



THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

Special Meeting of Council-Setting Council's Strategic Direction

Minutes

May 10, 2024

9:00 a.m.

APPROVED

AUG 27 2024

Attendance:

Mayor Gould, CAO Donna Maitland, Councillor Moreton, Councillor Grant, Councillor Latimer, Councillor Manson, Deputy Clerk Teresa Scroope

Guest: 0

Absent: 0

1) Call to Order

Resolution Number: 2024-183

Moved By: Councillor Latimer

Seconded By: Councillor Moreton

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The May 10, 2024, Special Meeting of Council be called to order at 9:14 a.m. and noted that quorum has been achieved, and that the procedural by-law be suspended for the duration of the meeting.

Results: Carried

2) Approval of Agenda

Resolution Number: 2024-184

Moved By: Councillor Grant

Seconded By: Councillor Moreton

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin hereby approves the agenda as circulated.

Results: Carried

3) Declarations of Disqualifying, Pecuniary, Conflict of Interest-Nill

9) Confirmatory

Resolution Number: 2024-185

Moved By: Councillor Manson

Seconded By: Councillor Moreton

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

By-Law 2024-28 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

Results: Carried

10) Adjournment

Resolution Number: 2024-186

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin now be adjourned @ __11:55__ a.m.

Results: Carried



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

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Special Meeting of Council
Setting Council's Strategic Direction
May 10, 2024
1355 Peddlers Drive, Council Chambers
9 a.m. to noon

1. Call to order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Declarations of pecuniary and conflicts of interest
4. What is a Strategic Plan?
5. Review of 2022-2026 Strategic Plan
 - a. Vision statement
 - b. Mission statement
Are these aligned with current Council?
 - c. Goals/Objectives
Do these remain relevant?
6. Strategic Plan 2024 forward
 - a. What is the current status of the municipality? Is it growing? Are citizens leaving? Why? Is it in transition? How do we know? Discuss perspectives on the local economy: what's going well, what could use improvement, where do you feel efforts should be focused. Are some sectors of our business community declining while new ones are starting up? How do we know?
 - b. What partners should be involved in the creation of this Strategic Plan? How broad should our consultation process be to determine:
 - i. What are our priorities in the short and long term?
 - ii. What outcomes would we like to see in the coming years?
 - iii. What goals will we set to achieve these outcomes?
 - iv. What strategies will we use to achieve these goals?
 - c. Are municipal resources available to design a strategic plan? If no, are other government resources available to support this effort?
7. To inform the Strategic Plan and Council's strategic direction, what other plans should be consulted/created?
8. Next steps
9. Confirmatory By-Law
10. Adjournment.

Calvin Township – A Brief History (Presented by Mayor Richard Gould)

Calvin's earliest residents were bands of Nipissing who were related to the Algonquins and were part of the Laurel culture of the area some 3,000 years ago. The glacial ice had receded and there was now a barrier between Lake Nipissing and Trout Lake making the Mattawa and Amable du Fond Rivers important travel routes for many small bands. By the early 1600's The Cree and Ojibwa from the north, the Iroquois, the Huron the Montagnais and Allumette from the south were all travellers through Calvin.

The first European to see the north side of Calvin is generally believed to have been Etienne Brule, who travelled up the Mattawa River in the employ of Samuel de Champlain. The next was Joseph Le Caron, a Recollet missionary, who was in Champlain's party on their 1615 trip through Mattawa. Le Caron left long notes about the pestiferous demons that we now call blackflies.

The first residents of the area appear to have been the shanty men who squared the timbers and sent them down the waterways to the south. These were common in the 1830's and a few farms started to produce food and horses for these loggers.

In 1848, Colin Rankin took charge of Fort Mattawan and often made trips through Calvin stopping at the Smith Farm on Smith Lake and then travelling all the way up the Amable du Fond River to Lake Manitou to visit the Amable farm.

