



Calvin Fall Newsletter

A Message from the CAO, Clerk-Treasurer Ann Carr

I am honoured to introduce myself in my new role as Chief Administrative Officer, Clerk-Treasurer. Having served as Public Works Superintendent for more than two years, I have had the opportunity to work closely with residents and gain a deeper understanding of the needs of our municipality. In this new role, I will continue to oversee roads, recreation, the landfill and the cemetery while taking on the broader administrative and financial responsibilities of the municipality.



I bring 12 years of municipal experience in public works and land-use planning, along with a Diploma in Municipal Administration from the Association of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario. I also serve on the Board of Directors of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors. This experience, education and professional service have provided me with a strong foundation for the position. At the same time, I recognize that every new role brings new challenges and opportunities to learn, and I am committed to continuing to grow as I serve the municipality.

My connection to rural community life is personal. I grew up in Monteagle Township, now part of Hastings Highlands, on a cattle farm where my family raised milk-fed veal. With the nearest store 30 minutes away, I learned the value of hard work, resourcefulness and neighbours helping neighbours. Those experiences shaped my understanding of the close relationships, practical realities and strong community spirit that are at the heart of rural life.

Serving as Road Superintendent during last summer's emergency strengthened my appreciation for the resilience of this community. I was proud to work alongside staff and community partners to reopen the roads within 24 hours so emergency services could continue to reach residents. The experience reinforced that leadership is not about one person—it takes a strong, dependable team working together with the community's best interests at heart. It was a powerful reminder that municipal service is ultimately about people: listening to their concerns, responding when help is needed and working together to keep the community safe and connected.

I care deeply about this community and the residents who call it home. I look forward to working with Council, staff, residents and community partners with openness, respect and dedication. I know there will be much to learn along the way, and I welcome that responsibility. My commitment is to listen, make thoughtful decisions and work hard every day to serve our municipality well.

I wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

**Municipal Office**

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Mattawa, ON P0H 1V0

**Email:**

administration@calvintownship.ca

**Facebook**

Municipality of Calvin

**Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**Phone:**

705-744-2700

Emergency After Hours Number

705-497-6961

**Website**

www.calvintownship.ca



October 26, 2026

Your Vote, Your Community!

Advanced Voting

Saturday, October 17, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Calvin Community Centre
- 1355 Peddlers Dr.

Election Day

Monday, October 26, 2026

- 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Calvin Community Centre
- 1355 Peddlers Dr.

Who wants to represent you in the Municipality of Calvin?

Candidates for Mayor Choose 1

- Albright, Danielle
- Gould, Richard

Candidates for Council Choose up to 4

- Bassani, Chester (Chet)
- Carew, Darrell
- Grant, Dean
- Latimer, Robert
- Lauziere, Alan
- Michaud, Helen
- Moreton, William (Bill)
- Robinson, Mark
- Rodgers, Jeremy
- Sparks, Wannetta

Are You on the Voters' List?

Your name must be on the voters' list for you to cast a ballot.

Not sure if your information is up-to-date on the voters' list? Call the Municipal Office to confirm: 705-744-2700. If you need to be added to the voters' list, forms are available at the Municipal Office. Updates and corrections can be made until the close of voting on October 26, 2026.

If you are voting by proxy, you must be on the voters' list. If you are not on the voters' list, your appointed proxy will not be permitted to cast a ballot on your behalf.

Are You Eligible to Vote?

You can vote if you are:

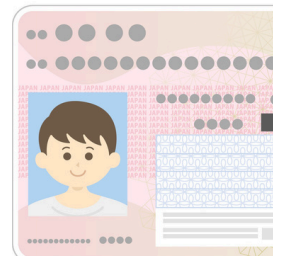
- A resident, property owner or tenant in Calvin
- (or their spouse)
- A Canadian citizen
- 18 years of age or older on October 26, 2026
- Not prohibited from voting by law



Acceptable Identification

Examples of acceptable identification:

- Ontario Driver's Licence
- Utility bill
- Bank or credit card statement
- Property tax assessment
- Ontario Photo Card
- Government cheque or statement





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Voting by Proxy

If, for any reason, you will be unable to personally cast your ballot, you may appoint someone to go to the voting place and cast a ballot on your behalf. This person is called your voting proxy.

Appointing a Proxy

Step One - Voters' List

- You must be on the voters' list to appoint someone to act as your proxy.

Step Two - Choose your Proxy

- Your proxy must be eligible to vote in the election.

Step Three - Complete the Proxy Form

- Complete TWO copies of the Appointment for Voting Proxy – Form 3. Both copies must contain your original signature.

