

# *Sports***ACTION**

**Chronology & Communiques of Anti-2010 Resistance & *Direct Actions***



# Anti-2010 Direct Action & Resistance Campaign

## *Chronology & Communiques: 2006-2008*

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“Guerrillas who harass the enemy’s rear installations and hinder his transport are weakening him and encouraging the national spirit of resistance. They are co-operating strategically.”

*Mao, On Guerrilla Warfare*

### **Background**

Vancouver, Canada, along with the nearby ski resort of Whistler, were proclaimed host site for the 2010 Winter Olympics in the summer of 2003. Although there was some opposition expressed from Indigenous and other social movements, there were no direct actions or large protests against the Olympic industry during this time.

In 2006, the impact of the Olympics was being felt primarily in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver, where homelessness had increased dramatically over the previous year. Hundreds of low-income housing units were lost as hotel owners evicted poor residents to renovate buildings for a high-income tourist market. During the same period, expansion work on the Sea-to-Sky Highway began in N. Vancouver at Eagleridge Bluffs, threatening a wilderness environment.

These led to the first series of anti-Olympics actions, including a blockade of construction machinery at Eagleridge Bluffs (in the Spring of 2006), along with protests and occupations of empty buildings in Vancouver (Fall, 2006).

As a result of the blockade at Eagleridge Bluffs, Indigenous elder Harriet Nahanee, along with 23 others, was arrested. While almost all of the non-Native, protesters received fines or community service, Harriet was sentenced to two weeks in jail during court in late January 2007. This was despite her age (73) and her visibly poor health. While in jail, she became ill with pneumonia. Several days after her release, Harriet died in a Vancouver hospital (Feb. 24, 2007). Harriet Nahanee’s imprisonment and subsequent death was a contributing factor to the development of anti-Olympic resistance beginning in February 2007.

Along with Harriet Nahanee, 78-year old Betty Krawczyk was also arrested for the 2006 blockade and was later sentenced to 10 months in jail (due to previous convictions for civil disobedience). Dozens of other arrests have occurred over the last two years in relation to anti-2010 resistance.

The majority of direct actions in this chronology are against Olympic organizers (i.e, the Vancouver Organizing Committee: VANOC), state security forces (police/military), construction companies involved in Olympic construction, and corporate sponsors of the Olympics (i.e., RBC, Bell, McDonalds, GM, etc.).

The campaign of militant direct action against the 2010 Olympics has had many successes, disrupting major public events and inspiring groups to take autonomous actions. It is sure to be the subject of debates over tactics and strategies, and it is therefore important to document the campaign. For more info, check out [www.No2010.com](http://www.No2010.com).

## 2006: Militant Resistance Begins



*Harriet Nahanee,  
(Pacheedaht) carrying  
Warrior flag, under arrest,  
May 25, 2006*

### **April 17-May 25, Eagleridge Bluffs Blockade, North Vancouver**

Blockade of Peter Kiewit and Sons machinery and vehicles from beginning expansion of Sea-to-Sky Highway at Eagleridge Bluffs. The highway is a vital link between Vancouver and the Whistler ski resort, where many skiing events will occur during 2010. Hundreds of citizens support the blockade, including residents of the area. On May 25, W. Vancouver police arrested 24 protesters, including 73-year old Harriet Nahanee and 78-year old environmentalist Betty Krawczyk.



### **June 15, Destruction Machinery Sabotaged, Sea-to-Sky Highway**

More than \$50,000 in damage done to heavy equipment used in highway expansion. Five vehicles are vandalized, with some being tipped over. Machinery belonged to Kiewit, Murrin Construction and Pacific Site Concrete.

### **Oct. 23, North Star Squat, Vancouver**

Anti-Poverty Committee (APC) occupies abandoned North Star Hotel in Downtown Eastside to raise awareness around increasing homelessness and the need for social housing. 6 members are arrested by Vancouver Police.

### **Oct. 31, City Hall Squat, Vancouver**

APC occupies abandoned building on Cambie St., near City Hall. Some 40 fully equipped Vancouver Police riot cops are used to evict squatters. 7 people are arrested.



### **Nov. 20, City Council Meeting Disrupted, Vancouver**

A scheduled meeting of Vancouver city council at downtown Library, to discuss budget including Olympic funding by the city, is shutdown by APC. Several people are pepper-sprayed when protesters force their way through police lines into meeting room. 3 people are arrested.

**Direct Action** is any activity that has a direct physical, economic, and/or political impact on a target, in contrast to protests or petitions that appeal to others to change their practises.

A **Militant** is one who thinks, plans and acts in a 'military' manner & considers the tactical and strategic aspects of their actions.

## **2007: We Shut Them Down!**

### **Feb. 12, VANOC Countdown Clock 'Ceremony' Disrupted, Vancouver**

VANOC, government and corporate officials hold large public ceremony to unveil 2010 'countdown clock' at downtown Vancouver Art Gallery. About 80 protesters gather and successfully disrupt the event, two managing to get on the stage and taking the microphone from the host to denounce 2010. Seven people arrested (4 members of APC, 3 from Native resistance). The event receives widespread media attention due to live TV coverage of the event (inc. CTV, a 2010 corporate sponsor).



### **March 6, Olympic Flag Stolen, Vancouver**

Just as officials from the IOC arrive in Vancouver to check on VANOC's work, the giant Olympic flag flying outside city hall is stolen. Days later, as the IOC delegation prepares to leave, the Native Warrior Society releases a communique claiming responsibility for the action. They cite the imprisonment and death of Native elder Harriet Nahanee and anti-2010 resistance as their motives. The communique includes a photo of three masked persons standing in front of the flag.

#### ***Communique:***

March 7, 2007, Coast Salish Territory [Vancouver, Canada]

In the early morning hours of Tuesday, March 6, 2007, we removed the Olympic Flag from its flag-pole at Vancouver City Hall. We pried open the access panel on the pole with a crowbar and, using a bolt-cutter, cut the metal cable/halyard inside, causing the flag to fall to the ground.

We claim this action in honour of Harriet Nahanee, our elder-warrior, who was given a death sentence by the BC courts for her courageous stand in defending Mother Earth.

We stand in solidarity with all those fighting against the destruction caused by the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

No Olympics on Stolen Native Land!

Native Warrior Society



### **March 12, Olympic Clock Vandalized, Vancouver**

In broad daylight, a stencil is spray-painted on the 'countdown clock' reading "Free Betty" in reference to the imprisonment of Betty Krawczyk, a 78-year old environmental activist who had participated in the 2006 blockade of the Sea-to-Sky Highway. She received a jail sentence of 10 months (she had previous convictions for blockading). The vandal made no effort to disguise himself and was arrested shortly after.

### **March 12, VANOC Flag Illuminating Event Disrupted, Vancouver**

At Vancouver City Hall, VANOC and city officials hold another public ceremony to illuminate the Olympic and Paralympic flags at city hall. Some 200 protesters gather and successfully disrupt the event with noisemakers and chanting. Over 100 police are deployed, including Emergency Response Teams, riot cops, helicopters etc. Security fencing is placed around the stage area, and persons entering the grounds are searched. Police take megaphones and other noisemakers. Two persons are arrested and later released.



### **April 24, VANOC Event Disrupted, Halifax**

On the morning of April 24, 2007, VANOC kicked off a recruitment drive in Nova Scotia with a keynote presentation by Donna Wilson, Executive Vice President of the Human Resources division at VANOC held at the Westin Hotel in downtown Halifax.

At approximately 8:15 am, half a dozen protesters crashed the event, overtook the podium at the front of the room and spoke to the detrimental impacts that the Olympic Games have already had and will continue to have on the urban poor, low-income communities, and Native peoples. Fact sheets were dropped on all the tables while one of the activists read out a list of grievances from groups in BC. Shouting 'No olympics on stolen land! Homes not Games!' as they were forced out of the room, the protestors vowed to return with increased resistance and force should VANOC attempt any further bullshit promotional charades on the East coast.

