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Tiny Traces Along Junction Creek public poster exhibition

Giant posters featuring the art by children, families and community members about Junction Creek and its importance are being installed over the next few months in bus shelters around the city. These striking posters feature drawings and watercolours accompanied by quotes from children about the creek. A series of smaller posters will be exhibited in store fronts, so that the creative work and thinking of children, families and community members and their thinking about the ecosystems surrounding and supporting Junction Creek will be highly visible. Early Childhood Creative Collaborations (ECCCo), in partnership with Junction Creek Stewardship Committee (JCSC) received funding from Healthy Communities Canada for the **The Tiny Traces along Junction Creek** project. This community engaged project was designed as a response to challenges of isolation, online learning and mental health stress brought on by COVID. The aim of the project was to animate the creek system with educational and creative encounters. Local ecologies offer rich, complex experiences that bring us closer to understanding the world we live in and the complexity of our interconnectedness.

Environmental artist Sophie Anne Edwards, the lead author of *The Art of Land-Based Early Learning* books was our artist in residence, supporting the project by creating ecologically responsive invitations that changed regularly to keep participants returning to, learning from and with the ecosystem of the Creek and surrounding green spaces. This has been an opportunity for children and families to follow their curiosities about the creek ecosystem, to learn about and care for the creek and to engage with art materials to document what they are learning and thinking.

Creativity Boxes filled with art materials, inquiry guides and other materials were installed along the creek, near participating childcare centres and schools, in Roxborough Greenbelt, Twin Forks and Garson.

To culminate the project and celebrate the research and art of the children, we've curated this city-wide public exhibition of children's work -- at bus stops, in local shop windows and other public spaces. We collaborated with graphic designer Karli Laamanen to design the posters. The community is invited to see how many you can find and upload your own questions, comments and art work using the QRL code featured on the posters.

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