Step Four - Give Both Forms to Your Proxy

- Give both of the completed and originally signed forms to the person you have appointed as your proxy. Your proxy will need both copies to complete the certification process.

Being a voting proxy

Step One - Ensure You Are Eligible

- You must be eligible to vote in the municipality.
- You may be appointed as the proxy of one or more family members (parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling or spouse) or as the proxy of one person who is not a family member. You cannot act as a proxy for a non-family member and a family member at the same time.

Step Two - Get the Forms Certified

- If someone has appointed you as their voting proxy, you must take the completed forms to the Municipal Clerk for certification.
- **Certification Opportunities**
- Municipal Office: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Advanced Poll: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Election Day: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Step Three - Cast the Vote

- Once your proxy appointment has been certified, bring your signed form and go to the voting place to cast a ballot on behalf of the person who appointed you.

 **If you have questions about proxy voting, the required forms, certification or whether you are eligible to act as a proxy, please contact the Calvin Township Municipal Office for assistance 705-744-2700.**



Voter Checklist

- ☐ Check that you are eligible to vote
- ☐ Know where and when to vote
- ☐ Bring acceptable identification showing your name and qualifying address
- ☐ Know the candidates you want to support
- ☐ If you can't vote in person, check your proxy voting options
- ☐ Ask an election official if you need assistance
- ☐ Take your time and review your selections before submitting your ballot

Calvin Fire Department

50 Years of Service 1976-2026

Serving our community. Protecting our neighbours. Preparing for tomorrow.



50 Years of Service

The Calvin Volunteer Fire Department began in 1976. Before the department was formed, local residents relied on neighbours and bucket brigades to fight fire.

Keith Whalley became Calvin's first Fire Chief and helped obtain a 1954 Chevrolet Maple Leaf truck - the department's first pumper.

CFD looks a lot different today, housing three fire trucks, two rescue units, and 15 dedicated members. One of these members received his 40 Years of Service Award, which was presented to him by CFD on behalf of the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office. Congratulations to Wayne Brown!



Halloween at the Fire Hall

OCTOBER 31 - 1238 PEDDLERS DR.

Bring the kids, wear your costumes and visit your local firefighters for our annual Halloween night!

Candy Donations Welcome!
Drop donations at the Fire Hall or Municipal Office.

Breakfast with Santa

SANTA IS COMING TO CALVIN!

Join Calvin Fire Department for breakfast, family fun and a visit with Santa.

DATE & TIME - COMING SOON
Watch for the official announcement.



Be Ready Before An Emergency

CAN YOUR FAMILY BE SELF-SUFFICIENT FOR 72 HOURS?

Severe storms, power outages, flooding, forest fires and winter emergencies can interrupt normal services. Prepare before you need help.

GO-KIT

- Water and non-perishable food
- Flashlights, batteries and battery/crank radio
- First-aid kit and necessary medications
- Phone chargers/power banks and cash
- Important documents, blankets and extra clothing
- Personal hygiene and pet supplies

MAKE A FAMILY PLAN

Know where you will go, who you will contact, how you will communicate and where you will meet if separated.

HOME FIRE SAFETY

- Working smoke alarms on every storey and outside each sleeping area.
- Know two ways out of every bedroom, where possible.
- Choose a family meeting place outside.
- Keep exits and escape routes clear.
- Make sure everyone knows how to call 911.
- Practice your escape plan with the whole family.



Landfill Information



Landfill Hours

Winter Hours Begin October 6, 2026

Tuesday: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

Residents of the Municipality of Calvin can safely dispose of household hazardous waste at the **North Bay** Household Hazardous Waste Depot, located at 112 Patton Street, North Bay.

Examples of accepted waste include:

- Paint, stains and paint thinners
- Batteries and battery acid
- Motor oil and waste oil
- Gasoline and other fuels



Circular Materials

Have questions about recycling? Visit www.circularmaterials.ca or call 1-877-667-2626



Recycling helps reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill and allows valuable materials to be recovered and reused.

Circular Materials is responsible for managing Ontario's residential blue box recycling system. Through the program, eligible recyclable materials are collected, sorted and processed so they can be turned into new products and packaging.

Be Recycle Ready

- Give containers a quick rinse before putting in your recycling.
- Place materials clean, dry and loose in your recycling.
- Flatten and bundle cardboard to save space.



Calvin Recycles!

