



Ron Frey

I was born in Watrous, raised on the family farm, and received my elementary and high school education in Watrous. I have been married for 45 years and have two adult children.

My passion has always been construction, and I owned and operated a small construction company for just over 34 years, retiring in 2019.

My entire life has revolved around some sort of volunteering and board participation, from coaching minor ball, to serving on the curling club, church council, Heritage Centre and Kinsmen Club. I have always tried to do my part in making my community a better place to live. I was honored with a life membership in the Watrous Kinsmen Club, and was privileged to have served on three Telemiracle committees.

I have been a member of the Saskatoon Co-op for over 45 years, just completing 5 years as a board member. I was a board member of the Watrous Co-op for 14 years in total, spanning different stages in my life. I was part of the team that worked on the amalgamation of Watrous and Saskatoon. Having experienced that process, I feel I can offer insight should another opportunity arise, as did with the Vonda Co-op. I presently sit on the Governance Committee and serve as the secretary of the Audit and Finance Committee. I am also honored to have served as one of Saskatoon Co-op's delegates to FCL.

My philosophy is and always has been, to leave what I join in better shape. As a rural self employed individual, I have lived and understood the concerns and challenges that a member in a small centre experiences. My goal is to always do what is in the best interest of all our members, and our association. I believe that my past board experience in Watrous, my short time on the board in Saskatoon, and my rural roots make me a good fit for the Board table.

I ask for your continued support as I seek re-election.



Karen Harilstad

I was born and raised on a farm south of Saskatoon. I recently retired from 40 years in the Co-operative Retailing System serving six local co-ops across Western Canada – 30 years in finance roles and 10 years in General Management. I am a Chartered Professional Accountant. I have a background in finance and a good understanding of the role of a co-operative Board of Directors. I support the co-operative principles and values.

In the past, I volunteered on Family & Community Support Services in Alberta, Manitoba Health Advisory Council, Economic Development in several communities, Victim Services, Prevention of Family Violence, and Choir Director for my local Church. In Saskatoon, I continue to be very active in the community, volunteering by helping the unhoused, adult day program at a long-term care facility, my local church, and the Saskatoon Lions Club. I previously sat on the Saskatoon Public Library Board and was honored to have received the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal for my volunteerism.

If elected, I am looking forward to serving all members of the Saskatoon Co-op.

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Robert Wawryk

- Lived on a farm/acreage for 14 years when first married.
- Born and raised in rural Saskatchewan; parents were farmers.
- Managed budgets, monthly forecasts in gov't and private industry.
- Managed office, regional, and provincial staff.
- Strong analytical skills.
- Strong problem-solving skills.
- Strong communication skills.
- Pragmatic, very consensus orientated
- Significant experience in long/short term business plans, goals and objectives
- Managed a convenience store/gas station



Scott Bell

I grew up in Prince Albert in a family with deep-rooted community and co-operative values. For the past 40 years, I've been a member of multiple Co-ops and have always shopped at my local retail Co-op. Today, as I look forward to retiring after a 33-year career in law, I would like to give back to my community and the Co-op movement which has meant so much to me and my family.

For 40 years, I have lived with my partner Rob in Saskatoon. During this time, I have been active in the Saskatoon community, both politically and serving on boards, and as a volunteer with numerous non-profit and community organizations. For many years, the Saskatoon francophone and 2SLGBTQ+ communities have been the focus of my volunteer efforts.

I have an honours degree in history and a degree in law, both from the University of Saskatchewan. In 2013, I obtained a diploma in French language studies from the University of Grenoble, France.

I've had a varied legal career with the Federal Department of Justice (Canada), most recently as a litigator appearing before federal courts and tribunals. At different times, my work has involved drafting and negotiating regulations for First Nations' economic development projects and writing legal opinions. My professional and political experiences have given me strong oral and written communication skills, the capacity to analyze complex information and the ability to work effectively as part of large diverse teams. I believe these skills would allow me to make a valuable contribution to the Saskatoon Co-op board.

Above all, I am inspired by my family and community. My goal is to build a strong member-focused Co-op, grounded in Co-op principles. It is my belief that a dynamic, growing Co-op movement plays an important role in building stronger, more vibrant communities in and around Saskatoon.



Cam Broten

In a world of growing uncertainty, strong local institutions matter more than ever. Saskatoon Co-op has a proud history and a bright future—and I would be honoured to serve on its Board once again. I believe in the power of co-operatives to build resilient communities, and I'm committed to helping Saskatoon Co-op continue to grow as a strong, member-owned organization rooted in integrity, service, and innovation.

I previously served on the Saskatoon Co-op Board (2005–2007) and remain a dedicated advocate for transparency, sound governance, and member-driven leadership.

I bring a broad range of experience in business, governance, and public service. Currently, I serve as CEO of Evova Foods Inc., a Saskatchewan-based company focused on value-added agriculture. My past roles include CEO of Associated Radiologists LLP, Executive Director of Saskatchewan Egg Producers, and Member of the Legislative Assembly (2007–2016), including as Leader of the Official Opposition.

