

# IN CONVERSATION WITH CALVIN TOWNSHIP BUILDING TOMORROW BY WORKING TOGETHER TODAY!

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## A Message from Mayor and Council

Over the past few weeks, the citizens in this community may have seen some of the statements we, as Mayor and Council, have made in the press. It really isn't part of the job that we collectively signed up for and doesn't really accomplish much as far as development, betterment and actual progress of the Municipality of Calvin. So now we are turning the page, moving forward and truly putting some effort into rebuilding relationships, inviting constructive and respectful feedback and getting the citizens of this community back to working closer today to build that better tomorrow.

In fact, we all expect that not everyone is going to agree with every decision we make as Council or that we expect full endorsement on every policy or process. We want to ensure that the lines of communication remain open for our local ratepayers, that we ensure we are creating a democratic and inviting environment for all the citizens. We want to attract positive and productive new young people to this community but not lose sight of the history and past experiences. We want to learn from our potential shortfalls as a community and rebuild consensus that eradicates the divisiveness that may have been created. As time progresses, we now have to turn our heads to moving forward and rebuilding relationships at the local level while continuing to conduct our work as a municipal government in a productive and inclusive way, one where our one collective mandate remains, a better Calvin Township. *Continued on Page 3*

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## IMPORTANT JUNE 2022 DATES IN CALVIN TOWNSHIP

**June 16, 2022 – Preliminary Budget Discussion – Council**

**June 18, 2022 – Father's Day Spaghetti Dinner – Calvin Town Hall**

**June 21, 2022 – Budget Discussions for Council**

Please note that on Saturday June 18, 2022, we have a Father's Day Dinner being held at Calvin Town Hall hosted by the Calvin Women's Association. There will be a Spaghetti dinner with music and a silent auction, penny sale and bake sale. Anyone wishing to help out will be welcome.

## Father's Day Spaghetti Dinner and Much More at Town Hall 5:00 pm June 18, 2022



### Municipal Office

1355 Peddlers  
Dr. Mattawa, ON  
POH 1V0

### Hours of Operations

Monday, Tuesday and  
Wednesday

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday Closed to the  
Public

Friday

8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Phone Number

705-744-2700

### Fax Number

705-744-0309

### Email

administration  
@calvintownship.ca

### Website

[www.calvintownship.ca](http://www.calvintownship.ca)

After Hours Number  
for: Animal Control,  
Road Concerns and  
Livestock

705-497-6961



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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH – PROVIDED BY COUNCILLOR SHIPPAM

### **“When the going gets tough the tough get going!”**

This is a favorite of mine because it symbolizes all the changes and moves, I have made my whole life. Until I moved to Calvin, I was a base brat (as we were called). My family and myself were Military and we moved a lot. It taught me strength of character, how to make friendships, how to stand up for what was right and just for all not just a chosen few. It also taught me that while we may not all agree with what is happening in our world, we are just a small cog in a huge wheel and for the betterment of all you will have to make sacrifices, some of which will be small, some of which will be large, and a lot you will probably not like.

I know there are a lot of families that have members serving in our Canadian Armed Forces. I would like you to know that the Dandelion is the Military Child's Official Flower for the reasons below.

### **The Dandelion**

The official flower of the military child is the dandelion. Why?? The plant puts down roots anywhere, and it is almost impossible to destroy. It is an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It is a survivor in a broad range of climates. Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the military, planted swiftly and surely. They are ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.



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## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL (Continued from Page 1)

We expect that as elected and appointed Council that we are here to make decisions in a fair and equitable manner ensuring full transparency and accountability for every step we take, understanding fully that the outcome should be the well-being and quality of life of the majority of this community. There are so many methods to provide meaningful and respectful feedback and suggestions to your Council members. We must pull together and rebuild so that we don't keep inflaming our current situation which will begin to adversely effect how we attract and retain good people and staff settling into this community. Again let us not be negatively critical of this Council and try to understand the rationale and complexity of the why certain decisions have to be made to maintain an environment safe and equitable for everyone. Positive criticism is useful, negative criticism just activates defence mechanisms.

As we move into the future, there should be no question in anyone's mind, that as a Mayor and Council today or a Mayor and Council in the future, their position and only priority should be to bring this beautiful community together in a way that sets a positive path forward, lays the foundation for togetherness and builds a future for collective progress in an efficient and effective manner.

### **Remember Build Tomorrow by working together today!**

Mayor Ian Pennell and Members of Council





## CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL HOURS OF OPERATION

**Please note:** Shane Conrad the **CBO Chief Building Official** will be in the office at Calvin Township Town Hall on the following times and dates:

Wednesday – In the office at Town Hall.

Tuesday to Thursday he answers the phone and can be reached at 705-218-0899

## CALVIN CLEAN UP GETS THE JOB DONE!



### Calvin Clean Up June 4, 2022

Council would like to thank the members of the community that were able to donate their time and energy to the Clean Up day. We started out at the hall with fuel from Timmy's and then moved into the township armed with plastic bags and gloves.

