



Municipality of Calvin Newsletter

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Spring is coming!

This picture is of the beautiful Eau Claire Gorge located in our wonderful township.

We are pleased to present the March 2026 edition newsletter to let you know what the Municipality has been doing over the long cold winter.



Register to Vote

<https://vreg.registertovoteon.ca/en/home>

MUNICIPAL ELECTION OCTOBER 26, 2026

The staff at the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin are busy preparing for the 2026 elections. The CAO and Deputy Clerk are participating in MMAH (Ministry of Municipal Affairs) and AMCTO (Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario) training currently taking place and in the coming months to prep the corporation for election day October 26th, 2026.

We encourage people interested in running for Mayor or a member of Council to take advantage of training being offered now. Whether you are new and have not been in municipal politics before or if you are running for an additional time, refer to our Website www.calvintownship.ca under the Municipal Elections tab for Education Opportunities offered by AMO for Potential Candidates. You can also check out the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) website www.amo.on.ca directly to keep up to date on the latest training dates and courses.

**Are you interested in
running for office in 2026?**

Workshop Series

The Association of
Municipalities of Ontario
offers free online
workshop series



CALVIN LANDFILL 111 Adams Road

CALVIN RECYCLES Keep up the good work! **You are making a difference!**

Oct. 1 to Mar 31 Tues. 1pm-4pm Sat. 10am-3pm

Apr. 1 to Sept. 30 Tues. 1pm-6pm Sat. 10am-3pm

Shaping our Future Together



Entirely funded by the Government of Canada through the Canada Community Building Fund, the development of the Municipality's Strategic Plan is currently underway. A municipal strategic plan helps guide Council's decision-making by identifying the priorities and goals that matter most to the community. It serves as a roadmap for the coming years, helping to shape municipal initiatives, projects, and investments so they reflect the needs and aspirations of residents.

We recognize that a strategic plan can only truly reflect the community's vision if residents participate and share their perspectives. To support this, daytime and evening public consultation meetings were held, along with a community survey. Information about these opportunities was shared through direct mail, social media, and advertisements in the Mattawa Recorder. A copy of the community survey was also distributed by direct mail, made available online, and both surveys and invitations to the consultation meetings were handed out to residents at the landfill site. In total, six residents joined the two consultation sessions, which were also attended by Council members.

Council itself and staff will hold planning meetings where they will share their input into the plan and will be working through the information gathered during the engagement process as they design the plan, with completion expected by the end of May. The Strategic Plan will help shape the Municipality's direction and priorities for the coming years.

We invite all residents to participate in the Strategic Plan survey. This is your opportunity to help shape the future priorities, programs, and services in the community.

The deadline to complete and submit the survey is 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2026. We encourage everyone in your household to take part—every voice matters! Your input will help Council make informed decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of the community. The final report will be uploaded to <https://www.calvintownship.ca/en/municipal-services/plans-and-studies> as soon as it is completed.



Building Condition Assessment

Funded through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF), Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd. recently completed a comprehensive building condition assessment of the municipality's public works, fire and municipal office, and recreation facilities.

A building condition assessment is a detailed evaluation that examines the current state of a building's structural, mechanical, electrical, and overall physical components. The purpose of this assessment is to identify maintenance needs, potential risks, and the expected lifespan of building systems. It also estimates renovation and replacement costs based on today's values, providing a realistic picture of financial requirements for each facility.

This assessment will provide valuable guidance to Council, supporting both short- and long-term asset management planning to ensure municipal facilities meet the community's needs safely, efficiently, and sustainably for years to come.

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Asbestos Management and Asset Retirement Obligation

The municipality has retained Englobe Corp to develop and implement a comprehensive asbestos management program and Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) financial framework for our municipal facilities. ***This project is funded through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF).***

The municipality is required by law to properly identify and manage asbestos-containing materials in buildings where they may be present.

In addition to workplace safety requirements, municipalities must also meet updated financial reporting standards established by the Public Sector Accounting Board. These standards require municipalities to identify and estimate the future costs associated with the safe removal and disposal of hazardous materials, such as asbestos, when buildings are renovated, replaced, or retired. These future financial responsibilities are referred to as Asset Retirement Obligations.

