

privatize the planet's fresh water. In the process, a new international network of activists is formed – people committed to promoting universal recognition of water as a fundamental human right and to halting efforts by corporations to control and commodify it.



2001

The Council works as part of a broad-based movement to counter the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) negotiations in Quebec City. The result is one of the biggest demonstrations ever held in Canada. Committed activists with thoughtful alternatives to free trade are met by tear gas, water-cannon spray and rubber bullets.

2002

The Council gives the Romanow Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada the clear message that health care must be properly funded, that it should be expanded to include pharmacare and home care, and that it must be protected from international trade agreements. The Council holds public events in 15 cities across Canada, where it either precedes or accompanies the Romanow Commission.

2003

The Council is present at the World Trade Organization Ministerial in Cancun and the Free Trade Area of the Americas negotiations in Miami. Council members bring the message

that “another world is possible” and play a key role in the derailment of the WTO and FTAA talks.

2004

Bowing to pressure from consumers and organizations like the Council of Canadians, Monsanto abandons its application to produce and sell genetically engineered wheat in Canada.

The Council launches its Citizens' Inquiry on Canada-U.S. Relations to counter an all-out push by the business elite of Canada to promote deep integration with the United States. Deep integration includes a common market and border, a guaranteed and uninterrupted supply of energy to the U.S.,

Council Board member Bob Ages speaks out at a demonstration in support of U.S. war resisters. ▼



and participation in George W. Bush's defence and “security” initiatives.

2005

The Council comes full circle and renews its fight for Canadian sovereignty and democracy by focusing its energies to oppose the threat of continental integration.

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