

# INSIGHT

THE BOLTON EST MUNICIPAL BULLETIN | MAY 2023



## An invitation to be lazy!

Since 2021, the **Dandelion Challenge** has been encouraging people not to mow their lawns for the entire month of May to allow pollinators to find shelter and food. Indeed, pollinators love dandelion, and this plant contributes greatly to their development. Considering that 35% of our food supply depends on pollinating insects and that the extinction rate of these insects is 100 to 1000 times higher than normal, the Municipality of Bolton-Est has decided this year to follow this initiative by not mowing the lawn on its municipal fields (Town Hall, Terrio Park, cemetery, etc.). Citizens are also invited to be a little lazy by not taking out their lawnmowers in May. Will you take up the challenge?



A WORD FROM THE MAYOR  
*Vinciane Peeters*

## A diverse yet united municipality

One of the characteristics of our Municipality is that it is made up of different communities.

It is often easier and more important to speak with people like us, who share our history, language and culture, and who are concerned with the same issues.

But there are issues that affect all of us, without distinction: water, transportation, supply and access to healthy food, housing, access to services, energy, youth and seniors, etc.

Discussing it allows us to have a better idea of the impacts and issues by avoiding blind spots. It also allows us to regain control over these issues.

How can we be an equitable community for all, and how can we actively prepare to be resilient in facing the changes ahead?

In order to hear from you and to understand each other, I propose, once a month, from May to October, a village breakfast at the Town Hall. More details to come.



### *Building a community*

Volunteering on a regular or occasional basis is a stimulating way to build a community.

Above all, it is very rewarding to give back to others and to spend some quality time. It is also a fun manner to share your expertise.

Volunteering is an excellent antidote to loneliness, because the relationships we create make our lives better.

It is also an opportunity to participate in the development of an economy that lasts through the years and helps us to face times of crisis.

For all these reasons, I encourage you to get involved in a municipal committee, a spontaneous get together with neighbours, an association or a community group, a walk on our roads, the creation of a collective vegetable garden, an occasional help, etc.

I sincerely wish you a great season!

**Vinciane Peeters, mayor**

To find out how to get involved with us:  
[communautaire@boltonest.ca](mailto:communautaire@boltonest.ca)  
450 292-3444, ext. 29



## THE GOOD WEATHER MAKES YOU WANT TO GARDEN?

**Good thing there are still several plots available at Bloomfield Community Gardens!**

To register or to learn more, visit the [boltonest.ca/LoisirsVieCommunautaire/Jardins-Bloomfield.aspx](http://boltonest.ca/LoisirsVieCommunautaire/Jardins-Bloomfield.aspx).

## SPREADING OF DUST CONTROL

**The spreading of dust control is scheduled for the month of June.**

We understand that many of you are looking forward to this operation in order to reduce the dust created by the passing of vehicles on the gravel roads, but the Municipality must first re-grade the roads to accommodate the dust control applications. The grading will create more dust in the short term, but it is essential to ensure that the dust control works properly for the rest of the summer.

If you see a grader or a spreader truck, we ask for your cooperation in clearing the way as much as possible to facilitate their work.



GOOD TO KNOW

## OPEN FIRES AND FIREWORKS

Anyone wishing to light an outdoor open fire or use fireworks must ask for a permit by contacting the Austin or Eastman Fire Department.

- > Austin: 819 843-0000  
(between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.)
- > Eastman: 450 297-3440  
Ext. 223 (open fires)  
Ext. 222 (fireworks)

To find out which fire department serves your area, visit the <http://www.boltonest.ca/Services-Citoyens/SecuritePublique.aspx>

## HOLIDAYS

**Please note that Town Hall offices will be closed on:**

- > Monday, May 22 – National Patriot's Day
- > Friday, June 23 – Quebec National Holiday
- > Friday, June 30 – Canada Day
- > Monday, September 4 – Labour Day



# STOP

**THE CONTAMINATION  
OF OUR LAKES  
AND RIVERS**

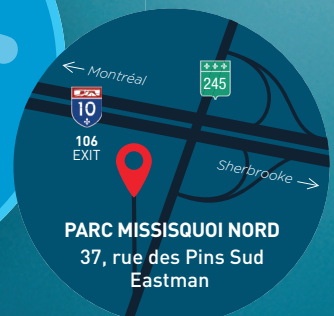


Québec



**BOAT WASHING  
STATION**

**FREE  
OPEN 24/7  
FROM MAY TO OCTOBER**



## ENVIRONMENT



### DRINKING WATER ANALYSIS

The Municipality is conducting a drinking water analysis campaign again this Spring. Various tests are available:

- > Microbiology – 65\$
- > Metals (arsenic, manganese) – 66\$
- > Nitrites/nitrates – 42\$
- > Metals AND nitrites/nitrates – 98\$

*Price includes taxes*

To order your sample bottles, please contact Cynthia Sherrer at [envirobatiment@boltonest.ca](mailto:envirobatiment@boltonest.ca) by Friday, May 5 at noon.