Beyond my professional work, I've contributed to community life as Chair of the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority (SREDA), Director with Canadian Lutheran World Relief, Vice Chair at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, and in a variety of volunteer roles supporting our children's activities.

If elected, I will focus on three core priorities:

Prudent financial stewardship – ensuring the long-term stability and strength of our Co-op.

Sustainable growth and innovation – building for the future while staying true to our values.

Listening to all members – ensuring all members are heard, including those from amalgamated rural co-ops whose voices and perspectives are essential to our collective success.

Saskatoon Co-op belongs to all of us—and with your support, I'm ready to help shape its next chapter.

I would be honoured to have your support.



Lorraine Johnston-MacKay

Lorraine and her husband have been living in Colonsay, Saskatchewan for 3 years. Growing up in Saskatchewan and living and raising a family in Alberta, the return to Saskatchewan was overdue. Having a strong business background working in the mining support industry, grocery industry and frontline hotel operations, has provided Lorraine with the skills to bring to the numerous boards and associations she has been with over the past three decades. Sharing her knowledge and expertise to provide sound governance and management of various organizations has been her way of giving back to her community. Lorraine has extensive board and municipal council experience and has worked with financial management, budgeting, and she has the ability to provide sound decision making.

Lorraine interacts with the greater community to gather input and feedback to further the goals of the boards she has been a member of. Her leadership skills enable her to effectively communicate the goals of the organizations.

Lorraine willingly and enthusiastically shares her knowledge and skills, and her positive attitude and vision inspire others. For Lorraine, being a member of a board of directors is an ongoing responsibility, and she continues to pursue knowledge to enhance her role. Working with boards in the development and review of budgets, bylaws, policies and strategic planning has always been a priority for Lorraine.

Lorraine's guiding hand within an organization and her spirited leadership has and continues to enable and enhance the implementation of organizational goals and working towards accomplishing strategic plans.

Lorraine looks forward to representing the interests of the Saskatoon Co-op membership on behalf of the rural areas, during her time on the Saskatoon Co-op Board of Directors.



Regan Schmidt

I grew up on a south Saskatchewan farm where the local Co-op was my community's grocery and gas store. I'm an alumnus of both our province's universities having completed a Bachelor of Administration (University of Regina) and a Master of Professional Accounting (University of Saskatchewan). I practiced as a Chartered Accountant (now Chartered Professional Accountant) with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in Calgary where I worked with audit clients in the petroleum and manufacturing industries and provided financial expertise to First Nations and agriculture industry clients. I then moved east to complete a doctorate in accounting from Queen's University. I returned to the University of Saskatchewan in 2009 as a faculty member in the Edwards School of Business when I also joined the Saskatoon Co-op membership.

For the past 16 years, my research and teaching has focused on auditing and governance. My research focuses on how to explain, predict and improve accountant decision making (including auditors, preparers, users and directors) enhancing audit and financial statement quality. I have served the accounting profession on both national and provincial committees, and the accounting academic community as an Editor for journals of the American Accounting Association and Canadian Academic Accounting Association.

My director experience includes government, where I have served as an audit committee member for the Province of Saskatchewan, non-profit, where I have served as a vice-chair and compensation committee chair, and university governance in my current role as Department Head of Accounting. I am currently enrolled in the Directors Education Program offered by the Institute of Corporate Directors and the University of Toronto Rotman School of Management. I anticipate completing the requirements for the ICD.D designation in November 2025.

I live in Saskatoon with my wife and two teenage kids. I hope to contribute to the Saskatoon Co-op and positively impact our growing community.



Ted Lewis

I am Ted Lewis. I was born in 1957 in Saskatoon and was raised and went to school here. I attended Walter Murray Collegiate, graduating in 1975, where I went into the College of Commerce at the University of Saskatchewan, graduating with an Accounting and Management Degree in 1979.

I have been married to Diane Lewis for 45 years and have four kids who all live in Saskatoon. My oldest, Mike, is married to Helen, they have 2 grand-dogs, and he is setting up an archeological conservation business here in Saskatoon. My daughter Allison is married to Eric and has 2 kids. She started her own law firm here in Saskatoon. My son Danny is married to Allie and has 3 kids, he is an engineer for Hatch. My youngest, Geoff, is an accountant for the International Student organization in Canada, and he works remotely.

I have worked in a number of different industries throughout my 45-year accounting career, currently I am a senior accountant for Mckenzie and Company CPA firm. I am a member of the Holy Family parish and a member of the Knights of Columbus. I have volunteered my time helping out with barbeques and pancake breakfasts put on by councils that I have been involved in.

I have also volunteered my services with the CPA Saskatchewan serving on the Public Practice Committee for 5 years and also organized social golf functions.

My hobbies are golfing (not great so I count strokes per dollar), swimming and model building as a member of the Saskatoon Model Builders club.