### May 24, VANOC Official 'Evicted' from Office, Vancouver

Members of the Anti-Poverty Committee carry out a mock eviction of Ken Dobell's office in Vancouver. Dobell was a senior advisor to BC premier Campbell as well as a VANOC official.

### Aug. 19, Attack Against Bell Canada, Ottawa

Saturday morning, August 19<sup>th</sup> [2007], a group of anarchists attacked a Bell Canada Enterprises building on Bank St south of Beaumont [Ottawa, Ontario]. Windows were smashed out because of Bell's involvement in the Security and Prosperity Partnership as a North American Competitiveness Council [NACC] Member. This action was also done in solidarity with the anti-capitalists and communities struggling against the Olympics in 2010.

Bell Canada's president and CEO is Michael J. Sabia, with his history as CEO for the Canadian National Railway (CN), it is no surprise that he is shaping Bell with the same colonial behaviors as CN. Both Bell Canada and CN rail are NACC members and are directly involved in the dispossession of Native peoples, the normalization of new repression in our lives, and the reduction of our relationships with each other and the world to

the precariousness of a capitalist social context: a context devoid of mutual aid, a context of exploitative exchange.

We can and must take the fate of our lives into our own hands and organize ourselves.

No Olympics on Stolen Land!

Smash the State!

Destroy the SPP!

Abolish Capitalism!



### Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, Vandal Attack on RBC, Vancouver

Windows of the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) at Hastings and Nanaimo were relieved of their structural integrity by a small group of anarchists in the late evening with the help of fist-sized stones.

This action was done in solidarity with anarchists Gabriel Pommo da Silva, Jose Fernandez Delgado, Marcos Comanish, who were on hunger strike in European prisons. As well as to contribute to the actions taking place worldwide on this international day of action.

RBC was hit because it is a bank. A fundamental institution which reproduces Capital. The very system (at the service and profit of a bunch of vultures) that exploits people world-wide and destroys life in general; as it simultaneously creates spectacular events of repression. Such as the 2010 Olympics, which is conveniently sponsored by RBC. Capitalism, with its prisons and banks, like RBC, exist worldwide.

Let the road to the Olympics be littered with the wreckage we leave in their place!

-Anarchists.

### Dec. 8, Vandal Attack on RBC, Vancouver

On the night of December 8 some anarchists attacked the Royal Bank of Canada (a sponsor of the 2010 Olympics) at the intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> and Commercial. Some exceptionally large pieces of pavement were hurled through the bastards windows. This is a tiny taste of the mayhem we like to see submerge the city of Vancouver for 2010. Lets build a constellation of revolt that threatens not only the Olympics but capitalism and the state in general. We propose a new sport to be added to the 2010 games, amateur vandalism of Royal Bank of Canada locations across Vancouver and Canada. But unlike most sports you don't have to wait until the 17 days of official events to begin competing You can start right now!!! It's as easy as picking up a stone!!! Don't forget a gold medal will be given for the most damage at a single location. Here are some locations in Vancouver where the activities might be taking place.

650 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue West

685 Hastings Street West

1000-1025 Georgia Street West

2208 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue West

1195 Pacific Boulevard

1255 Ross Road, North Vancouver

1497 Broadway West

982 Howe St

400 Main Street

945 Denman Street

4501 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue West

3935 Oak Street

4205 Dunbar Street p.s. this is not a complete list



### **Dec. 9, Vandal Attack on RBC, Vancouver**

I was so inspired by the action on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> and the new Olympic Events Announcement that I was left with no choice but to immediately pledge my support for the proposal to expand the spirit of 2010 with the extension of amateur vandalism against the Royal Bank of Canada. The only way I could think to do this at the time was to cast a stone through the front window of the RBC on Hastings and Nanaimo. “The greatest thing about this new Olympic sport is that it can be enjoyed by our spirited youth not just around Vancouver and Whistler but in almost every city across Canada” RBC spokesman John Groves.

Whether with a team or on your own, it’s up to you to enhance the countdown to 2010.

### **Dec. 10, Vandal Attack on Re/Max Office, Vancouver**

To show solidarity (as in shouldering some of the burden) with all those fighting the Sun Peaks development on unceded Secwepemc territory, and the Olympics in 2010 the windows of a Re/Max office at 2808 Kingsway were thrown in. From the roman empire that gave conquered lands to its military strongmen, to the feudal lords of the European middle ages paying off their debts owed to city merchants with pieces of “real assets”, to the Re/Max office trailer sitting in the mud of development at Sun Peaks ski resort, “real estate” has always meant stolen land and destroyed lives. From our point of view, every autonomous act, every insurgent event, every liberating attack against hierarchal power is an act of rehumanization, an affirmation of a life which won’t take it lying down.

### **Dec 12, Arson Attack on Bell Canada Vehicles, Guelph**

By the time you read this letter 2 vans belonging to your adored Bell Canada Enterprises have already been disabled. Their engines are nothing more than the smoking vestiges that our fires have left behind.

This action was done to show our direct solidarity with the individuals arrested and charged as a result of the ongoing “Green Scare”. It was also done because every day is a good day to attack your tumor building-insect killing-repression supplying company.

Michael Sabia, you are the ceo of Bell. You are a member of the North American Competitiveness Council [NACC] and are therefore a part of the Security and Prosperity Partnership [SPP]. You are a sponsor of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in British Columbia. We suppose that you did not get your fill of colonizing Turtle Island with you past involvement in the Canadian National Railway [CN]. The services that you, your corporation, and others contributing to the SPP, provide us are the facilitation of trade across borders that are applied as the vice-grips of the Ruling Order. Vice-grips that squeeze the water, trees, wildlife, etc. out of our community; mash our repressive system into union with the rest of North America; create lists that impose the identity of “criminal”, “illegal”, “threat”, etc. on people whose roles in society possess the least power and subsequently the least property: the ones in conflict with you and this society.

We continue to see these borders, and those who police them, used to criminalize and isolate people who refuse to submit to the terror of State Capitalism. Along with the Green Scare victims, John Graham has recently been extradited to the US, Leonard Peltier met the same fate, and natives across Turtle Island [Tyendinaga, Six Nations, etc.] have also been subjected to conditions created by the very repressive system that Bell, Linamar, Scotiabank, CN Rail, and others reinforce through the policies they create [like the SPP] with State leaders throughout North America. These policies, which have no jurisdiction in the sovereign territories of these natives, are policed by an armed mafia of badge wearing extremists who see no injustice in their application of electrical, chemical, and lethal weapons that have injured and killed so many; but the weapons are not the problem.

As the water, forests, and general land base is stolen from us, so too is our freedom.

If we cannot live free in the world you are pushing on us, then we have no choice left but to burn it down. What difference does it make to be forced into a prison within a prison, or the prison you have covertly built around us? Michael, there is no separation between actions taken against the prison system and those that target this prison-like world.

How can we enjoy a world in which our time is stolen by a wage, and all we get in return is your shitty information technology that keeps us in this cage?

Do us all a favor and fire yourself like we fired your vans.

In solidarity with prisoners, those in conflict with Prison, and its world,  
-Not “Green Scared.”



