

# People's Shadow Summit & Mass Rally

Wed. JULY 24 - Thurs. JULY 25

at the COUNCIL OF  
THE FEDERATION

Premiers from across Canada are going to Niagara-on-the-Lake in July for the "Council of the Federation" meetings.

This is the last Council of the Federation before the expiration of the National Health Accord in 2014.

CANADA IS FACING AN IMPORTANT NEXT STEP IN OUR MEDICARE HISTORY. In 2014, the 10-Year Health Accord - that sets terms for health care funding and priorities between the federal and provincial governments - will expire. This summer in Niagara-on-the-Lake, all the provincial and territorial premiers from across Canada will get together for the last "Council of the Federation" meeting before the Accord elapses.

This spring, Stephen Harper's Conservative government cancelled funding for the Health Council of Canada, a council created out of the Accord negotiations in 2004 to track progress

and quality in health care. This is just the latest step in the withdrawal of federal leadership on health care. In December 2011, the Harper government announced plans to cut \$36 billion from federal money transfers to provinces for health care after the Accord expires. In the budget, the Harper government cut health services for refugees and veterans.

The signals are clear: the Harper government has done nothing to uphold single-tier public Medicare, and now intends to retreat from a strong role in upholding national standards, improving coverage for drugs and home/community care, and ensuring stable and adequate funding for health care.

**The Harper government is retreating from a federal government role in social programs and services that create equity and improve social progress. Key programs like health care are facing cuts, and national standards are being abandoned.**

Come out to **Protect National Public Medicare  
& Stop the Federal Government from  
Walking Away from the Table**

EVENTS:

**Shadow Summit**

Wednesday July 24 & Thursday July 25  
10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
at St. Mark's Anglican Church, 41 Byron St.,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake

**Patients' Summit**

Wednesday July 24 7 – 9 p.m. Location TBA  
sponsored by the Council of Canadians

**Mass Rally**

to **Uphold National Public Medicare  
& win a Renewed Health Accord**

Thursday July 25 11 a.m. gather at St. Mark's Anglican Church