#### Pick-up of sample bottles:

Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
at Terrio Park, during the Spring mobile ecocenter.

#### Return of sample bottles:

Tuesday, May 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
at Town Hall (858, route Missisquoi).

Payment by check only, payable to Biovet.

### TREE CUTTING

You want to cut down a tree? With rare exceptions, you will need a permit from the Municipality. For more information, visit the [www.boltonest.ca/Urbanisme/Permis.aspx](http://www.boltonest.ca/Urbanisme/Permis.aspx) or call us at **450 292-3444**.

### ANNUAL DITCH CLEAN-UP

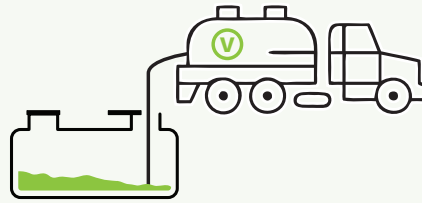
**Saturday, May 13, 2023, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Meet at Terrio Park to designate the different sectors.

Gloves, garbage bags, pincers and snacks will be given to all volunteers.

All volunteers are also invited to a free lunch offered by the Rucher boltonnois at noon.

Please register with Cynthia Sherrer at [envirobatiment@boltonest.ca](mailto:envirobatiment@boltonest.ca) or **450 292-3444, ext. 25**.



### SEPTIC TANK MEASUREMENTS

Please take note of the following schedule for septic tank measurements in your area (subject to change):

<b>May 1 to May 19</b>	<b>Bellevue area</b>
<b>May 15 to June 9</b>	<b>Eastman limits</b>
<b>May 22 to June 23</b>	<b>Trousers Lake</b>
<b>June 19 to July 14</b>	<b>Nick Lake</b>
<b>July 10 to July 28</b>	<b>Bolton Center</b>
<b>July 17 to August 4</b>	<b>Austin limits</b>
<b>July 24 to August 18</b>	<b>South Bolton</b>

Please leave your lids accessible at all times, as the measurement will be done without prior appointment. If you are not home at the time of the measurement, the attendant will leave a sign on the door indicating whether or not your tank needs to be emptied. If your tank needs to be emptied, the Municipality will take care of informing the emptying company, which will come by in the following weeks.

### POTTON ECOCENTER

The Potton Ecocenter is open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., from May 3 to October 28, 2023 (except August 19). You must bring proof of residence in Bolton-Est.

For more information on accepted materials and fees: [potton.ca/en/environment/residual-material/](http://potton.ca/en/environment/residual-material/)

### LET'S TAKE UP THE DANDELION CHALLENGE IN BOLTON-EST

In May, don't forget to put your lawnmower aside and watch the pollinators feast on the pollen from your dandelions! Take some pictures and send us your most beautiful ones (or the funniest ones) at

[communications@boltonest.ca](mailto:communications@boltonest.ca)





# MOBILE ECOCENTER

**SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023**  
**AT TERRIO PARK**  
**FROM 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.**

The Environmental Advisory Committee is proud to organize its traditional Spring mobile ecocentre again this year. Bring your good mood and your materials, and get ready for a busy but festive day.

## **Materials accepted**

- > Building materials
- > Large scrap
- > Metals
- > Electronic equipment
- > Textiles
- > Tires
- > Very clean styrofoam (food trays, electronic equipment packaging, etc.)

## **Materials not accepted**

- > Waste and recycling that is part of the weekly collection
- > Contaminated soil
- > Asbestos
- > Medication
- > Materials from businesses and industries

## **Some important instructions to follow**

- > Bring proof of residence in Bolton-Est;
- > Sort the material in your vehicle or trailer;
- > Enter from the north side of Terrio Street (by the street number 2) and not from the south, in order to avoid an overflow on Route 245;
- > Help the volunteers unload your material;
- > Be kind with the volunteers, it is thanks to them that the mobile ecocentre can take place.