[\* ‘Green Scare’ refers to a wave of arrests carried out by the FBI in 2005 targeting militants accused of carrying out actions by the Earth Liberation Front]

### **Dec. 15, Vandal Attack Against Resort, Victoria**

On the night of December 15, 2007 the bear mountain resort office in Langford BC was festively decorated in solidarity with tree sitters blocking the way to the proposed highway interchange to bear mountain. Even more so in solidarity with all those resisting ecological destruction, resisting the continued colonization of Coast Salish territories and all the indigenous territories across turtle island. Colonization is still alive and rampant, it is land theft and displacement not



only for peoples and their cultures but for the non-humans, the plants, animals, land and water. The current developments on Bear mountain are a gross symptom of the urban sprawl and ski resort development mania that is being spurred on by the 2010 Olympics. No 2010! No Bear Mountain! This land is not for sale! Capitalism's voracious appetite has eaten enough, protect endangered Gerry oak ecosystems, protect sacred sites, honor indigenous title. Let the cover of night unleash your wild desires, the urge to destroy is a creative urge. The urge to create is an act of joy. Live your dreams.

—the night owls

### **Dec. 24, RBC Vandalized in Victoria**

Victoria, BC enters its' bid in the Royal Bank of Canada sponsored anti-olympic event.

Four windows of the RBC on Cook st spontaneously destroyed themselves in the war fighting spirit of mars under a full moon on Christmas Eve. Will Victoria come out ahead with this ambitious breakaway? Where is the rest of Canada's winning spirit? Mars is closer than ever!

## **2008: The Struggle Continues...**

### **Jan. 27, Vandal Attack on RBC, Ottawa**

These actions are in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, the Poor, and all those who are made to suffer in the name of "Security and Prosperity", the G-8, and the Olympics on Stolen Land. The ratification of the Security and Prosperity Partnership, the upcoming G-8 summit in Canada, and the Olympics are set to happen in the year 2010, and we thus declare war on all the year represents and all who sponsor it!!!

DURING THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2008, BRICKS FOUND THEIR WAY THROUGH THE WINDOWS OF THE ELGIN STREET ROYAL BANK OF KLANADA IN OTTAWA. YOU MAY BE WONDERING WHY...

This happened in opposition and resistance to the Corporate Circus known as the 2010 Winter Olympics. These actions are in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, the Poor, and all those who are made to suffer in the name of "Security and Prosperity", the G-8, and the Olympics on Stolen Land. The ratification of the Security and Prosperity Partnership, the upcoming G-8 summit in Canada, and the Olympics are set to happen in the year 2010, and we thus declare war on all the year represents and all who sponsor it!!!

The C.E.O. of TBC, Gordon m. Nixon, is a member of the Canadian Council of Chief Executives, the circus that proposed the SPP. RBC is also one of the main sponsors of the Olympics which have already displaced thousands. This involvement incriminates and directly links the corporation to the destruction wreaked upon the Earth and all who share it.

WE say Fuck The Corporate Circus!

No Olympics on Stolen Land!

RIOT 2010!



### **Feb. 3, Vandal Attacks Against SPP and Olympics, Guelph**

On Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> in Guelph Ontario the offices of Eston Mfg, LPP Mfg, and Comtech Mfg were graffitied, postered and had their locks glued shut. A Re-Max office nearby was also the target of graffiti, glued locks, and had windows smashed.

These actions are a continuation of a fight against Linamar's involvement in the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP). The SPP is a free trade agreement that deals with militarizing and unifying the borders of North America to enable capitalist exploitation and stranglehold repression on levels never before seen.

"None Forgiven, Sun Peaks 2001" was left of the Re/Max office door to remind these dealers in real estate that the battle which seemed to end in 2001 at Skwelkwek'welt with the forced eviction of land defenders by police forces is not the end of a struggle against capitalism and yuppie real estate. With the coming of the 2010 winter olympics to BC we see this aforementioned exploitation running rampant on native peoples and the urban poor. Capitalism has devastated the planet with its plans like NAFTA, FTAA, SPP, to a point where clean land and water are becoming scarce. This rise in demand for clean water has lead capitalists like Nestle Waters to turn this water into a commodity that they pump out in exorbitant amounts from communities around the globe across the matrix of borders

that many cannot cross without fear and criminalization. Among the ones who suffer from this process are the locals in Guelph who live with summer water restrictions imposed by City Council, while living next to the largest pumping facility in North America. As well as the excluded who live with the threat of “high risk” waters left behind from the development that gave away the land to the rich while poisoning the water for the poor.

Six Nations of the Grand River continue to be excluded by the elite, as developers steal away the land, government has yet to act on their promise to give \$10 million for a new water treatment facility. The locals live with the “high risk” of infection and disease while the wealthy bureaucrats sit around allocating this money yearly to the renovation of the old treatment plant; a solution which cannot sustain the large and growing population of Six Nations or the ongoing degradation caused by Capitalism.

The excluded have always lived beneath the boot of a system that takes everything and leaves the meager scraps of what once was. It is foolish to ask it to change.

Our struggles connected, our enemies everywhere.

Let us give nothing to this system but our resignation and resistance!!

### **Feb. 6, 'Countdown Clock' Event Disrupted, Ottawa**

Anti-Olympics protesters disrupted a VANOC event today in Ottawa. The event was meant to celebrate the unveiling of the Omega Countdown Clock, a clock counting down to the 2010 Olympic Games.

Roughly 25 protesters, many affiliated with the People’s Global Action group, stormed the event with banners saying “no Olympics on stolen native land” and “occupation anywhere resistance everywhere”. The group made their way to the front of the stage where they proceeded to disrupt the whole event, chanting “no Olympics on stolen native land” and “homes not games”.

“Fighting the Olympics is imperative for anyone opposed to colonization, gentrification and oppression” one speaker said. No arrests were made. A larger anti Olympics, anti-SPP and anti-G8 march is planned for Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.

For more info on the Olympics visit [no2010.com](http://no2010.com)

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### **Feb. 18, Native Collaborator’s pro-Olympic Media Event Disrupted by Native 2010 Resistance**

**Communique:** On February 18, 2008, members of the Native 2010 Resistance disrupted an Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and Four Host First Nations (FHFN) photo op at the Sutton Hotel, located on Coast Salish Territory (Vancouver). Indigenous women From the Native 2010 Resistance poured bags of apples onto the podium where National Chief Phil Fontaine was announcing “First Nations participation and volunteer opportunities with the 2010 Olympics”.

Like apples, Phil Fontaine and the Four Host First Nations sell-out chiefs are red skinned but white on the inside, bargaining off Indigenous lands for profit.

Fontaine tried to keep his composure, his podium filled with apples as Native women yelled in front of his face “No Olympics on Stolen Native Land!” and told the small crowd “You should all be ashamed of yourselves for contributing to the rape and destruction of Mother Earth!”

Indigenous resistance against the games has been snowballing as more are learning about Olympic industrial development and destruction taking place on Skwxwú7mesh-ulh (Squamish), Lil’wat, St’at’imc, Stólo, Nlaka’Pamux, and Secwepemc Native Lands.

While the Four Host First Nations claim to have avid support, the room that the media event took place in was nearly empty for the first 20 minutes and filled to a measly 15 people with only one media personnel to take advantage of the ‘photo op’. There was also no security at the event or around the hotel during the affair.

The AFN, which is the so called “national organization representing First Nations citizens in Canada”, will assist the Four Host First Nations and the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC) in distributing a series of newsletters that will provide information on how to volunteer at the Winter Games.

The AFN will also make available other opportunities for First Nations peoples to participate in the Games including the Vancouver 2010 Torch Relay, Cultural Olympiad, and employment and procurement opportunities.

According to conversations at the event today, Four Host First Nation’s reps expect over 350 First Nations volunteers for the 2010 Olympics. However, the prospect seems daunting given the mounting resistance against and knowledge of the negative impacts on Indigenous lands, and related Indigenous homelessness and poverty.

Native youth, Elders, women, and men are growing more skeptical about participating in the 2010 Games and are fighting back. The Native Resistance vows to continue to disrupt events that support the 2010 Olympic Games and contribute to the theft of Indigenous lands, to homelessness and poverty.