What goes in your Blue Box and Grey Box

✓ YES



Aluminum Cans



Plastic Bottles



Plastic Tubs & Lids



Steel Cans



Clear Plastic Containers



Container Stream



Cartons



Boxboard



Mixed Paper



Tetra Paks



Newspaper & Mags



Flattened Cardboard



Paper Stream



Egg Cartons & Paper Rolls



www.calvintownship.ca



Check out Municipality of Calvin on Facebook



ATV Safety: Ride Smart, Ride Safe

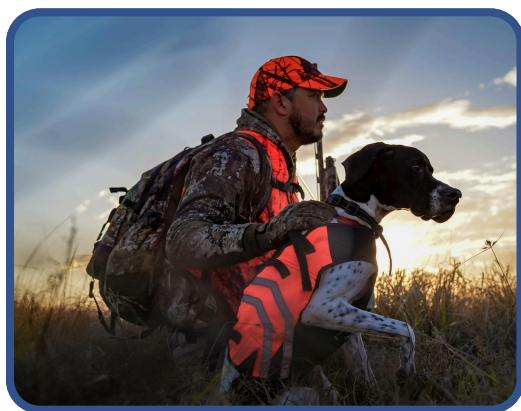
ATVs are a great way to enjoy the outdoors, explore local trails and connect with our community—but safety should always come first.

Before heading out, take a few minutes to make sure you and your ATV are ready for the ride:

- Wear the right gear: Always wear an approved helmet and appropriate protective clothing, footwear and eye protection.
- Know the rules: Make sure your ATV is properly registered, insured and operated in accordance with Ontario laws and local regulations.
- Stay on permitted trails: Respect posted signs, private property and trail restrictions. Only ride where ATVs are permitted.
- Never ride impaired: Operating an ATV while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is dangerous and illegal.
- Ride at a safe speed: Slow down on unfamiliar terrain, around corners and when visibility is limited.
- Be prepared: Carry a charged phone, water, first-aid supplies and other emergency equipment. Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Respect the community: Be mindful of noise, other trail users, residents, wildlife and the environment.
- Check your ATV: Before every ride, inspect your tires, brakes, lights, fuel and other essential equipment.



For more information about ATV safety and Ontario requirements, visit the Government of Ontario website:
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/driving-road-vehicle-orv>



Hunter Safety

Hunter Safety: Stay Safe, Be Prepared

Hunting is an important part of Ontario's outdoor heritage and provides an opportunity to enjoy nature and spend time in the outdoors. Whether you are an experienced hunter or heading out for your first season, safety should always come first.

Before heading into the woods, take a few minutes to review these important safety tips:

- Know the regulations: Make sure you have the appropriate licences, tags and permits, and understand the current hunting seasons and requirements.
- Handle firearms safely: Always treat every firearm as if it is loaded. Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
- Know your target: Be absolutely certain of your target and what is beyond it before taking a shot. Never shoot at movement, sounds or an unidentified target.
- Wear hunter orange: Follow Ontario requirements for hunter orange and make yourself visible to other hunters, especially during hunting seasons.
- Tell someone your plans: Let a family member or friend know where you are hunting, your planned route and when you expect to return.
- Carry communication and emergency supplies: Bring a charged phone or other communication device, a first-aid kit, flashlight, water and appropriate clothing for changing weather conditions.

Calvin Community Corner

Calvin Council Events



Inauguration Night

Join us as we welcome our newly elected Council and witness the Declaration of Oaths as they officially begin their terms of office.



When?

Monday, November 16, 2026



Where?

1355 Peddlers Dr,
Calvin Community Centre



When?

6:00 p.m.

Council Contact



Website: www.calvintownship.ca

Click Contact Us for details.

Calvin Connects

Whether you're looking for something fun to do, interested in getting involved, or have an idea for a community event, reach out to Calvin Connects and help make our community an even more welcoming and connected place.

Contact Info

Email:
infocalvinconnects@gmail.com

Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/CalvinConnectsCommunity>

Calvin Connects Events

Oct. 31, 2026



Trunk-or-Treat

Register today for a spooktacular evening of Halloween fun.

Nov. 21, 2026



Community Art Project

Get creative with your community.

Dec. 5, 2026



Holiday Fair

Come out and support local vendors and community groups.

Bonfield Public Library

Halloween Costume Exchange

October 1 to October 30

- Have a costume? Bring a costume.
- Need a costume? Take a costume.

Details available at www.bonfieldpubliclibrary.com

Did you know? Calvin residents can get a library card at the Bonfield Public Library! Visit them at 365 Hwy 531, Bonfield, or call 705-776-2396 to learn more.



Community Calendar



Want help spreading the word about your community event?

Send the details to administration@calvintownship.ca, and we'll share your event on the Municipality's website.

Please include as much information as possible.