercial Waste generated from Private Property in a Litter Bin or Recycling Bin managed by the Municipality.
- 7.3 That no Person shall place Prohibited Substances in a Litter or Recycling bin provided by the Municipality.

8.0 Special Events on Municipal Property:

- 8.1 That every organizer of a special event to be held in or on Municipal Property that is not an event hosted directly by the Municipality shall:

- a) Shall ensure to promote Recycling.
- b) Comply with all requirements of this By-Law.

9.0 Multi-Residential/Rentals with Tenants:

- 9.1 That every Owner of a Multi-Residential property shall ensure that each dwelling or tenant has adequate and equitable access to Waste disposal programs including Blue Box Recyclables and Garbage disposal.
- 9.2 That every Owner of a Multi-Residential or rental Property shall promote Recycling and encourage Blue Box Recycling.

10.0 Illegal Dumping:

- 10.1 That no Person shall dump, drop, sweep, throw, cast or otherwise dispose of, or permit their Contractor, agent, employee, child under their care or control to dump, drop, sweep, throw, cast or otherwise dispose of, or permit a vehicle owned by an Owner to be used by any Person for the purpose of dumping, dropping, sweeping, throwing, casting or otherwise disposing of any Waste whatsoever on it or in:
 - a) Any road or highway as defined by the Highway Traffic Act including both traveled and untraveled portions thereof;
 - b) Public Property;
 - c) At the entrance or perimeter of the Landfill Site.
- 10.2 That a Person shall permit Waste at any time in the care and control of that Person to be dumped, dropped, swept, thrown, cast or otherwise disposed of by any Person in contravention of this By-Law.
- 10.3 That Waste shall be deemed to have been within the care and control of a Person at a point in time if the Waste included any Waste typically associated with or used by that Person and shall include but is not restricted to the following:
 - a) Mail and other paper products bearing the name, address or other identifying characteristics typically associated with that Person;
 - b) Waste that can on a balance of probabilities be shown to have been purchased by that Person;
 - c) Waste that can on a balance of probabilities be shown to have originated from property with respect of which a Person is considered the Owner/tenant and during the time the Person was considered the Owner/tenant;
 - d) Waste that can on a balance of probabilities be shown to have been transported in a motor vehicle owner or under the care and control of the Person.

11.0 Authority of the Director/Manager:

- 11.1 That in accordance with the policies and By-Laws of the Municipality, the Director/Manager or designate shall have the authority to:
 - a) Operate and administer the Municipality's Waste management services in accordance with this By-Law;
 - b) Determine the nature of Waste management services subject to the approval of the Council, in accordance with this By-Law;
 - c) Adhere to all legislation pertaining to the management of Waste and the management of a Landfill Site, including Provincial Policies and targets for the purpose of Waste diversion;
 - d) Suspend, discontinue, or revoke Waste management services to any Person who is in violation of this By-Law;
 - e) Suspend Waste Management services in all or part in the event of inclement weather or other conditions that renders the provision of Waste management services unsafe or otherwise undeliverable;

- f) From time to time review the By-Law and its schedules to add or delete or change terms described in this By-Law;
- g) Waive strict compliance with any provision of this By-Law.