**DON’T BE AN APPLE! RISE UP AND RESIST THE 2010 OLYMPICS!**





### **Feb. 12, Delta Hotel Attacked in Guelph**

In the early morning of February the 12<sup>th</sup> [2008], the opening day of the newly built Delta Hotel at Stone rd and Gordon [in Guelph, Ontario], six large windows on the main entrance of the Hotel were smashed.

Delta Hotels are appearing wherever yuppie development is booming.

They are feeding off of the Olympic excitement to cash in on the development of territories while returning nothing to the local inhabitants. From the Sun Peaks resort on Secwepmec territory, to the gentrification of Guelph Ontario, Delta Hotels are one of many capitalists making a profit from the lives and lands of others.

We encourage everyone to launch an uncompromising assault against the olympics, colonialism and the State Capitalism that produces them!

### **Feb. 12, Vandal Attack on RBC, Ottawa**

Another attack on RBC, corporate sponsor and accomplice to the genocide and ecocide perpetrated by VANOC and the various levels of Canadian government.

On the night of February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008, bricks found their way through the windows of a branch of the Royal Bank of Canada. The branch targeted is located at Bank St. and First Ave. in the Glebe neighbourhood of Ottawa. This action - on the 2 year mark before the 2010 Olympics - was done in solidarity with the ongoing struggle against all sponsors of the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver-Whistler, BC.

It is part of the No 2010 campaign which opposes the Olympic Games on stolen land, the final "ratification" of the Security and Prosperity Partnership, and the G-8, all of which are planned to hit Canada in that year. It is done in solidarity with the struggle of First Nations in Coast Salish and the rest of Turtle Island against colonial genocide. It is in solidarity with Vancouver's homeless, who are being relocated in a process of gentrification. It is in solidarity with all those who fight the ongoing ecocide perpetrated by VANOC and its corporate sponsors, including the RBC.

We will continue targeting corporations that support this genocide and ecocide.

We say scrap the SPP;

Down with the G-8; and

Fuck the Corporate Circus!!!

RIOT 2010!

- Ottawa Anarchists.

### **Feb. 17, Countdown Clock Vandalized, Vancouver**

During a rally by APC (Anti-Poverty Committee) that ends at the 'countdown clock', posters are plastered on the clock while a paint-bomb also finds its mark. Police appear impotent and frustrated after following the protest around the downtown area but unable to stop the vandalism.

### **Feb. 22, APC Repaints Exterior of BC Premier's Office, Vancouver**

APC members wearing masks and coveralls attack the BC premier's office with buckets of paint thrown on windows and door during business hours. No arrests are made. The action is video-taped by APC'ers and replayed by corporate media.

### **Feb. 26, City Welcome Signs Vandalized, Vancouver**

Three olympic Welcome to Vancouver signs (at the southern highway entrances to Vancouver) were attacked with paint-bombs. The presence of the olympics in our city makes us sick. Its signs and symbols litter the city, it speeds up gentrification, and is an insult to native peoples. We hope that the IOC (International Olympic Committee) president feels unwelcome and the resistance to the olympics continues to spread.

### **March 1, RBC Attack in Ottawa**

On the night of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008, the Elgin St Royal Bank in Ottawa was - yet again - the target of the resistance to the ecocide and genocide perpetrated by VANOC and its corporate sponsors in the manifestation of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. Yet again, the windows have been smashed in an act of solidarity with the poor and homeless of Coast Salish (Vancouver-Whistler), with the environment, which will be further destroyed as a result of the Corporate Circus, and with Indigenous peoples whose lands and cultures are being co-opted for the sake of corporate profits.

We targeted the Royal Bank of KKKlanada not only because of its sponsorship of the ecocide and genocide that is the Winter Olympics of 2010, but also because the CEO of RBC, Gordon M. Nixon, chairs the Canadian Council of Chief Executives (CCCE), a group of corporate elites behind such destructive and harmful policies and initiatives as the

Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP). The SPP will see greater criminalization of immigrants and minorities, increased exploitation of the poor and grossly increased corporate profits at the expense of the working classes.

We reject any system that allows the exploitation of anyone by another!

Down with the RBC - supporter of domestic and global exploitation!

Down with the RBC - tool of colonialism and oppression of the Indigenous Peoples of Turtle Island ("North America")!

Down with the RBC - accomplice to genocide and ecocide!

Riot 2010!

~ Ottawa Anarchists

### **March 5, RBC Attacked in Ottawa**

Nature Helps Anarchists Hit Royal Bank of Canada... Again

The early morning of March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 saw yet a further taste of the royal dish of vengeance we are preparing for the Royal Bank of KKKanada, and all corporate sponsors of the ecocide/genocide of the 2010 Corporate Circus ("Winter Olympic Games") on unceded Coast Salish territories in the west. The windows of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and Bank St location of RBC, Ottawa, were thoroughly smashed. This time, Mother Nature provided the tools for the assault – a block of ice mixed with the poisonous salts of the city road crews, hardened to a beautiful projectile. RBC finds itself the continued target of our campaign because of its complicity and blatant support of imperialism, racial profiling, and exploitation advanced by the Security and Prosperity Partnership (final ratification in 2010). The



company's CEO, Gordon M. Nixon chairs the Canadian Council of Chief Executives (CCCE), one of the key proponents of this exploitative and repressive NAFTA + "homeland security" initiative.

RBC is targeted for sponsoring and profiting off of the gentrification, environmental destruction, and colonialism which characterize – indeed, are the entirety of the 2010 Winter Games. This Corporate Circus will see further theft of the land of Indigenous peoples, as well as causing (already!) the repression of the poor of Vancouver.

Beyond the above, we target the RBC because it is a bank, the central component of the capitalist state which is responsible for global and domestic exploitation of the working classes for the profits of the ruling elite and their bourgeois puppets.

These attacks are carried out in solidarity with Indigenous peoples of Coast Salish, the poor of Vancouver, and all those who struggle against the Corporate Circus that serves nothing but the ultimate god of this society: profit.

Riot 2010!

~ Ottawa Anarchists

### **March 10, Olympic Clock Vandalized in Ottawa**

After a month of waiting, we've finally struck the VANOC Clock counting down to the 2010 Corporate Circus. Sorry for the delay. Last night, we finally got around to paint-bombing the hideous countdown clock that VANOC (Vancouver Organizing Committee) has blighted the streets with. We would have done it while they were unveiling the thing, but we decided it would be more conducive to our liberty to do it under cover of darkness, rather than in front of a large crowd, many cameras, and a line of pigs (police).

We fight the 2010 Olympics and the masterminds - VANOC - because of what the Games really are: social cleansing, colonialism, and environmental destruction. The 2010 Olympics hide these evil works (and the goal of corporate profit) behind the veil of "international friendship" and "athletic competition". In solidarity with the poor and Indigenous peoples of Coast Salish and all who struggle against this Corporate Circus, we will disrupt and shut down every VANOC event - as we have so far - and relentlessly target its corporate co-conspirators.

Riot 2010!!!

~Ottawa Anarchists

### **March 11, RBC 'Trashed' in Ottawa**

A bit of symbolism helps to explain things, as a trash can is used to smash more RBC windows. The night of March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the Royal Bank location at Elgin and Lisgar in Ottawa was again the target of our rage against the evils they sponsor. The trash can we hurled through their window shows what we think of their Corporate Circus (the 2010 Winter Olympics) - to wit, that it is nothing but garbage! Throw away the social cleansing, colonialism, and environmental destruction! Throw away the complete co-optation and oppression of the Indigenous peoples of Coast Salish and all of Turtle Island! Throw away the Banks and the whole capitalist system! We act in solidarity of all who resist the Corporate Circus, and we urge you to do the same! Riot 2010!!!