## **NOTE: HHW**

(Household Hazardous Waste)

Unfortunately, there will be no HHW collection this year at the Spring mobile ecocentre. Citizens are invited to bring their HHW to the Potton Ecocentre (see page 4) or to go to the [abcdesbacs.com](http://abcdesbacs.com) to find out where to bring these materials.

## **Other activities planned that day**

- > Free distribution of trees and compost (offered to all citizens of Bolton-Est on a first come, first served basis while supplies last)
- > Distribution of the trees and shrubs previously ordered from the Municipality (deadline was May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- > Distribution of the sampling bottles for drinking water analysis previously ordered from the Municipality (see page 4)

*Please note that there will also be a mobile ecocenter on October 14, 2023.*



## SPRING-SUMMER ACTIVITIES



### NEIGHBOURS' DAY

SATURDAY JUNE 3, 2023

Celebrated throughout Quebec, Neighbours' Day is an opportunity to strengthen community spirit. The Municipality encourages citizens to organize a party in their street or their neighbourhood. More details are to come concerning the possible help of the Municipality in the promotion of the various events taking place on its territory.

### MISSISQUOI CHALLENGE

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023  
FROM 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M.,  
AT TROUSERS LAKE  
CAMPING



An activity for young and old! It's the perfect time to introduce your whole family to lake kayaking. More details to come.



### ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

EVERY SATURDAY, FROM  
JUNE 10 TO OCTOBER 7, 2023  
FROM 10:30 A.M. TO 12 P.M.  
AT TERRIO PARK

On the mornings of the Public Market, children are entertained by the Youth Recreation Committee team. Story time, art activities, games and face painting are offered!

### PUBLIC MARKET

EVERY SATURDAY  
FROM JUNE 10 TO OCTOBER 7, 2023  
FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 12 P.M. AT TERRIO PARK



Come meet your local producers and artisans while supporting your local economy. Enjoy a bite to eat at the Market Bistro while listening to talented musicians.

THE BISTRO IS OPEN FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

***The Public Market is more than just a market.  
It's your weekly destination!***

### VITRINE DES ARTS

9<sup>th</sup> EDITION

SATURDAY, JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> TO SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023  
FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.  
AT ST-PATRICK CENTER

Visual arts exhibition with more than 25 artists from the North Missisquoi Valley and surroundings.



### PITOUS'ENSEMBLE

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023  
FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 :30 P.M.  
AT TERRIO PARK

The Pitous' Ensemble day is back in force for a 5<sup>th</sup> year, this time under the theme "In the dog's head". On the program, several

conferences by recognized experts in the canine field, numerous kiosks, canine agility performances and a Cani-Kart demonstration. To enhance the day, the Bistro du Rucher boltonnois will serve its delicious local hot dogs.

Welcome to all with your furry friends!

To see the detailed program of this day:

[www.pitousensemble.com](http://www.pitousensemble.com)





# Concerts

## IN TERRIO PARK

*The cultural committee is proud, again this year, to invite you to 4 free concerts under the big top.*

SUNDAY, JULY 16, AT 2 P.M.

### RADIOTANGO

RadioTango is a traditional tango ensemble created in 2010 by pianist Joanne Lessard and accordionist and tango player Mélanie Bergeron. Evolving in the spirit of the arrangements of the great composers of the golden age of tango (1935 to 1955), the musicians take care to transcribe the arrangements of the time to the letter.

SUNDAY, JULY 30, AT 2 P.M.

### MIKE GOUDREAU ET LE BOPPIN BLUES BAND

Three horns, a guitar, a bass and a drum set support Michael Goudreau's groovy voice and explore the great classics of swing, boogie and big band tunes that make sitting still a miracle.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, AT 2 P.M.

### LE PETIT ENSEMBLE POPULAIRE

PEP, as they are lovingly called, revisit the great musical hits of the 1850s to the 1970s, charming us with a wide-ranging repertoire from tango to Bavarian music, including ragtime and jazz. Let yourself be surprised by a colorful instrumentation including clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, tuba and percussion. All played by professional, but above all passionate musicians.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, AT 2 P.M.

### LES VIOLONS ENDIABLÉS

Experience a collective trance with Daniel Haché, Pascal Gemme and Félix Michaud. A two-parts concert that starts with strings and rhythm and ends with square dances, with the presence of a professional "calleuse".

## FAMILY PARTY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023

The Family Party and Volunteer Celebration will be back at Terrio Park this summer for the enjoyment of young and old. The program will be announced shortly. Stay tuned!