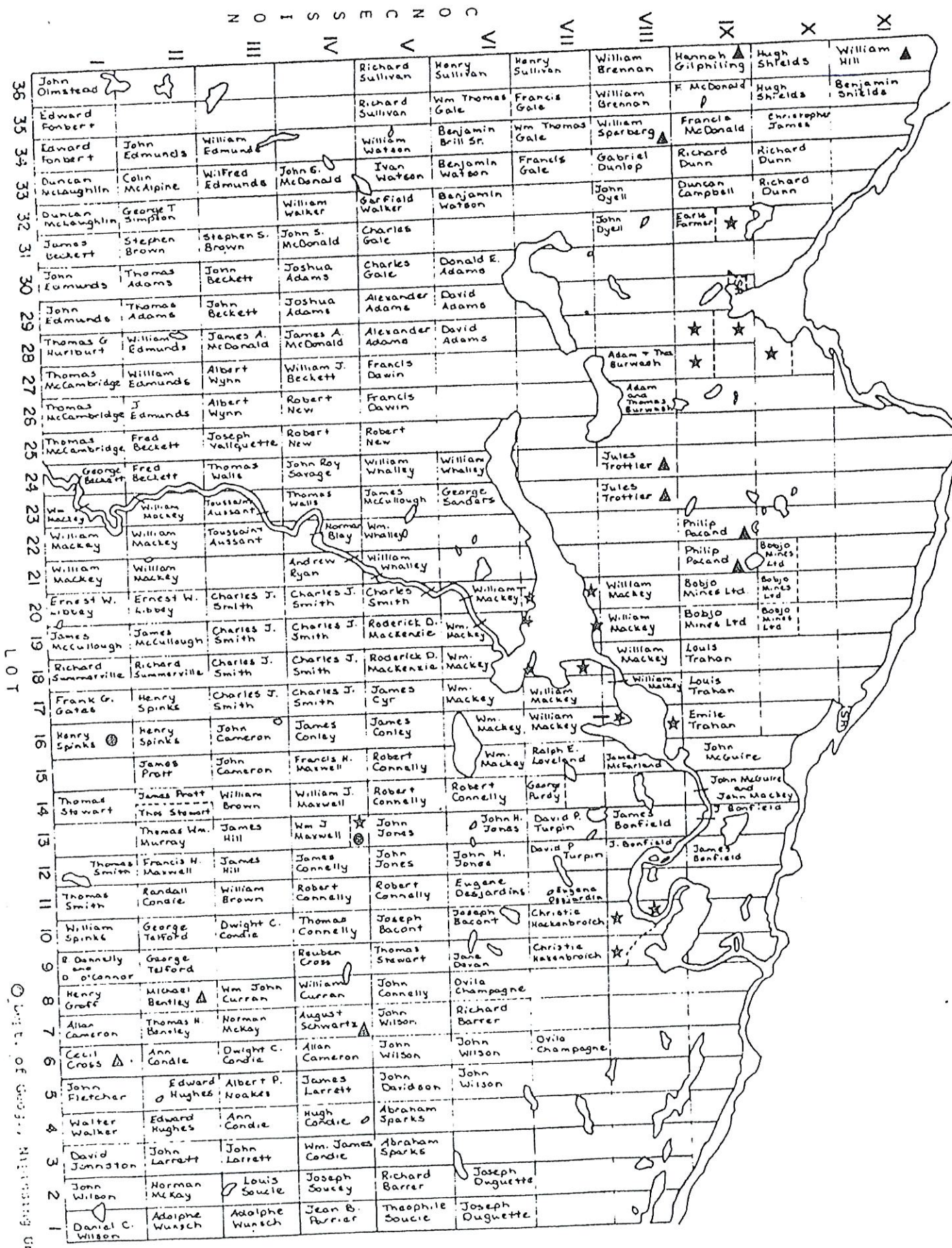
In 1881, Lawrence Tallan, a provincial land surveyor, did a survey of Calvin Township and the township was established. It was not incorporated until 1887, but was established in 1881.

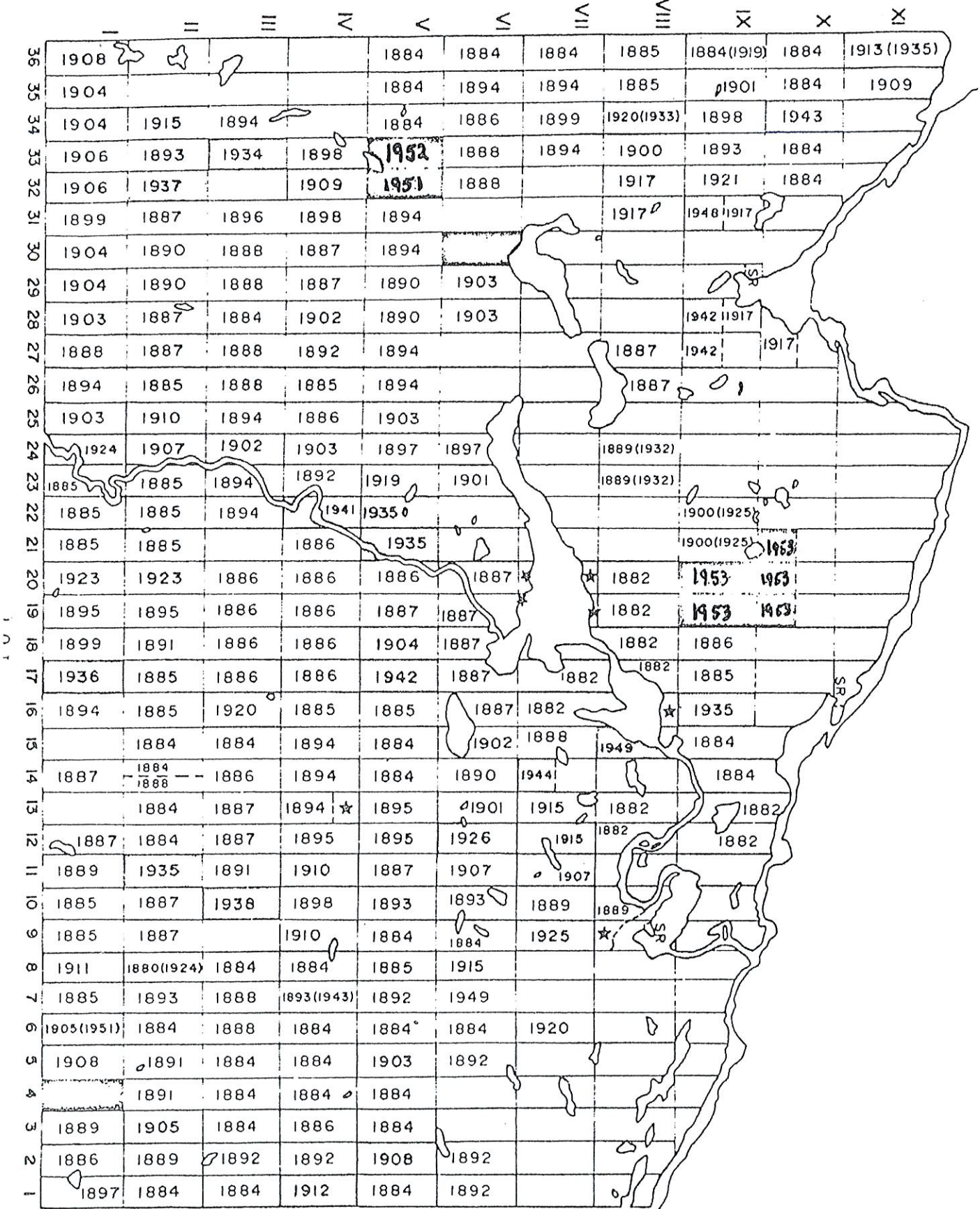
In 1882, William Mackey built a saw mill on the south side of the twin bridges and he registered 600 acres on both sides of the river. This was the first Eau Claire, but it is said that one of the Smith descendants moved the old Renten station down to what we now know as the corner of Peddlers and Hwy 630, and this later became Eau Claire.