~Ottawa Anarchists.

### **March 15/16 Arson Attack Against the National Bank in Montreal**

corner of Ontario and Valois, the night of March 15-16 2008

[translated from French]

The three automatic tellers of this branch were smashed before being set on fire.

This action was not mentioned in the big media and the National Bank attempted to hide the damage as quickly as possible. We suspect the authorities are trying to cover up the facts so as not to create panic amongst the citizens.

We acted following the torching of the parking lot of neighbourhood station 23. Like the Collectif Ton Pere [translators note: Your Father Collective, who torched police cars], we are acting against the State, Capital and private property, which perpetuate oppression, destruction and alienation. We are also in solidarity with Native struggles, specifically in the context of the 2010 Olympics. Even if the National Bank is not an official partner (as is the case with the Royal Bank), a bank is still a bank! Let's not forget that the police and the banks support each other.  
Collectif Ton Oncle



### **April 25, Bell Canada Vehicles Tires Slashed, Guelph**

In the early morning of Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> [2008], three Bell vans had their tires (12 of them) slashed. We hope to express our solidarity with those fighting the implementation of capitalist expansion everywhere. From Tyendinaga to the occupied territories out west. The 2010 Olympics (and SPP, both of which Bell sustains) is a symptom of capitalism and it spreads development, militaristic security and a Tupperware Disneyland of wealth for the rich atop the lives and lands of the poor and dispossessed it swallows.

Let's deepen our resistance to the 2010 SPP meeting, G8 and Olympics through local struggles and wherever their repressive structures and technology is implemented and developed!

The world built on our exploitation is a world drained of life and health, a world as sterile as a prison, a world in which we find no joy. As our comrades in Tyendinaga state "not one more development" not one more suburb built, not one more policeman in our streets... NO MORE!

Forward everyone! With arms and heart, word and pen, dagger and gun, irony and curse, theft, poisoning and arson...

Let's make war on this culture of death!

SOLIDARITY WITH TYENDINAGA!

2 BELL TIRES FOR EVERY PRISONER TAKEN!

- The May 29<sup>th</sup> Momentum



### **May 7, Arson Attack on Kiewit Truck, Vancouver**

On the night of May 7, 2008 we set fire to a Kiewitt & Sons work truck. Peter Kiewitt & Sons is currently working on expanding the Sea to Sky highway between Vancouver and Whistler, the main artery for the Olympics, also paving the way for investment into land exploitation, tourism and development. This is not the first act of resistance to PK+S and hopefully not the last; in 2006 people occupied eagle ridge bluffs to prevent its destruction by the Sea to Sky highway. PK+S filed an injunction causing the arrest of camp occupants and the imprisonment of Squamish elder and warrior Harriet Nahanee who died shortly after suffering illness in prison.

PK+S constructs the spaces that house many institutions of physical as well as social control including; air force and navy operations centers, mines, dams, highways, and industrial nuclear experimentation facilities. This act, for us, was an attack against repression and those who construct its systems. -Anonymous

### **May 12, RBC Vandal Attack in Vancouver**

On the night of May 12/13, we smashed at the RBC on Broadway and Yukon. One more contribution to the increasingly "unmanageable" anti-olympics resistance, Tom Quiggin this ones for you.

For those of you who don't get the above reference we are referring to the recent security document publish by Tom Quiggin (<http://friendsofgrassynarrows.com/item.php?802F>). In this document he warns that the small actions that have been multiplying over the last year amount to a potential new terrorist threat.

We believe that this small amount of revolt can become a threat to the 2010 corporate agenda. Not because of the actions in themselves but because for every one of us who picks up a match or a stone, there are many more with just as much contempt for this world of profits and prisons, who are just as eager as we are to escape from the graveyard of submission.

In the document Quiggin makes special note of the reference to individuals such as the heads of Bell & RBC in the communications of other recent actions. He hints that this is a sign that we and our allies are developing terrorist

tactics. Tom, you bastard, you and all of the other pigs of this world cooperate in terrorizing us every day of the week. Doing your best to keep us down while your system and all those who profit from it continue sucking us dry, spewing poisons into the precious earth, commit genocide of traditional indigenous people and attacking anyone who struggles to live outside and against your established order.

Their forces of repression are very strong, but our passion for freedom is much stronger.

LET'S CONTINUE TO STEP UP THE OFFENSIVE. FOR A WORLD WITHOUT PRIVILEGE & PRISONS! FOR ANARCHY!!!

-Tom Quiggin group



### **May 31, 3 McDonalds Vandalized in Victoria**

On the afternoon of May 31 [2008], 3 McDonalds were attacked in Victoria BC. We cemented shut the pipes, disabling the toilets in the bathroom stalls, requiring their replacement at all 3 locations. We did this in response to their involvement as a sponsor of the 2010 Olympic circus. We need to fight the games any and every way we can.

JOIN THE OLYMPIC RESISTANCE.

### **June 16, Anarchists Attack Bank of Montreal in Halifax**

During the early morning hours of Monday, June 16 we commemorated last year's resistance to Atlantica as well as added to the current momentum against the G8, SPP and Olympics in the year 2010 by attacking the Bank of Montreal on Quinpool road. Two locks were sabotaged by inserting super glue and pins into the key holes. The walls were redecorated with positive messages for today's youth: "Class war Now", "Fuck Atlantica", and "Attack Capital".

This target was chosen because it's a bank and thus complicit in the capitalist plunder of our planet. As well BMO is a major sponsor of "Atlantica" a proposed free trade zone encapsulating the Maritime provinces, New England and parts of New York and Quebec.

In solidarity & Resistance.

- The Unarrestables"

### **June 24, Arson Attack Against Military Vehicles in Vancouver**

*Communique:* Canada out of Canada!

On the night of June 24<sup>th</sup> [2008], far from occupied Afghanistan, deep behind enemy lines of occupied Coast Salish territory, several molotov cocktails lit up the Canadian Armed Forces parkade. Several vehicles were damaged.

This act was just another in an escalating campaign to destabilise the 2010 police state. Come the 2010 Olympics the occupation of indigenous territory will be seen for the military conquest that it is. In attacking the military at their home fort, we are united with the struggles against imperialism globally.

Destroy the Military Olympic Police State

Fuck 2010

### **June 24, Arson Attack Against GM Dealership, Toronto**

*Communique:* We attacked a Chevy dealership in the west end of Toronto on the night of [June] 24<sup>th</sup> [2008]. At least 13 vehicles were damaged or destroyed with fire.

Chevy, Buick and Pontiac are all owned by General Motors. With the impending downsizing of operations at GM plants in Ontario, we hope workers will respond using similar methods. We did this because GM is an official sponsor of the 2010 Olympic Games.

Fuck the Olympics!



**Did you know Arson was against the law?** The Criminal Code of the criminal state of Canada has three main provisions for arson offenses. **Section 433** covers arson that endangers human life & carries a maximum penalty of imprisonment for life. **S. 434** covers arson that damages property and has a maximum sentence of 14 years. **S. 436** covers possession of incendiary materials, devices or explosive substances in order to commit either of the two above offenses, and carries a penalty of up to 5 years imprisonment.

**News Article:**

*Toronto Star*

<http://www.thestar.com/article/448848>

June 25, 2008 Sunny Freeman, staff reporter  
Police are investigating an explosion and fire that damaged at least 13 vehicles at a west-end car dealership early this morning. Just before 3 a.m., firefighters and police responded to reports of an explosion at West York Chev-Olds, on St. Clair Ave. W. at Old Weston Rd. Firefighters quickly doused flames from nine vehicles parked in the dealership's front lot and four vehicles in the back lot, said Toronto fire spokesperson Stephan Powell. All of the vehicles were burning in the engine compartment except for one van, which had flames coming from the rear, Powell said.