Our foray into the community yielded some strange and not so strange items. There were lots of beer cans/cooler type drinks, pop cans, 5 hr energy bottles, assorted other energy drinks and many plastic pop/water bottles. Coffee shop cups and lids also made a huge appearance. We also found were some running boards for either a boat or a dock - hard to say but they had the green carpet on them. The most disgusting find was used diapers. Our volunteers did not hesitate to pick any and all items up to return to the hall with them for removal to the dump.

Thank you to our volunteer with the whipper snipper for cleaning up around the garden, playground, and band stand. Much appreciated.

Our BBQ was very tasty with hot dogs cooked by the Mayor and other volunteers. There were donations of juice and cookies by members of the community. The cookies were all eaten so they were very good and did not last long.



Again, a **huge thank you** to all the volunteers that were able to make the day a successful event and to show that Calvin Working All Together can be a reality with good works and good people coming together for the Community.



## **Burning Regulations**

**Make sure you know the rules** for outdoor fires and follow safe practices. Each year dozens of residents and cottagers across Ontario lose structures and property to fire caused by careless burning. Your Fire Department would like to remind you that **outdoor burning regulations are enforced between April 1 and October 31**. If you burn, follow these steps:

### **Choose a safe time**

Any fire is most likely to get out of control on a hot, dry or windy day. Burn during the coolest dampest and calmest time of day. **Two hours before sunset, or later, and extinguish two hours after sunrise.** Don't even consider burning when it is windy. Be aware that in the spring after the snow melts and before the grass and buds have started to grow, it is extremely hazardous to burn.

### **Choose a safe site**

If you are burning an area of grass or leaves, make sure the area is surrounded by a fireproof boundary. Roads, ditches or ploughed ground provide good barriers against fire spread. Your fire should be at least 18 meters (50ft) away from any structure or forest debris that might catch fire.

### **Put that fire out**

Remember, coals can smolder for hours and hot embers can be blown by the wind, easily setting fire to dry grass or twigs. Drown hot coals thoroughly, and then cover with sand or gravel.

### **Stay in control of your fire**

Many injuries are caused by careless use of flammable materials and underestimating fire behavior. Never use gasoline to start your fire as it is highly explosive. A responsible person must be available to tend the fire at all times, even if it is contained in an incinerator. You must have adequate tools (shovel, rake) and water on hand to control the fire if it begins to spread. Use caution around hydro poles and be aware of over head and underground cables. Be sure your fire does not cause irritation or inconvenience to your neighbors.

### **Keep your fire small**

Small fires can be controlled by one person using hand tools and water. When burning piles of wood, brush or wood by-products make sure it's less than 2m (6.5ft) high and 2m (6.5ft) in diameter. Keep your fires limited to one pile burning per acre. Burning an open field is not a good idea, but if it is necessary make sure you have the equipment and people available to do it safely.

### **DON'T BURN DURING THE DAY**



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It is your responsibility to be aware of the Rules, Regulations and By-laws pertaining to outdoor burning in this area. Your municipality follows the provisions of the Forest Fire Prevention Act. The O.P.P. and M.N.R. have the authority to lay charges if you are found negligent.

At any time the M.N.R or Fire Department may ban or restrict outdoor burning in this area until further notice. Be aware that if a forest fire results because you have used fire improperly, you could be held responsible for the cost of putting out the fire and any property damage that may occur.

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**If you have any further questions or if you would like a description of an approved incinerator, please call the Calvin Municipal Office 705-744-2700. A copy of the Burning By-law is available upon request from the Municipal Office or on the website [www.calvintownship.ca](http://www.calvintownship.ca)**

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## Calvin Township Wants Your Opinion!

Let us know your thoughts on a variety of matters.

This month we would like hear why you chose to make Calvin Township your home.

- How long have you lived in Calvin?
- What do you like most about living here?
- What do you least like about living here?
- Are you actively involved in the community?
- In your opinion, what would attract people to live in Calvin?

**Click the link to Survey Monkey**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NKXLYPL>

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## 2022 Municipal Election: Notice of Nomination for Office

**The nomination period for the next Municipal Election opened on May 2, 2022. It closes on Nomination Day August 19, 2022 at 2 p.m.** A Candidate for Municipal Office must be a qualified municipal elector in the Municipality and meet all requirements. Nominations must be on the prescribed form and accompanied by the prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200.00 for the Head of Council and \$100 for all other offices. The filing fee is payable by cash, certified cheque, money order or electronic payment if specified by the Clerk. Schedule an appointment to complete and file by emailing [elections@calvintownship.ca](mailto:elections@calvintownship.ca).





# Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Chemical waste is both dangerous and harmful to humans, animals, and the environment. NEVER throw hazardous waste into the garbage or flush it down the sink, toilet, or storm sewer.

