



**Waterfront** Development

## WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT CORP.--Public Art Coming to the Halifax, Bedford Waterfronts

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"Art creates a connection to our communities and these exhibits will enhance the experience people have along the water," said Economic and Rural Development and Tourism Minister Percy Paris. "It's exciting to see ideas and local influences take shape as art in open spaces."

A collaboration between Waterfront Development Corporation and the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia is bringing the work of duo Chris Hanson and Hendrika Sonnenberg to the Halifax waterfront. As an extension of their 25-year retrospective exhibition, scheduled to open at the gallery in June, two additional sculptures by them will be installed at South Battery Pier for one year. The sculptures are light poles shown in an unusual way.

Now residing in New York, Mr. Hanson and Ms. Sonnenberg are graduates of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. As collaborators and solo artists they have gained international critical acclaim, showing their work in Chicago, London, and New York.

"Waterfront Development's commitment to the arts is commendable, and we look forward to continuing our partnership in the months and years to come," said Ray Cronin, gallery director and CEO.

A second partnership, between Provident Developments and the corporation will profile Maritime-based artists Darren Byers and Fred Harrison. Their sculpture was the winner in the expression of interest for a permanent display on the Bedford waterfront.

The sculpture will be cast bronze, textured with carvings suggesting the rugged beauty of Nova Scotia. A stainless steel element will represent the sprawling reach of the Bedford Basin inland.

"These elements come from patterns we see every day. The texture in the rocks, the patterns in a field of grass, and the foam that forms as the water is stirred and flows," said Mr. Byers. Four metres high, the sculpture will be located in a public outdoor space between the Dockside Condominiums.

These exhibits complement other waterfront projects from bike rack designs by local artists to community events like Nocturne: Art at Night.

Waterfront Development is a provincial Crown corporation developing the strategic potential of waterfronts in Bedford, Dartmouth, Halifax and Lunenburg. The corporation fosters waterfronts that drive economic opportunity, enhance tourism, provide experiences and reflect and protects marine heritage. For more information on the art and the corporation go to [www.my-waterfront.ca](http://www.my-waterfront.ca).

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