*13 vehicles at a General Motors dealership in Toronto destroyed by fire, June 25, 2008*

**July 22, Arson Attack on Kiewit Vehicle, Vancouver**

In the early morning of Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008 a truck belonging to Peter Kiewit and Sons, parked off of Victoria Drive [Vancouver], was lit on fire. Kiewit is making a(n) killing off of the development of the Sea to Sky Highway. This highway development, along with the new high speed train line linking the airport to downtown, and the construction of new power lines through Tsawwassen communities, is paving the way for an intensification of development, resource extraction, tourism, ecological devastation and repression.

Progress is a weapon used by the rich to impose the resulting misery of their projects upon our lives.

This action was done in solidarity with people attacking capitalist projects everywhere, from Six Nations and their battles in Ontario to the people who made "deep cuts" in the new power line poles and threatened developers with crowbars in Tsawwassen.

We are at war and our promise to developers and the pigs that protect them, their projects, and world is simple: as long as you build alienation and exploitation into our lives and territory we will not hesitate to consume your nightmares with our fire!

**July 23, Vandal Attack on RBC, Vancouver**

On the night of July 23 [2008], we joyfully smashed out 10 windows of the RBC at First and Commercial [Vancouver, BC]. It should be painfully obvious why we did this. It is a bank. Death to the market and the systems of repression!

-Some Toads\*

\*In reference to a quote in an article in the Vancouver daily 24 Hours paper:

"Leo Knight, a former policeman and vice-president of Paladin Security, said that doesn't mean police are unaware of the culprits, or "toads," as he calls them.

**Aug. 24, McDonalds Vandalized, Guelph**

On the afternoon of August 24 [2008], a McDonalds was attacked in Guelph Ontario. We cemented shut the pipes, disabling the toilet in the bathroom stall. We were inspired by a similar action in Victoria, BC on May 31 carried out against McDonalds because of their involvement in the 2010 Olympics.

We did this after the Guelph Wood Squat received a notice of eviction. According to Jim Stokes, the city's manager of realty services, "Pouring [concrete] foundations is way beyond what we will allow." The concrete foundation was the beginning of a straw bale home for the winter. Either construction continues or the cement gets used in other ways.

**Aug. 25, McDonalds Attacked, Santa Cruz, California**

-by not lovin' it

Monday Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008

The Beijing Olympics have ended, but the repressive apparatus set up for the Games remains in place: some 300,000 surveillance cameras, 400,000 informants, and a general tightening of government control. This is always the result of

these multinational spectacles. McDonalds, one of the major sponsors of the Olympics, also remains omnipresent and continues to reap its profits with four new restaurants and a large share of the advertising spectacle. This, too, is business as usual.

McDonalds will also gladly sponsor the 2010 Winter Olympics on stolen indigenous land in British Columbia and the 2012 Summer Olympics in the most surveilled metropolis in the world (London). They will continue to be attacked for their role in perpetuating the Olympics and all the repression, surveillance, development and profiteering that accompany the Games.

In the early morning of August 25, three windows were broken and a surveillance camera knocked off the roof of the Ocean Street McDonalds in Santa Cruz, California. Here, as in Beijing and everywhere else in the world, the cameras are the bosses' eyes pointed at the workers being exploited and the homeless and impoverished who congregate outside this unfortunate venue.

People the world over hate McDonalds as a foremost symbol of American capitalism, and its franchises are targeted in almost every uprising and riot that erupts these days. Here in California too, we revolt against everything McDonalds is and represents. We know that the crap that they pass off as "food" is "cheap" in dollars, but is the direct result of worker exploitation, rainforest deforestation, etc. We're sick of the bullshit that is McDonalds, just as we are disgusted with the spectacle of the Olympics and enraged by the constant presence of surveillance cameras everywhere. We're sure that many others share our distaste, and we encourage them to articulate their negativity through action.

### **Aug. 28, Olympic Clock Vandalized, Vancouver**

*News article:* Olympic vandals paint themselves into hot water

CTV News, Aug. 28 2008

Darcy Wintonyk, ctvbc.ca

A group of vandals have hit Vancouver B.C.'s Olympic Countdown Clock. Police spokesperson Jana McGuinness says just after midnight Thursday they received a call that three people had doused the clock with white paint.

McGuinness says the suspects were tracked down on nearby Robson Street a short time later. They were easy to find - their clothes and hands were covered with paint. Two 19-year-old men and a 20-year-old woman were arrested and are facing mischief charges. There is no estimate for the cost of the damage. This isn't the first time the clock has been the target of protesters. In February 2007, protesters armed with balls of rocks and paint balloons crashed the clock unveiling outside of the Vancouver Art Gallery. One masked protester even stormed the stage, shoving a startled VANOC executive away from the microphone. No group has claimed responsibility for the vandalism, and police say it's too early in the investigation to know if this latest incident is linked with any others.

### **Sept. 20, Olympic Signs Vandalized, Whistler, BC**

Described as the first act of anti-Olympic vandalism to occur in the wealthy ski resort town of Whistler, a sign marking the location of 2010 skiing venues along Highway 99 was cut down with a chainsaw. Whistler is the host site for skiing, bobsledding, and other events during 2010.

### **Sept. 21, CP's 'Spirit Train' Launch Disrupted, Pt. Moody, BC**

Approx. 60-70 protesters crashed the launch of Canadian Pacific's Olympic 'Spirit Train' in the Vancouver suburb of Port Moody. Just as the event was scheduled to begin at 2 PM, the group positioned in front of the main stage, blocking the view with banners. As MC's and performers attempted to address the audience, protesters drowned them out with noise from megaphones, yelling, pots & pans, and a small sound system.

Government and corporate officials who were to open the event were afraid to go on stage, citing the near proximity of the protesters. The official ceremony itself was cancelled, while musical acts were barely able to continue. The protesters left after about 2 hours.

At least 2 dozen Port Moody, CP Rail and BC Transit police were present, although none seemed to have much experience in 'crowd control' or protests. Despite this, two members of the Olympic Resistance Network (ORN) were arrested after a scuffle with a pro-Olympic citizen. One Port Moody cop car was hit with a paint-bomb.



### **Sept. 27, CP 'Spirit Train' Disrupted in Edmonton, Alberta**

Approx. 30 protesters disrupted the 'Spirit Train' event using megaphones, banners, and slogans. Despite a large number of police, two militants were able to climb on the train and drop a 'Resist 2010' banner near the main stage.

**Oct. 12, 'Spirit Train' Blockaded near Toronto, Ontario**

Approx. 20 persons blocked train tracks near Toronto, with one person chaining herself to the tracks. The blockade lasted about 2 hours. No arrests were made.

*Photo:* Getting ready to blockade the tracks.



**Oct. 13, 'Spirit Train' Disrupted in Mississauga, Ontario**

About 30 protesters showed up at the 'Spirit Train' event with banners and megaphones. A large number of police were used to push the group back and away from the train.

**Oct. 13, Sabotage of CP Rail, Toronto**

In an attempt to cause a shitload of economic damage to the infrastructure of the CP rail main-

line, we cut down two telephone poles across the tracks just to the north of their main intermodal yard outside Toronto. A pile of fallen trees was ignited with gasoline across the tracks, and we molotov'd one of those weird grey box things that look pretty important and are full of electrical shit. We also tied copper wire across the tracks to signal the blockage so no one would get hurt. That was way more exciting than a turkey dinner!

It's shit cool that all you people been bringing the ruckus all over the country to mess with the Olympics and its Spirit Train business.