12.0 Offences:

- 12.1 An offence shall be when any Person who:
 - a) Maliciously, willfully or negligently tampers with any facility, structure or equipment used for the management of Waste under this By-Law;
 - b) Is guilty of an offence that shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the provisions of the Provincial Offences Act R.S.O. 1990, c.P33 and to any other applicable penalty.
- 12.2 That an offence shall be deemed to occur on each day for which a contravention of this By-Law occurs or continues.
- 12.3 That if an offence in the physical presence of an Attendant; the Attendant may;
 - a) Direct a Person to stop doing something or change the way in which they are doing it;
 - b) Direct a Person to take any action necessary to remedy the contravention of this By-Law to prevent re-occurrence of the contravention;
 - c) Direct a Person to leave the Landfill Site with their Waste;
 - d) Alert and provide information to the Director/Manager and to provide a report to expel the Landfill Site privileges of the Person to contravention of this By-Law;
 - e) In cases where the Attendant feels threatened and is unable to mitigate the risk to themselves or to other members of the public, the Attendant will have the right to protect themselves and the safety of others and shall call the Ontario Provincial Police and the Director/Manager.
- 12.4 That if the Director or their designate or a By-Law Officer believes or finds that a Person is contravening, or has contravened the By-Law, the Director or designate or a by-law Officer may require a Person responsible for the contravention to remedy the contravention.
- 12.5 Where the Person responsible has not remedied the contravention, the Municipality will remedy the contravention and all costs incurred by the Municipality shall be the responsibility of the Person responsible for the contravention.
- 12.6 All expenses incurred by the Municipality in connection with the enforcement of this By-Law shall be paid within thirty (30) days of their billing date, and in the event of failure to pay the entire amount due with the said thirty (30) days, the outstanding balance of the invoice may thereafter be added to the tax roll as of the year in which the expenses were billed.
- 12.7 Expenses incurred by the Municipality shall include the actual cost of labour, equipment and an administrative fee of twenty-five (25) percent plus an additional one quarter percent (1.25%) interest rate per month for any outstanding amounts.
- 12.8 The Council may elect to restrict, suspend and permanently terminate the privileges of a Person provided that such a restriction, suspension or permanent termination is a consequence of:
 - a) Established pattern of serious and deliberate contravention of this By-Law not rectified after three (3) months repeated written orders, fines or penalties;
 - b) Physical or verbal harm caused to an Attendant or a Municipal Employee.
- 12.9 That if Council elects to restrict the privileges of a Person any or all of the following restrictions may be imposed:
 - a) A requirement that Waste and Recycling be brought to the Landfill Site on specific dates and times;
 - b) A requirement that the Person submit to a detailed inspection of all Waste disposed of at the Landfill Site;

- c) A requirement that the Person pay a special fee, in addition to any other fee, normally imposed, equal to a genuine pre-estimate of the actual cost of any detailed inspections or sorting by Attendants of the Waste.

12.10 That if the Council elects to suspend or permanently terminate the privilege of a Person, any or all the following terms may be imposed;

- a) Suspensions may be set for a specific time period;
- b) Permanent terminations are indefinite;
- c) All suspensions and permanent terminations will be reviewed annually by Council.

12.11 That every decision of Council to restrict, suspend, or permanently terminate the right of someone to whom has the privilege of using the Landfill Site shall be set down in writing and delivered or mailed to the Person's address shown on their assessment roll for the Municipality of their known address. This includes termination of:

- a) A brief description of the alleged contravention and the approximate date thereof;
- b) The date of which the restriction, suspension or permanent termination will come into effect;
- c) Where applicable, the details of the restrictions;
- d) Where applicable, the details of how or when the restrictions, suspension or termination may cease.

13.0 Enforcement and Administration:

13.1 This By-Law will be administered by the Public Works Superintendent or designate.

13.2 This By-Law shall be enforced by a by-law Officer or Public Works Superintendent or their designates.

13.3 That no Person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct, a by-law Officer or other duly appointed Person exercising a power or performing duty under this By-Law.

14.0 Short Title:

14.1 That this By-Law will be referred to as the "Waste Management By-Law"

15.0 Interpretation:

15.1 That the provisions of this By-Law shall not relieve any Person from compliance with any provisions of this By-Law, or any other Municipal By-Law.

15.2 That in the event that any of the provisions contained in this By-Law are determined invalid, unlawful or unenforceable to any extent, such provision shall be severed from the remaining provision which shall continue to be fully valid permitted by law.

15.3 That the numbers and headings are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not to be considered when interpreting this By-Law.

15.4 That the words "include" and "Including" are not to be read as limiting the meaning of a word or term to the purpose of descriptions that follow.