## SCULPTURE FOR AUCTION

The sculpture created by Daniel Haché in Terrio Park in 2022 will be exhibited in front of Town Hall in June and will be auctioned off on **Sunday, July 9 at 10 a.m.**

A portion of the funds raised will be reinvested in culture for projects related to sculpture. Who will be the lucky winner?

## TO NOT MISS ANYTHING

subscribe to our Facebook page! [www.facebook.com/BoltonEst/](https://www.facebook.com/BoltonEst/)



Thanks to Claude Martel, Institut de recherche sur l'histoire des chemins de fer au Québec, IRHCFQ



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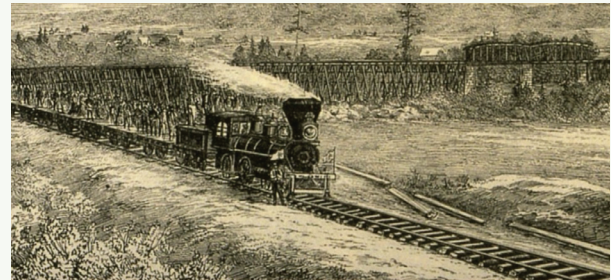
# The Eventful History of Bolton-Est

## 9. FIRST TRAIN IN BOLTON (PART 1) – LABORIOUS ARRIVAL

After the loss of Magog in 1849, the township of Bolton stopped growing. The remaining territory is composed of small hamlets scattered east, center and west of the double row of mountains that encircle the North Missisquoi River. These hamlets are isolated by the topography and by an often impassable road network.

In the decade of 1850, the railroad appeared to be the universal solution for development. This caused a type of competition between communities. The winners were the large centers that saw the emergence of a profitable railway network. Surrounding regions like Bolton were left behind. However, many regional English-speaking entrepreneurs proposed new railroad branches.

The initiator of the train in Bolton was the businessman and politician Lucius Seth Huntington. He and other businessmen obtained private charters for new rail lines. These projects were often profitable, as the contractors collected contributions from local merchants and municipalities, including Bolton.



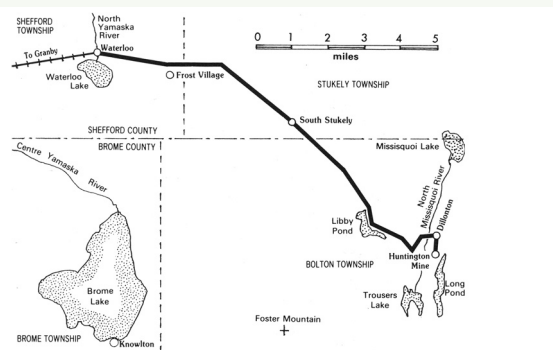
Wooden track, Quebec, 1871 - probably similar to the Dillonton-Waterloo road. This train was also a failure. (L'Opinion publique, 1871)

of Bolton. Transporting the ore by horse-drawn carriage to Waterloo (the nearest station) was expensive and uncertain. A 14-mile rail link from Dillonton to Waterloo would be more reliable and economical. In 1870, Huntington obtained a charter for a wood-fired "tramway" on wooden rails called the Huntington Mining Railway. In fact, Huntington was looking for a quick buck both with transportation and with its mine employing many children and young girls.

Early on nothing seems to go right. His tramway doesn't work. Moreover, he was refused the subsidy for the "colonization railways". With good reason: his train was mining in an already colonized region! Huntington's problems increased when the deposit dried up and the market for copper collapsed. So, in 1871, Huntington sold his mine at a great profit to a British company (which felt it had been defrauded) as well as his "non-railroad" track to the Vermont Central Railway (VCR).

The VCR rebuilt the branch line with iron rails. In 1873, Dillonton was connected to Waterloo on a bumpy road. At the same time, a partial fire at the mining facilities resulted in their closure. All in all, Bolton Township was left with an embryonic railroad in its northern part. The location of the railroad was to the advantage of the landlocked Missisquoi Valley in relation to the western and eastern parts of Bolton.

The municipality of Bolton will eventually get a more complete railroad, but it will contribute to weaken the economic growth of the municipality considerably.



Dillonton-Waterloo Road - Hunting Mining Railway  
(J. D. Booth 1982:14)

## MINING RAILWAY... MADE OF WOOD

As early as 1853, Lucius Huntington, secretary of the Stanstead Shefford & Chambly Railway, requested a rail link between Shefford and Magog via Bolton. In 1866, Huntington proposed instead a link via Dillonton, a rural hamlet created by the new copper mine that Huntington was operating in the northern part

To be continued!