That exhibition of nationalism and colonization has got all the rich motherfuckers greasin' the pockets of development tycoons. Sure this shit's been loomin' round all our hoods for a while, but you throw in the Olympic Games and crackers like Bob Rennie can't get enough. This spectacle is quickening the pace of yet another yuppie takeover. It aint gonna stop if we ask it nicely; it didn't before the Olympics and sure won't after!

For us the Spirit Train is every train, they're all spreading "Olympic spirit", or more like the spirit of capitalism: construction materials, military equipment, useless consumer products, tourists...

Fuck it all. Every ride on the rails is a ride for the same invasion that's been goin on since the railway was built to colonize this whole place. This rail system has been developed and is utilized to serve our exploiters and enemies. As long as the exploiters exist, infrastructure will always be their weapon. So we wanna destroy it all... their railway, highways, cameras, telecommunications, it's all serving the masters and their police. We're not interested in expressing our dissatisfaction at a symbolic part of the problem. We want to actually dismantle the whole system and hit these cracker-ass-capitalists where it hurts. It's not just the Spirit Train; it's every train, the tracks and the social structure they maintain!

This is solidarity with all the comrades raisin' hell wherever they live. Keep the struggle burning locally, and your solidarity reaches globally. This chaos was for the warriors everywhere who are still facing charges for their involvement in acts of resistance quite like this one. It don't matter how hard they come down on us cause there are too many of us waiting to explode. Let's show 'em what we can do and aim for our actual objective!

Every train- stopped, every track- untied, every jail- destroyed!



**Oct. 18, 'Spirit Train' Disrupted in Montreal**

Over 100 people gathered to oppose the 'Spirit Train' and 2010 Olympics, including members of Kahnawake Traditional Mohawk Council and a representative from the Barriere Lake Algonquins. Using a PA system they were able to disrupt the event and distribute information. In an Oct 16 press release promoting the Montreal event, Vanoc acknowledged the impact of protests at most of the 'Spirit Train' stops.



**Note:** this edition of the chronology now ends....  
Check out [www.No2010.com](http://www.No2010.com) for updates.

## COUNTER-INSURGENCY ANALYSIS OF ANTI-2010 CAMPAIGN

'Anti-terror' experts analyze and make recommendations (through the corporate media...) for police-intelligence agencies on countering the growing Anti-2010 militant resistance.

### Change in activists' tactics poses serious threat to 2010 Games: analyst

By Stephanie Levitz, The Canadian Press

May 4, 2008

VANCOUVER - Changing tactics by Canadian activists pose a serious threat to security at the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver, security analysts say. The usually fragmented, single-issue groups are converging and organizing in ways never seen before in Canada, said Tom Quiggan, a former security consultant with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

Where there's usually a lull in protest activity in the years leading up to mega-events like the Olympics, the last year has seen at least 20 violent acts directly connected to the 2010 Games.

"I'm not aware of, nor have I seen in the past, this kind of organization that's that far advanced this far ahead of the actual event," Quiggan said. "There is some commonality of thinking here between anarchist groups, social activists groups that happen to have a violent agenda and then I see native groups. When you see that kind of convergence coming up, it makes you a little nervous."

The Olympics is a perfect unifier for Canada's disparate activist community, said David Cunningham, the spokesman for the Anti-Poverty Committee, one of Vancouver's leading activist groups.

"Once you have an anti-colonialist, anti-capitalist analysis of the Olympics, you see that . . . this analysis or the targets or the demands are easily incorporated into what you're protesting within your own community," he said.

From Vancouver to Halifax, anti-Olympic slogans are popping up at rallies of all political stripes.

Even among international activists, there's traction for opposition to Vancouver's Games. At a recent convention in Mexico, the famed Zapatista protest group, along with native groups from Central and South America endorsed an anti-Olympic resolution and called for protest.

The Anti-Poverty Committee and other B.C.-based activists now go on speaking tours to drum up support. For example, earlier this year, two First Nations activists went on a three-week speaking tour to underscore their demands.

Though opposition to the Games comes from environmentalists, social rights advocates and taxpayer watchdogs, Cunningham said his hope is that everyone unites under the banner of indigenous rights for the 2010 Games.

Vancouver's Olympic Organizing Committee, known as VANOC, has spent time and money trying to include aboriginal people in the planning and execution of the Games, but there are still some who feel the entire event is illegitimate as it's being held on "stolen land."

Others - including the head of the Assembly of First Nations Phil Fontaine - say native leaders will use the opportunity provided by the Games to focus attention on aboriginal poverty.

Quiggan said Olympic sponsors like the Royal Bank of Canada have particular reason to be concerned about the convergence of activist groups.

Co-operation among various groups has seen RBC banks targeted for anti-Olympic vandalism at least nine times by activists in Vancouver, Ottawa and Victoria, and calls-to-action circulating on the Internet explicitly propose RBC president Gordon Nixon as a target.

RBC declined to be interviewed on its response to being a target of attacks, citing security concerns.

One private security company who has worked with RBC said company officials are well aware of the ongoing threats and are taking extra precautions as a result.

The Anti-Poverty Committee has also explicitly threatened VANOC board members, going so far as to attempt to evict them from their offices and threatening their homes.

Anti-Olympic activists are taking a page from the protest efforts of animal rights groups, said Michel Juneau Katsuya, a former Canadian Security Intelligence Service agent who now runs a private intelligence firm.

In England and in the U.S., those groups have specifically targeted researchers and executives of companies believed to be harming animals through their use as laboratory subjects.

"That has been a demonstration that there is more and more fringe groups that are starting to make a statement, not with the intent to kill people, but definitely to destabilize certain things," he said. "The Olympics? That would be like a beautiful platform for them." Security officials need to be a step ahead of all of them, said Quiggan.

Direct monitoring of these groups is essential to avert potential disaster, he said, and it appears right now that the security infrastructure in Canada is taking its time putting in place preventative measures to protect the Games. Quiggan said the appointment in October of Ward Elcock, the former director of CSIS, to the post of head of Olympic Security, was a sign that things weren't going well and someone was needed to start moving plans along. "Two years before, a year-and-a-half before, you shouldn't be planning, you should be doing," he said.

"You should have sources in the field, you should have agents in the field."

But Juneau Katsuya said its likely surveillance is already being carried out on activist groups and though the planning might not be obvious, it's definitely underway. The challenge, he said, comes from finding a balance. "More security increases the budget, rather than better security," he said. "Better security doesn't equal automatically more money spent."

Cunningham said the change in tactics are a direct response to heavier policing and people are drawn to subversive action out of a feeling that disruption is the only thing that works to effect change. His group and others, he said, don't plan to stop at the Olympics. The year 2010 will also see Canada play host to the G8 meetings and the Security and Prosperity Partnership meetings, held between Canada, the U.S. and Mexico. Quiggan and Katsuya both said that's all the more reason a cohesive security plan needs to be in place. "The point is to pre-empt the problem," Quiggan said.

## **CSIS watching extremist Olympic protesters**

Jorge Barrera, Canwest News Service

Tuesday, May 06, 2008

Canada's spy agency has been monitoring anti-Olympic activities for more than a year and found the strongest opposition to the athletic event to be among "the more extreme elements" of First Nations groups, particularly in alliance with anti-poverty groups, according to an internal government document obtained by Canwest News Service.

The censored document was sent by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service to the Department of Public Safety and refers to an event hosted last spring by the Vancouver Olympic Committee. The six-page, French and English document, titled CSIS Threat Assessment and marked "secret," provides little detail about the seriousness of the threat by the groups.

However, it does highlight their convergence in opposition to the Olympics, a concern recently voiced by a former RCMP intelligence and national security expert. Dated March 21, 2007, the threat assessment analyzed potential disruptions to a planned "Urban Aboriginal Friendship Celebration," which was to take place three days later. The event was hosted by the Vancouver Olympic Committee "to reach out to the aboriginal community in Vancouver," said the assessment, which was released under the Access to Information Act.

