



## **William (Bill) Rosher**

### **Farm experience**

Our family farm west of Kindersley produces certified organic cereal crops, oilseeds and forage. We are focused on maintaining a viable farming business for the next generation of producers. I have a Bachelor's degree in Agriculture.

### **Why are you running for the Board of Directors of Sask Wheat?**

I would like to continue the work we have started over the past two years, shaping the future direction of Sask Wheat. This involves more work to ensure wheat producers gain our share of the returns on investment that research will bring to the wheat industry.

### **What will your priorities be, if elected?**

My priorities are much the same as those I proposed in the initial Sask Wheat elections. Agricultural stakeholders must see the commission as a producer organization first and industry partner second. Our decisions and investments must reflect our mission to make Saskatchewan wheat producers sustainably profitable.

I support participating in the formation of a producer-controlled variety development program to balance the power trans-national seed companies gained under the recently strengthened Plant Breeders Rights (UPOV'91) legislation. Wheat producers can have access to affordable new varieties if we work together. We must ensure the farmers' "privilege" to retain part of their production for seed is fully recognized and sustained.

Finally, publicly funded varietal research remains a priority for me. At a reported return of twenty dollars for every dollar invested in agricultural research, accruing to all participants in the industry, the public's support of research is a fair and profitable investment for all Canadian society.

### **What special qualifications/experience would you bring to the position?**

As a certified organic grower for the last number of years, I do bring a unique point of view to the discussions. Profitable production is important both for our farmers now and also for the next generation. This has both short and long term considerations for our future that can benefit from my range of experience. Please support me with your vote.