**Hours of Operation:**  
Wednesday to Saturday  
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Open Year Round

Bring all your HHW and electronic waste to the Hazardous Waste/Electronic Drop-Off Depot at 112 Patton St. This service is **free** to North Bay residents.

Hours of operation (year round): **Wednesday to Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

## Accepted Materials:

- Adhesives/glues
- Aerosols
- Antifreeze
- Batteries (all types)
- Cleaning supplies
- Cooking oil
- Cosmetics
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent lights
- Fuels
- Oil and oil filters
- Paint, varnishes and stains
- Pesticides
- Pharmaceuticals
- Pool chemicals
- Propane (all sizes)
- Sharps\*



**NOT ACCEPTED:** Unidentified items, items with refrigerants (AC units, fridges, freezers, water coolers, dehumidifiers), PCB's, explosives, biological/pathological waste, radioactive waste.

**Disposing of Sharps\*:** Please put sharps in a sharps approved container. You can acquire a sharps approved container at your local pharmacy, free of charge. You can also place them in a container and tape the lid of the container shut and label sharps on the container. Bring them to the pharmacy or to the Hazardous Waste Depot.

**There are limits to how much waste you can bring per trip.  
DO NOT BRING MORE THAN 60 LITERS AT A TIME!**

## RECYCLING BYLAW CHANGE



Due to covid measures the Municipality passed a temporary Bylaw allowing some divertable material to be included with garbage. This now has been recinded and will no longer be allowed.

Sections 8 and 9 are expected to be followed. Please ask landfill staff for better information on recycling or and questions.

Thank for keeping Calvin's landfill lifespan in mind.

## ROOTS AND BRANCHES OF CALVIN - Pauline Carmichael



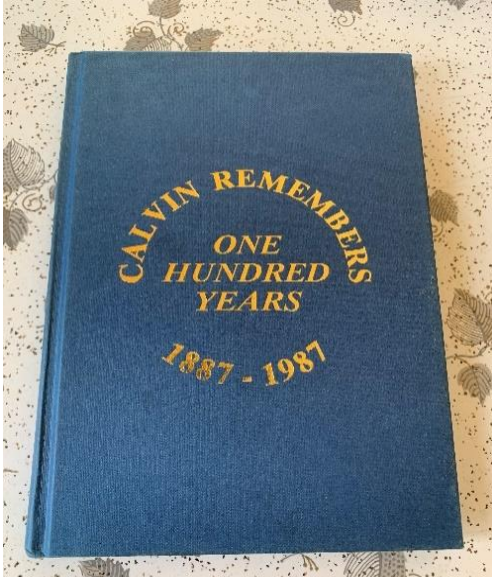
Imported from Merritt B.C. where she met her husband David Carmichael.

They moved back to Calvin in Feb 1974 and started the Galston Ranch. They calved out 50 cows at a time and have slowly whittled down to 22. One of her first thoughts was: *"Where the hell did Dave take me!!!!"*, as she had never experience black flies before.

They have two daughters Kimberly and Jennifer and two grand daughters.

Pauline first started to work as a waitress then she started at UOP which is now Columbia as the first female lead hand. She worked at the Calvin township landfill for 17 years. She has been the Wild Life Damage Investigator for the past 6 years and an insurance adjuster for the past 30 years for AGRicorp. She has also been on the Vet Services committee for 28 years

Dave attended the Agricultural College in New Liskeard as one of the first students to attend and get a degree in the 2 year agricultural program. Dave was a Calvin Councillor for 3 years and Reeve for 25 years. That is when Pauline became involved in the Rec Committee and was on it for 7 years. During that time, they worked on the Centennial Yearbook for Calvin and she wrote three articles for the book. She remembers that year to be a great time. She coordinated with the Firefighters auxiliary and the Calvin's Women's Institute with the Halloween Dance, the New Years Eve Dance and the Winter Carnival. She said that back then, they had a lot more available volunteers to help out. A memory that stands out for Pauline was in January 2000 at 6am when everyone thought the computers were going to crash there was an earthquake that was felt all through Calvin.



### Your View of Calvin! Newsletter submission Section.

Do you have a beautiful or interesting photo of Calvin you would like to share? Perhaps it's a view from your window, wildlife, a seasonal photo showcasing our amazing landscapes. Your image might be included in a future Newsletter.

Click the link and send your photo and description to:  
[administration@calvintownship.ca](mailto:administration@calvintownship.ca)





## Rent Calvin Town Hall and Fields for All Your Parties!



### Hey Calvin Township!

We want you to know that Town Hall can be rented to all residents for a nominal fee. Think about holding your birthday parties, small weddings, baby showers or business conference at these facilities. Utilize the great kitchen and bar area for personal or catering needs. **Call or email us at Town Hall to reserve these facilities.**