

# Auction of sculpture by artist Daniel Haché in Bolton-Est this weekend!



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A small village nestled in the heart of the Missisquoi Valley, the Bolton-Est region is a vibrant mosaic of nature and history. Its community is dynamic and committed, thanks to the involvement of its citizens in various community and cultural development committees.

On Sunday, July 9 the Municipality of Bolton-Est Cultural Committee will auction off a sculpture by artist Daniel Haché with half of the proceeds used to finance the purchase of an identity sculpture, something the municipality has

wanted for several years to encourage culture in its public spaces.

This sculpture entitled, “Bois porte-voix” is a large format work created with a chainsaw in the summer of 2022 during a public performances in Terrio Park. A huge trunk of white pine, a species well represented in the region, inspired the artist to create an arboreal “reinette” and is currently on display in front of the Bolton-Est Town Hall.

Daniel Haché is a professional woodcarver who has completed many large-scale projects for both the public and private sectors.

Several municipalities in the region have had the opportunity to exhibit his giant outdoor sculptures, including Potton Township, Granby, Sutton,

Sherbrooke and Quebec City. Haché is also a musician who plays beautiful violin music.

“When I play music, I play with my ears,” shares Daniel. “When I sculpt, I sculpt with my ears as well.”

The July 9 the auction starts at 10 a.m., in front of the Town Hall in Bolton-Est. Everyone is welcome to bid, whether you’re an individual or a corporate citizen, a collector or an art lover.



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## Ripplecove Inn area

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residential properties, the change will only affect Laliberté’s property. Laliberté has pointed to this as evidence that the town’s city council is targeting him specifically and has called the bylaw “discriminatory.” His campaign against the bylaw dominated both the public consultation and a June 5 council meeting.

Town representatives, including Urban Inspector Marie-Andrée Gosselin, have responded that the plan would also apply to future developments in the area. Mayor Simon Roy has repeatedly said that he has no grudge against the developer.

Laliberté has been redeveloping Ripplecove Inn since he bought it in 2017. Some locals have opposed the project, criticizing the cutting down of trees and densification of the area. While many spoke in support of Laliberté at the June 19 consult, others supported the bylaw and criticized his development.

The bylaw won’t reveal plans for Ripplecove Inn or other developments to the public, though one participant at the consult asked Laliberté whether he’d divulge his plans regardless. “I think that [the plans] should be public because I think Ripplecove’s neighbours have

suffered a lot over the last years and I think it’s time that they see where it’s going,” she said. Laliberté declined that request.

The town council also updated

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its proposal for the other bylaw presented at the June 19 consultation. That less contentious bylaw largely aims to clarify existing zoning rules and could potentially require a referendum vote before final approval by council.