15.5 That wherever this By-Law refers to a user, Owner or thing reference to gender or the gender neutral, the intention is to read the By-Law with the gender applicable to the circumstances.

16.0 Severability:

16.1 That if a court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction declares any portion of this By-Law to illegal or unenforceable, that portion of this By-Law shall be considered to be severed from the balance of the By-Law, which shall operate in full force.

17.0 Schedules:

17.1 Schedules to this By-Law form an integral part of this By-Law:

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CAO Report to Committee of the Whole (COW) Feb 4, 2026, Meeting CAO-2026-10
Subject: Issues Identified in By-law 2019-019 – Parking for Water Access Only Properties at Smith Lake

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present Committee of the Whole members with the operational, enforcement, and fairness issues identified in By-law 2019-019 as it relates to parking for water access only properties at Smith Lake, and to seek Council resolution and direction on how these matters are to be addressed.

Background

By-law 2019-019 regulates parking on municipal lands, including provisions specific to water access only properties at Smith Lake. These provisions limit each property to one parking space, require the purchase of an annual parking permit, prohibit overnight parking except for permitted vehicles, and allow for towing of unauthorized vehicles.

As property ownership and usage of Smith Lake continue to increase, concerns have been raised regarding the practicality, enforceability, and equity of the current provisions.

Issues Requiring Council Resolution

Committee of the Whole is asked to consider and resolve the following issues:

Permit Issuance and Fee Collection

The current by-law requires property owners to attend the municipal office to obtain a permit and pay the fee.

There is no mechanism to ensure universal compliance or consistent fee collection.

Parking Fees

Council must determine whether water access only property owners should continue to be charged an annual parking fee.

If fees are to continue, Council must decide whether they should be invoiced annually (e.g., January 1) as a non-tax levy rather than through voluntary permit applications.

Overnight Parking and Visitor Access

The current by-law does not permit overnight parking for visitors of water access only properties.

Council must determine whether to:

1. Maintain the one-vehicle-per-property limit; or

Allow additional or temporary parking permits for visitors or multiple vehicles.

Table 4.25 In the Municipality of Calvin's zoning by-law indicates that the schedule for Parking Regulations for Residential, (including seasonal dwellings) the requirement is 2 spaces per dwelling.

Where signage and designated parking is concerned, there is currently no signage identifying designated parking spaces for water access only permit holders. As the number of property owners increases, and the number of permits approved, staff is to ensure sufficient reserved parking signage is installed.

2. Winter Maintenance

The Smith Lake boat launch parking area is not plowed during winter months.

Nothing in the by-law states the parking permit is for a limited number of months, excluding winter months.

While the road is maintained year-round, currently the parking area is not maintained during winter months.

The by-law indicates that snow plowing on municipal properties will only occur when snow accumulation is 3 inches. This is contrary to road maintenance standards. This particular by-law should not reference details of the minimum roads' maintenance standards, only whether the launch will or will not be maintained according to those standards.

Council must determine the intended level of maintenance and access, all the while considering parking permit decision implications.

3. Future Growth

With a potential increase in the number of water access only properties, Council must consider whether the current parking allocation model remains appropriate.

Financial Considerations

Council should consider:

The number of permits currently issued (one);

The annual revenue generated by permit fees (\$125, past practice is that the fee is pro-rated depending on when the owner enters the office to obtain his / her permit);

The costs associated with signage, snowplowing, and enforcement; and

Whether the fee structure remains equitable relative to services provided.

If there is to remain a fee, that fee should be “moved” to the Fees and Charges By-law, which is reviewed annually, vs otherwise “hidden deep” within in this by-law.

There is also some concern that with growth, and without proper signage, the limited space available to host vehicles will decline and more vehicles, including those with trailers will be parked along the side of the road. Proper planning with designated signage for ALL vehicles, all year round must be implemented.

Conclusion

By-law 2019-019, as currently written, presents challenges related to enforcement, fairness, practicality and is inconsistent with the zoning by-law as well as legislated minimum maintenance standards. Council direction is required to resolve these issues and determine whether amendments to the by-law are necessary.