"VANOC has been criticized for not taking enough action to address the concerns of Vancouver's aboriginal community," said the assessment. In a partly censored passage, the assessment noted that "opposition to the 2010 Olympic Games is most noticeable amongst the more extreme elements of First Nations communities." It then referred to Native Warrior Society members who stole the Olympic flag on March 6, 2007 to "protest against the Games." The rest of the passage, like other large chunks of the assessment, is blanked out under a section of the Access to Information Act allowing for censoring of information that could be "injurious to the conduct of international affairs, the defence of Canada . . . or the detection, prevention or suppression of subversives . . ."

The assessment also highlights that First Nations and anti-poverty groups joined together during a Feb. 12, 2007 protest at the unveiling of the Olympic countdown clock. "Eight individuals were arrested for mischief and assault when they disrupted the ceremony," the document noted. "Specifically, members of the Native Youth Movement and the Anti-Olympic Coalition were arrested when they rushed the stage." A section of this passage is also blanked out.

In the following passage, which is uncensored, the assessment described the coalition as "a Vancouver-based special interest group comprised of members of the groups No One is Illegal, the Anti-Poverty Coalition, and the Downtown Eastside Residents Association."

A passage on the Native Youth Movement is almost totally blanked out, except for its description as "a group of aboriginal youth who challenge land treaty issues in British Columbia." A member of the Native Youth movement described her group as "freedom fighters," but expressed surprise that they were named in the threat assessment.

"We are a native youth organization and we are not out there to cause destruction, but to protect and preserve the natural environment," a member of the organization, who goes by the name Kanahus, said in a telephone interview from the B.C. First Nations community of Neskonalith.

"If they feel any type of threat from us (it is because) we are exposing the real issues. The way they deal with native people standing up for our rights is by using the police and things like CSIS."

Kanahus said her group planned to continue its campaign against the Olympics. "We are not doing anything wrong, so I have no fear about what we are doing because what we are doing is educating the public," she said.

"We are fighting for the land and need the masses to get onside with the native youth movement, to get onside in the fight to defend our land, our hunting grounds, our mountains, all our food ... If we don't speak for the salmon the salmon are not going to continue to exist."

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# Corporate Sponsors of 2010 Olympics

As of 2008, the TOP (The Olympic Partners) corporate sponsors were:

## 1. Coca-Cola

World's largest beverage & soft-drink company. Bottled drinks, inc. Coke, Sprite, Fanta, Powerade, Minute Maid, 5-Alive, Dasani water, etc. Coca-Cola factories in Central & South America, & India, have been involved in hiring paramilitary groups to violently repress union organizers, using kidnapping, torture and assassinations. Coke factories also deplete ground water and cause environmental destruction.

## 2. General Electric

One of the world's largest manufacturers of electrical goods & appliances, security system technologies, police/prison/military contracts, weapons systems (inc. nuclear weapons). Involved in secret nuclear tests exposing thousands to radiation, experiments on prisoners, dumping of toxic waste, supplying military equipment to Israel.

## 3. Atos Origin

European based information technology/communications corporation, provides video, computer IT systems for Olympic Games.

## 4. Johnson & Johnson

One of the world's largest pharmaceutical corporations, also supplier of medical devices, healthcare products and biotechnology services. Part of maquiladora factory system in Mexico.

## 5. Kodak

One of the world's oldest, and largest, manufacturers & suppliers of cameras, printers, graphic communications systems, etc. Longtime supplier to Olympic Games. Large-scale environmental polluter.

## 6. Lenovo

The largest manufacturer of Personal Computers (PCs) in China.

## 7. McDonalds

One of the largest fast food restaurants in world, target of protests & attacks the world over for its exploitation of workers, its contribution to poor health, destruction of tropical forests for cattle industry, human rights violations, and because it is a renowned symbol of capitalist greed & consumerism.

## 8. Manulife

The world's fifth largest insurance corporation.

## 9. Omega

A division of Swatch, maker of watches, official timekeepers for Olympics for several decades.

## 10. Panasonic

One of the world's largest makers of electrical goods, TVs, video cameras, DVD players, etc.

## 11. Samsung

Third largest manufacturer of mobile phones, also DVD players, video recorders, computers, washer & dryers, fridges, etc. Supplier of wireless telecommunications equipment to Olympics.

## 12. Visa

World's largest credit card company.

## National Corporate Sponsors - Canada

1. **Bell Canada** (telecommunications, controls CTV & other media; \$200 million)

2. **Hudsons Bay Company** (old fur trade company, also early colonial government, owner of The Bay, Zellers, & Fields department stores, supplier of uniforms and clothing to 2010 & Canadian Olympic team, a \$100 million sponsor)

3. **Royal Bank of Canada** (RBC Financial Group, \$110 million)

4. **General Motors of Canada** (car/truck manufacturer, largest military contractor in Canada, inc. Light Armoured Vehicles; \$53 million)

5. **Petro-Canada** (one of largest Canadian oil & gas corporations, exploiting and destroying Indigenous lands inc. tar sands in Alberta, \$62.5 million)

6. **Rona** (hardware store/corporation, official building supplier, \$68 million)

## Official supporters:

1. **Air Canada** (official airline of 2010)

2. **BC Lottery Corporation** (lottery games, government-owned corporation)

3. **BC Hydro** (electrical power producer)

4. **Canadian Pacific Railway** (cargo rail, resources taken from Indigenous lands, factor in colonization)

5. **Insurance Corporation of BC** (government-owned corporation, official auto insurance)
6. **Jet Set Sports** (corporate hospitality)
7. **Ricoh** (print communications & services)
8. **Royal Canadian Mint** (makes souvenir coins, medals, etc.)
9. **Teck Cominco** (mining corporation, exploiting & destroying Indigenous lands, environmental destruction)
10. **Bombardier** (2<sup>nd</sup> largest military contractor in Canada, makes trains and planes, provides support & training for military forces around the world, as well as transit security systems. Based in Montreal & Berlin)

**Official suppliers:**

1. **3M**
2. **Birks** (diamonds, including ‘blood-diamonds’ mined in war-torn African countries)
3. **Dow** (one of the largest chemical corporations in world, responsible for widespread ecological destruction. Maker of Agent Orange for US chemical warfare in Vietnam. As current owner of Union Carbide, refuses to compensate victims of 1984 Bhopal disaster)
4. **Epcor** (oil & gas corporation exploiting and destroying Indigenous lands, including Tar Sands in northern Alberta)
5. **Haworth** (modular furniture & interior design)
6. **Nortel** (telecommunications)
7. **Transcanada** (large oil, gas & energy corporation w/more than 59,000 km of pipelines in Canada & into US)
8. **Vincor Canada** (wine supplier)
9. **Weston** (bread & baked goods)
10. **Workopolis** (employment center, 2010 recruiting)
11. **Moving Products, Inc.**, provides custom apparel, uniforms, gifts etc. for Olympics. Has been contracted for 10 consecutive Olympic Games (including Atlanta ’96, Sydney 2000, Salt Lake City 2002, etc. Has outfitted over 250,000 individuals with over 2,500,000 pieces of custom apparel.  
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12. **Acklands Grainger** (distributor of industrial parts)
13. **Aggreko** (air conditioners & compressors, generators)
14. **Aquilini Investment Group**
15. **Britco** (modular buildings)
16. **Canada Post**
17. **Deloitte** (management of personnel)
18. **Garrett** (metal detectors & security)
19. **General Mills** (food)
20. **Purolator** (courier)
21. **Sleep Country** (mattresses)
22. **Saputo** (dairy products)
23. **Sun Microsystems** (computers)
24. **Tickets.com** (ticket supplier)
25. **Wrigley Canada** (chewing gum, etc.)



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