The information gathered through this program will also be used by the municipality's auditors to confirm that the municipality is meeting these accounting and reporting requirements and that potential future liabilities are properly documented.

Beyond regulatory compliance, this work supports the municipality's broader asset management planning. By identifying where asbestos may exist and estimating potential remediation costs, Council will have more accurate information to guide long-term budgeting, capital planning, and infrastructure decisions.

Completing this work ensures the municipality meets legislative requirements, protects the health and safety of workers and contractors, and provides Council with reliable information to support responsible and sustainable financial planning. The final report will be uploaded to <https://www.calvintownship.ca/en/municipal-services/plans-and-studies> as soon as it is completed.



MEET YOUR STAFF!

Danielle Albright

Administrative Assistant/Landfill Attendant

"I suggested this, so I'm the first of the staff that gets to introduce themselves."

My name is Danielle Albright, born and raised Calvin resident. I've lived here most of my 53 years, tried southern Ontario and North Bay, but came back to my backwoods roots.

I have been a resident, a councillor and now I've had the pleasure of joining the hard working team at the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin. Many of you have seen me in my orange vest at the local landfill and you can also find me in the office three (3) days a week.

A decade ago as a councillor for this Municipality, I was one of those who believed the municipality had too many employees. Now that I'm on the other side of the table, I am understanding that in this day of age, the work is much more than I believed. With an email being so easy to send, the requests from residents, government and other municipalities is much more than it was in the days of mail.

"Although, I enjoy the front office and my list there is longer than I ever thought it would be, I truly enjoy the local landfill and look forward to seeing everyone there on Saturdays and Tuesdays."

Roads Needs Study Supports Long-Term Infrastructure Planning



Through funding provided by the Ontario Government's Pothole Prevention and Repair Program, the municipality retained JP2G Consultants Inc. to complete a Roads Needs Study. Funding from this same program also supported the purchase of a compactor used for cold patch repairs, which will help staff complete more durable pothole repairs and improve pothole repair operations across the municipality.

A Roads Needs Study is a detailed engineering assessment of the municipality's road network. Consultants evaluate the condition of roads, assess pavement quality, and identify current and future maintenance, rehabilitation, and reconstruction needs. The study also estimates the expected lifespan of road surfaces and provides cost projections for future repairs and replacements based on current values.

Municipalities in Ontario are required to maintain and regularly update an asset management plan under Ontario Regulation 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure, enacted under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015. To support these plans, municipalities must maintain up-to-date information about the condition of their infrastructure assets, including roads. Completing a Roads Needs Study is one of the primary ways municipalities gather this data, and many municipalities update these studies on a regular cycle—typically every five years—to ensure planning decisions are based on current information.

The results of the study will help Council better understand the condition of the municipality's road network and the long-term investment required to maintain it. This information is used to guide capital planning, prioritize road rehabilitation and reconstruction projects, and support long-term financial planning.

By completing this work, the municipality is meeting provincial requirements, strengthening its asset management planning, and ensuring Council has reliable data to make informed decisions about maintaining safe and sustainable road infrastructure for the community. **Visit our website <https://www.calvintownship.ca/en/municipal-services/plans-and-studies> to read the report.**

Emergency Preparedness Grant Strengthens Municipal Response Capabilities

The municipality has received **funding of \$45,400 through the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant provided by the Government of Ontario**, that will help better equip the Fire Department, Public Works Department, and the municipality overall to respond effectively to emergencies.

This project proposes equipping all fire personnel with portable radios and installing a radio repeater system at the fire hall to ensure reliable, real-time communication during emergencies. The addition of five tablets will provide responders with access to mapping tools, weather information, and incident data both on-scene and at the hall, strengthening situational awareness.

To support safe and rapid response to hazardous road conditions, the project also includes purchasing two emergency road-closure trailers equipped with appropriate signage.

Together, these investments strengthen the municipality's emergency preparedness by improving communications, upgrading essential equipment, and ensuring emergency responders have the tools needed to act quickly and safely. By enhancing these capabilities, the municipality is taking proactive steps to protect residents and improve the community's ability to respond to emergencies.