Recommendations

THAT Committee of the Whole (COW) receive the report regarding By-law 2019-019 and resolve the following:

THAT COW recommends to Council that

-the Municipality [select one: continue / discontinue] the issuance of parking permits for water access only properties at Smith Lake with a designated area for that purpose;

-the Municipality [select one: continue / discontinue] charging an annual parking fee to water access only property owners, and

-IF continued, to ensure the ability to collect the fee, that the fee be invoiced annually as a non-tax levy effective Jan 1, 2026;

-the Municipality [maintain / amend] the one-vehicle-per-property limit, including direction on whether visitor or additional permits are permitted;

And that COW recommend to Council

- the installation of signage identifying designated parking spaces for water access only permit holders;

- whether the Smith Lake boat launch and parking area are to be maintained on a seasonal or year-round basis.



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF
CALVIN

BY-LAW NUMBER 2019 – 019

BEING a by-law to regulate the use of park lands within and to regulate parking on lands owned by the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin.

WHEREAS under the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, Section 8, a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under the Act;

AND WHEREAS section 11 (3) of the Act provides for the passing of By-laws for matters within the spheres of jurisdiction which include:

- Highways, including parking and traffic on highways;
- Culture, parks, recreation and heritage;
- Structures, including fences and signs, and
- Parking, except on highways.

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of Section 425 (1) of the *Municipal Act*, Council of all municipalities may pass a By-Law providing that a person who contravenes any By-Law of the Council passed under the authority of the *Municipal Act* is guilty of an offence;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it appropriate to pass a by-law to control the use of public lands which the Corporation owns, to regulate such use and protect said lands and to regulate parking;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin does enact as follows:

1. **DEFINITIONS**

a. “camping” is to be defined as the setting up of and/or use of equipment, tents, trailers, recreational or other vehicles, or any other material which could be used for temporary sleeping accommodations;

b. “overnight” is defined as the hours between 23:00 h and 5:00 h;

c. “Highway” includes a common and public highway, driveway etc. for or used by the general public for the passage area between the lateral property lines thereof;

2. **OVERNIGHT CAMPING**

a. **THAT** no overnight camping be permitted at the public boat launch at Smith Lake or the municipal grounds surrounding the Municipal Office/Community Centre/Public Works Garage and/or the Calvin Fire Hall;

b. **THAT** all recreational vehicles and/or camping equipment be removed from boat launch sites between 23:00 h and 5:00 h;

c. **THAT** on a case by case basis, the stopping of the travelling public for health and safety purposes on an overnight basis might be allowed, with written permission from the Municipality;

3. **PARKS AND ANIMALS**

a. **THAT** dogs are not permitted at Municipal Office/Community Centre/Public Works Garage grounds during public events unless on a leash and under the control of their owners at all times;

b. **THAT** at all other times, pets are allowed so long as they remain under the care and control of their owners at all times;

c. **THAT** all dog owners practice responsible pet ownership and monitor their animals at all times to ensure that their behaviour is not detracting from the enjoyment of others and remove them when they are;

d. **THAT** pet owners practice responsible pet ownership including but not limited to poop and scoop habits while on municipal property.

4. BOAT LAUNCHES

- a. THAT water vehicles (boats) shall not be parked overnight at the municipal launch facilities at Smith Lake or during the day for any period of over 1 hour.
- b. THAT no overnight vehicle parking be allowed at the Smith Lake boat launch except in the designated spots assigned to water access only property owners with the appropriate permits. Any vehicles left overnight may be towed at the owner's expense.
- c. THAT all recreational vehicles and/or camping equipment be removed from boat launch sites between 23:00 h and 05:00 h except in emergency situations;

5. WATER ACCESS ONLY PROPERTIES

- a. THAT there will one parking spot per property allocated to each Water Access ONLY property.
- b. THAT each Water Access ONLY property owner must obtain a parking permit from the Municipal Office at an annual fee of \$125.00.
- c. THAT each Water Access ONLY property owner must park in the designated area for Water Access ONLY properties.
- d. THAT while parked in the designated parking area, the permit must be prominently displayed on the vehicle.

