

**Shane Stokke, Vice Chair**

Shane Stokke has lived and farmed in the Watrous area all his life. After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan's College of Agriculture he moved back to Watrous where he saw the need for a seed processing plant in the area and subsequently decided to build a facility to handle all types of grains. After fourteen years in the business, the plant has grown to what is now a grain buying, trading and processing business that bags and ships food grade products to customers around the world. The operation employs local people on a full, part, and casual time basis. The top three products handled at the plant are flax, coriander and caraway.

The Stokke farming operation consists of a Pedigreed Seed Farm growing barley, wheat, oats, flax, canola, peas, caraway and coriander.

In addition to his on-farm activities, Shane is also active in other business ventures in the community and has served several local boards including the Watrous Co-op, REDA, the local Chamber of Commerce and is a founding and sitting member of a local rural waterline.

Shane joined SaskFlax in January 2011. Since that time he has expanded his knowledge of the Commission's activities, has been serving in the best interests of producers, and emphasising the growth and sustainable development of the flax industry.