

The Council of Canadians Leaves a **System Change Legacy**

The Council of Canadians supports “System Change, Not Climate Change” and community initiatives that demonstrate real alternatives to the fossil fuel economy. Combined with fundamental policy shifts at the regional, national and global levels, these local community initiatives are the real solutions to the climate crisis our planet faces.

In contrast to carbon offset and trading schemes that commodify the environment, our goal is to recognize and support real change in the way we live and work. The unregulated free market has led to the dangerous tipping point we face – market mechanisms will not resolve the climate crisis.

In order to highlight the Council’s commitment to “System Change, Not Climate Change,” we launched a program in 2012 to support local initiatives in communities hosting our annual conference that demonstrate in practice what a better world will look like.

In October 2014 we visited Hamilton, Ontario, for our annual meeting, where we announced that the 2014 recipient of the annual System Change Legacy Award was The Hammer Active Alternative Transportation Co-operative (THAAT Co-op). Established in 2011, THAAT became a workers’ co-operative in 2013 with seven founding members to provide sustainable, emission-free delivery services.



Hamilton Chapter Chair Kathie Clark presented Abram Bergen the legacy award for THAAT Co-op at the Council’s annual meeting.

THAAT Co-op is an example of the exciting community initiatives multiplying across the country and around the world that offer real change and hope for the future.