6. FIRE

- a. THAT no campfires of any type are allowed at any municipal boat launch or other municipal property except on an emergency basis.

7. SNOWPLOW TURNAROUNDS

- a. THAT no parking is permitted at any time of the day or night in designated municipal snowplow turn-arounds from November 1 – April 1 of each year;
- b. THAT vehicles parked in the snowplow turn-arounds may be towed at the owner's expense;
- c. THAT no person shall park a vehicle on any part of the highway in such a manner as to interfere with municipal services, such as snow plowing or the removal of ice or snow;
- d. THAT from November 1st to April 1st, no person shall park a vehicle except a vehicle used for emergency purposes on any part of a road or highway at any time of the day or night to allow for snow plowing and/or snow removal operations. Snow plowing and/or snow removal operations are implemented when three inches (3") or more of snow has fallen or when snow banks must be reduced and vehicles parked on any part of a road or highway during the above-mentioned months will be towed at the owner's expense.

8. VEHICLES SUBJECT TO REMOVAL WHEN ILLEGALLY PARKED

- a. In addition to any other penalties provided by this By-Law, upon discovery of a vehicle parked, stopped or standing on any highway in contravention of any provisions of this By-Law, or apparently abandoned on any municipal or public property, any Provincial Offences Officer may cause such vehicle to be moved or taken to and placed or stored in a suitable place and all costs and charge, for removing the vehicle and storage thereof, if any, are a lien upon the vehicle being released and may be enforced in the manner provided by the *Repair and Storage Liens Act*.

9. SIGNS, ERECTION OF SIGNS, ETC.

- a. The Municipality of Calvin's Recreation Supervisor and/or Road Superintendent are hereby authorized and directed to erect and maintain such signs, markings, barricades and other structures, plant and equipment as are required to give effect to this By-Law and as are required to regulate, direct, warn or guide pedestrians and vehicular traffic for the safety and convenience of the public.

10.

The provisions of this By-Law shall be subject to the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter H-8, as amended and to any regulations made thereunder and any reference in this By-Law to the said Highway Traffic Act or any provision thereof shall be deemed to be a reference to the said Highway Traffic Act or provisions thereof as amended or re-enacted from time to time.

11. DEFACING SIGNS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS

- a. No person shall move, remove, deface or in any way interfere with any sign or marking placed, erected or maintained under this By-Law.

12. PENALTIES

- a. Any fine imposed or offence created by this By-Law is subject to the provisions of Part II of the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.P. 33, as amended.

13. OFFENCES

- a. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this By-Law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act.

14. ENFORCEMENT

- a. That the municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer, a Police Officer or other designate appointed by the Municipality be authorized to enforce this by-law.
- b. *That enforcement will be complaint driven.*

15. SEVERABILITY

- a. If any part of this By-Law shall be declared void such part shall be deemed severable and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this By-Law.

16. CONFLICT

- a. In the event of conflict between this By-Law and any other By-Law passed prior to the effective date of this By-Law, the provision of this By-Law shall take precedence.

17. THAT this by-law comes into effect upon its passing:

READ a 1st and 2nd time this _____ day of _____ 20____.

MAYOR _____

CLERK _____

READ a 3rd time and finally passed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

MAYOR _____

CLERK _____

August 27, 2021

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Parking Permit for 2021

As per our conversation on Monday, August 23rd, 2021, you will need a Parking Permit to be able to park at the Smith Lake Boat launch overnight and for an extended period of time. As per the Municipality of Calvin's Parking By-Law 2019-019, Clause 5 – Water Access Only Properties, the annual fee for a parking permit is \$125.00.

