Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Council of Canadians’ chapter activists continue to be busy protecting water and public health care, calling for urgent and immediate action on climate change and standing up for democracy. Here are just a few examples of their recent actions:

**SOUTH SHORE CHAPTER CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY**

This fall, the South Shore Chapter celebrated 20 years of grassroots activism in Nova Scotia. Chapter members have been a consistent presence and voice for justice in Nova Scotia, inspiring many people to take action in their community and beyond. The chapter has had many successes over the years, including getting municipal governments to call for a moratorium and inquiry on offshore drilling, banning fracking, stopping dangerous aquaculture and forestry projects, increasing voter turnout, banning uranium mining and exploration, making Lunenburg a Blue Community, and more. We extend our sincere thanks and congratulations to past and present chapter members for all of their efforts!

**ALBERTA CHAPTERS FIGHT PARK PRIVATIZATIONS**

Earlier this spring, the Alberta government revealed its plan to remove 175 of Alberta’s provincial parks from the park system. This decision was made without public consultation or park-by-park justification. Privatization is the oldest play in the book for conservative governments – however, it’s important to understand how this move by the Alberta government undermines democracy and threatens the commons; the ecological, social, and cultural resources and heritages that are shared by all. To build momentum against the privatization plan, the Edmonton, Red Deer, Calgary and Medicine Hat chapters hosted an online town hall meeting in June to discuss the threat.

**REVEALING THE DANGERS OF LNG**

The Delta-Richmond chapter in B.C. has been helping to build public awareness about the Tilbury liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant expansion project, which would impact local air quality and the Fraser River. The chapter joined the BC LNG Network and worked with allied groups to host an Alternative Open House to counter virtual open houses put on by the LNG proponent, FortisBC. LNG has also been a primary focus within the Comox Valley Chapter. Chapter member Alice de Wolff recently co-edited the book All Fracked Up, which looks at the ballooning risks and costs to British Columbians of fracking and LNG in the province.

**A MASSIVE WIN FOR PUBLIC HEALTH CARE**

In September, B.C.’s Supreme Court struck down a Charter challenge against public health care. Launched by private clinic owner Dr. Brian Day, the case was a direct threat to Canada’s publicly funded medicare system. The case pitted Dr. Day, owner of the private Cam- bie Surgeries Corp. – a corporation that allows people to pay for access to surgeries – against the British Columbia government. The Canadian government, supporters of public health care and patients also joined the suit. Through our B.C.-based chapters and coalition work, the Council supported the intervenors in this case as part of our commitment to strengthened public health care.

**OFFSHORE DRILLING IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

The Avalon (formerly St. John’s) chapter has been working with allies to push the provincial government to invest in low-carbon industries in order to recover from the economic and climate crises, rather than continuing to rely so heavily on the offshore oil and gas industry. The industry has a chaotic boom and bust cycle that makes investment in public services and infrastructure difficult, and the provincial budget has already been decimated by the boondoggle of Muskrat Falls hydro dam. The Avalon chapter sent a letter to Liberal party leadership hopefuls and to then Premier-designate Andrew Furey, it played a role in a national sign-on letter opposing corporate bailouts and has spoken with media and reached out to local Council of Canadians members on this issue.

To read more about how chapters are taking action for people, the planet and democracy in communities across the country visit canadians.org/chapters.