The railroad reached the Amable du Fond River in October of 1881. The Old Renten, the first train station, was located a distance east of the twin bridges but by 1894, a larger station, called the Eau Claire Station was built just east of the twin bridges. The arrival of the trains was enormously important to the township and many settlers arrived at the Eau Claire Station and walked to their soon-to-be-settled farms. Ontario had passed the Free Grants and Homestead Act, which gave almost anyone a 100-acre parcel of land for free and the option to buy even more in 100-acre parcels, for 50 cents an acre. The only requirement was that the homesteader had to clear and cultivate 15 acres and build a dwelling of at least 16 by 20 feet in five years. When this was accomplished, the person would get title to the land.

Much of Calvin was settled between the early 1880's and the turn of the century. By looking at the registration dates on the following maps, we can see many familiar names. Walls, Blay, Wunsch, Condie, McKay, Cross, Jones, Maxwell, Cameron, Spinks, Whalley, Valiquette, Edmunds, Adams, Beckett, Sullivan, Shields, Smith, Barrer, and many others.

MAP OF FIRST SETTLERS





Township map shows years each lot was registered.

As the township grew there were many services. There were more than five schools and more than seven churches in the township. There were many stores and at one time there was even a dance hall and two gas stations. Sadly, over time, many services were closed and moved to Mattawa, North Bay or even Sudbury and Southern Ontario.

Calvin Township Today

What is the population of Calvin? Is it growing or shrinking? What languages are spoken? What is the income of the average Calvin resident?

In the 2021 Census, Stats Canada reported a population of 555 people, a modest increase of 7.8% from the 2016 population of 516.

Calvin is just over 140 square kilometers, so the density of population is four people per square kilometer.

Age of Population:

115 people are over the age of 65
325 residents are between the ages of 19 and 64
25 are teenagers between 15 to 19
90 are children below the age of 15

Just over 20% of the population is above 65 years of age
63 % is in the working age group of 15 to 64 years of age
16% are children age 0 to 14.
These percentages are similar to many areas of the province

Income:

435 individuals over the age of 15 in Calvin Township received income which averaged \$32,400 per person.
270 individuals received some employment income which averaged 35,200
135 individual received full-time employment income and the average was \$56,000

	People	Men	Women
Under \$10,000 (or loss)	35	10	25
\$10,000 to \$19,999	70	30	40
\$20,000 to \$29,999	85	40	45
\$30,000 to \$39,999	55	30	25
\$40,000 to \$49,999	45	15	30
\$50,000 to \$59,999	35	20	15
\$60,000 to \$69,999	35	15	15
\$70,000 to \$79,999	20	10	10

\$80,000 to \$89,999	15	5	5
\$90,000 to \$99,999	10	5	0
\$100,000 and over	30	20	5
\$100,000 to \$149,999	20	15	0
\$150,000 and over	10	10	0

Language:

450 people speak English only
 5 people speak French only
 100 people speak English and French.
 5 people speak German
 5 people speak Low Saxon Franconian languages
 5 people speak Dutch

Ancestry:

Canadian 75
 English 90
 Irish 155
 Scottish 130
 French 140
 German 55
 Italian 10
 Dutch 10
 Polish 20
 French Canadian 15
 Metis 35
 Russian 10
 Austrian 20
 Czech 10
 Algonquin 25