<https://calvintownship.ca/Uploads/Documents/By-Laws/By-Law%20No%202019-019%20-%20Park%20Lands%20and%20Parking.pdf>

Since there is only one third of the season left, the municipality will prorate the annual fee for 2021 to \$40.00.

In order to obtain a Parking Permit for the remainder of the year, please send in the fee or come to the municipal office to pay the fee and pick up the parking permit.

The temporary parking pass that was put on your vehicle for the week of August 23 to August 30 will no longer be valid after August 30th, 2021.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.

Sincerely;

Cindy Pigeau
Clerk-Treasurer
Municipality of Calvin

August 16, 2018

Take Note

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING **SMITH LAKE ACCESS ROAD** **&BOAT LAUNCH AREA**

To the owner of this illegally parked vehicle;

Please be advised that there is NO overnight camping or parking authorized or allowed at the Smith Lake boat launch area at any time.

The Make, Model and Licence Plate Number of this vehicle has been recorded and filed with the Municipal Office.

Please ensure this vehicle does NOT remain at this site overnight.

This information shall be communicated to the Municipal Enforcement Officer.

Lynda Kovacs
Clerk-Treasurer
Municipality of Calvin

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Committee of the Whole Feb 4, 2026

Mayor's Information Report

Subject: CRTC Part 1 Application – Bell Canada Local Landline Telephone Services

Purpose

To inform Council and the public of a current Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) proceeding affecting local wireline (landline) telephone services, to place the Township's formal submission on the public record, and to provide awareness of related correspondence undertaken prior to the CRTC comment deadline.

Background

On December 22, 2025, Bell Canada filed a Part 1 application with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) seeking forbearance from the regulation of certain local exchange (landline) telephone services. The public comment deadline for this application is February 9, 2026.

While broadband services are not subject to a duty to serve, local wireline voice service remains regulated. Bell's application is based on the availability of alternative telecommunications services, including wireless and internet-based voice offerings.

The regular meeting of Council is scheduled for February 10, 2026, following the CRTC comment deadline. Accordingly, this matter is being brought forward at Committee of the Whole to ensure Council and the public are informed of the proceeding and the Township's actions prior to the deadline.

Council Consideration and CRTC Submission

At a duly constituted meeting, Council considered a Mayor's Report detailing persistent deficiencies in cellular service, landline reliability, and broadband internet access within Calvin Township. Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Mayor to make submissions to the CRTC on behalf of Council regarding these matters.

A formal submission has been filed with the CRTC outlining Council's concerns related to:

- Telecommunications reliability and emergency access;
- Public safety risks associated with unreliable or unavailable services;
- The absence of reliable alternatives to regulated landline service in Calvin Township;
- The status and timing of publicly funded broadband infrastructure commitments.

A copy of the CRTC submission is attached to this report as Appendix "A."

Public Awareness and Context

Calvin Township is a rural municipality with a permanent population of approximately 600 residents, including a significant number of seniors. Based on direct experience and ongoing resident feedback, cellular

service throughout much of the Township is unreliable, with frequent dropped calls, coverage gaps, and service failures during adverse weather and power outages.

Council has expressed concern that deregulation or withdrawal of landline services, in the absence of reliable and resilient alternatives, could materially increase public safety risk and further constrain the Township's long-term sustainability.

This item is presented for information and public awareness only. No decision or direction is being requested at this time.

Correspondence Undertaken (Information Only)

In addition to the CRTC submission, informational correspondence has been sent to the following parties to ensure situational awareness of the issue:

- Mike Smith, Ministry of Energy and Mines (MEM)
- Susan Church, Blue Sky Networks
- Mayors of the Municipality of Bonfield; Town of Mattawa; Municipality of Mattawan; Township of Papineau-Cameron
- Suzanne O'Malley, Federal Representative
- The Honourable Lisa Thompson, MPP
- The Honourable Victor Fedeli, MPP
- MP Pauline Rochefort
- Mark Wilson, ROMA Representative
- Tanya Vrebosch, ROMA Representative

Copies of outgoing correspondence are not attached, as this item is intended to provide awareness of engagement rather than direction or advocacy.

