THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD BY-LAW NUMBER 2024-030

A BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LATCHFORD TO REGULATE FIRE HYDRANT USE.

WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and necessary to regulate Fire Hydrant Use within the Town of Latchford;

WHEREAS Section 5.3 of the Municipal Act, 2001 (S.O. 2001, c.25) authorizes those municipal powers, including municipality's capacity, rights, powers, and privileges under Section 9, shall be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001 (S.O. 2001, c.25), provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers, and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act;

AND WHEREAS Section 11 (4) of the Municipal Act, 2001 (S.O. 2001, c.25), provides that a lower-tier municipality may pass by-laws respecting public utilities.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Latchford enacts as follows:

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1. Except as authorized below, no person shall open or otherwise interfere with or operate or take water from any fire hydrant, regardless of whether the fire hydrant is on public or private property.
- 2. The following persons authorized to operate municipal fire hydrants are:
- a. **Members of Latchford Fire Department** for the purposes of extinguishing fires, for fire protection, and / or fire training practices but all such uses shall be under the direction of the Fire Chief or duly authorized assistants. In no event shall any inexperienced or non-competent person be permitted to manipulate or control any hydrant in any way.
- b. **Public Works Superintendent**, licensed water works staff, or Public Works personnel are authorized to use hydrants for the purpose of maintaining the drinking water distribution system which includes flushing, maintenance, and testing.

2. ENFORCEMENT

This by-law shall be enforced by the Town Of Latchford Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer,

READ a first, second ,and third time and finally passed on November 12th 2024.

Mayor, Sharon Gadoury-East.

Clerk-Treasurer, Jaime Allen