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Children’s Art Brightens Sechelt’s Civic Square

Sechelt, BC – Twenty colourful lamppost banners designed by children from across the Sunshine Coast are now on display throughout Sechelt’s Civic Square – the area between the Sechelt Public Library, Aquatic Centre, Seaside Centre, and RCMP building. This year’s theme of “Myths, Legends, and Fairytales” gave students the opportunity to let their imaginations run wild, and the results are truly fantastic. The District of Sechelt’s Arts Coordinator, Siobhan Smith, was one of the jury members tasked with selecting the 20 winning designs. “It is such a wonderful program to inspire young artists,” said Smith. “The program receives hundreds of entries from every elementary school on the Coast, so it’s no small task selecting just twenty images.”

The children’s street banner program is an initiative of the Sunshine Coast Arts Council and is supported by the District of Sechelt, Clayton’s Heritage Market, and numerous volunteers. The program began in 1994 as a way to enliven the appearance of streets of Sechelt with the artwork of local elementary school children. Each year students enrolled in Kindergarten to Grade 12 are invited to submit their artwork for consideration. Students and their families assist artist-volunteers to hand paint each of the unique banners. The children’s banners remain on display until November each year. Once removed from the lampposts, banners are available for purchase through the Sunshine Coast Arts Council located at 5714 Medusa St., Sechelt.

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