Verbal Report

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting, as additional correspondence or responses may be received prior to the regular Council meeting of February 10, 2026.

Attachments

- Appendix "A" – CRTC Submission on behalf of the Council of the Township of Calvin

From: [Mayor Richard Gould](#)
To: [Public Hearing/Audience publique](#)
Subject: Bell Part 1 Application for forbearance from the regulation of residential local exchange service in Calvin Township and surrounding area
Date: January 15, 2026 8:33:40 AM

ATTENTION

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To the Secretary General,

I am writing on behalf of the Council of the Township of Calvin to formally submit Council's concerns regarding telecommunications reliability, public safety, and Bell Canada's application for deregulation of certain local landline telephone services.

At a duly constituted meeting, Council considered a Mayor's Report detailing persistent deficiencies in cellular service, landline reliability, and broadband internet access within Calvin Township. Council has adopted a resolution authorizing the Mayor to make submissions to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) on these matters.

Calvin Township is a rural municipality with a permanent population of approximately 600 residents, including a significant number of seniors. Reliable access to telecommunications services, including the ability to contact 911, fire, police, and emergency medical services, is essential to public safety. Based on direct experience and ongoing resident feedback, cellular service throughout much of the Township is unreliable, with frequent dropped calls and extensive coverage gaps. These deficiencies are particularly acute during adverse weather and power outages.

The public safety implications of unreliable communications infrastructure were clearly demonstrated during the severe storm event of June 21, 2025. During this event, cellular service failed in multiple areas of the Township, power outages were widespread, and landline service was also disrupted, creating serious challenges for residents and emergency responders.

Council is therefore deeply concerned by Bell Canada's application dated December 22, 2025, seeking deregulation of certain local landline telephone services. Given the absence of reliable alternatives in Calvin Township, Council submits that deregulation or withdrawal of landline services would materially increase public safety risk.

Council further notes that Bell Canada previously received \$12,563,044 in combined provincial and federal public funding for a broadband infrastructure project intended to deliver fibre-optic internet service to every residence in several municipalities, including Calvin Township, Bonfield, Papineau-Cameron, and the Town of Mattawa, with a publicly stated completion deadline of December 31, 2025.

As of the date of this submission, there are no visible signs of fibre-optic construction throughout most of Calvin Township, no confirmed completion date, and no public clarification regarding the scope of service. Mapping information provided by Blue Sky Networks of North Bay indicates that

areas identified as “under construction” or “proposed” are largely limited to northern portions of the Township near the highway corridor, while substantial portions of Calvin Township appear excluded.

Council further emphasizes that Calvin Township lacks viable alternative telecommunications infrastructure. There is no cable service, existing copper infrastructure does not support DSL, cellular coverage is constrained by terrain and limited tower infrastructure, and fixed wireless broadband is similarly unreliable. Many residents continue to rely on aging landline services as their only marginally reliable means of communication, particularly during emergencies.

In addition to public safety considerations, Council submits that reliable telecommunications services are now essential infrastructure for the long-term sustainability of rural communities. The absence of dependable broadband and telephone services constrains the Township’s ability to retain residents, attract new residents, and maintain fiscal stability.

Accordingly, Council respectfully requests that the Commission:

- Deny or defer any deregulation or withdrawal of local landline telephone services in Calvin Township unless and until reliable, resilient, and demonstrably effective alternative communications services are available;
- Require full disclosure regarding the scope, mapping, timelines, and current status of publicly funded broadband infrastructure commitments affecting Calvin Township;
- Give significant weight to rural service realities and public safety impacts in its consideration of Bell Canada’s application.

Council appreciates the opportunity to make this submission and would welcome further engagement with the Commission as required.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Richard Gould
Township of Calvin
On behalf of Council

RICHARD GOULD
MAYOR, CALVIN TOWNSHIP