



CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CALVIN

On behalf of Council and all the people of Calvin, I would like to acknowledge and thank the hundreds of people and many organizations and businesses who helped with the recent emergency.

Around 9 PM on Saturday the 21st of June, a storm moved into the area creating two separate emergencies – a devastating wind event that ripped out trees and caused power and communication outages, and a massive downpour that caused major flooding, washouts and road destruction. By 10 PM the power was out, cell phones were without service and land lines had failed. Most roads were impassible and some of our local staff and council could not be reached.

The Calvin Fire Department, with a newly appointed Chief, travelled into the darkness and rain, with limited communications, to lead a rescue effort into Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park. At the same time our Public Works Department forged onto failing roads to assess the damage, and where possible, remove fallen trees.

Led by the Calvin CAO, members of Calvin's emergency management team worked with Emergency Management Ontario, the O.P.P. and the Emergency Management team of the Town of Mattawa to coordinate efforts. Many worked for 24 hours straight. Our CAO was instrumental in keeping everyone on track.

Mattawa opened the doors to the Mike Rodden Arena as an evacuation centre and buses brought people out of the danger zone. There, the Red Cross, the Royal Canadian Legion, The Mattawa Lions, and many other volunteers and organizations helped with the evacuees and looked after their health and safety.


Calvin Fire was joined by the Fire Department of Mattawa and a large number of O.P.P. officers. Other fire departments arrived as well, including Bonfield, East Ferris, North Bay, West Nipissing and others. Many others came to help, including, but not limited to, the Ornge Team, Global Medic and the Ministry of Natural Resources. Emergency medical services were provided by staff at the Mattawa Hospital and the North Bay Hospital.

Had it not been for the efforts of these groups, the outcome would have been very different. I am so happy to report that all injuries were dealt with and there were no deaths.

On Wednesday, with roads reopening, the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board did a wellness check on residents. All is well.

Through out this emergency, many residents and businesses volunteered to assist in any way they could and this shows what a wonderful region this is. Many donations were made anonymously. It was truly heartwarming. The reaction of the community, is proof positive that this is a wonderful place to in which to live.

I am deeply proud of our staff and I am profoundly moved by the efforts of all those who helped. On behalf of the Municipality of Calvin, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you all!



Mayor Richard Gould