



Robert Rae
President & CEO,
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Robert attended the British Columbia Institute of Technology from 1983-1985, graduating with a Diploma of Technology for Business Management, specializing in Transportation and Distribution Logistics. From 1985-1995 he pursued a career in vessel marine operations with Greer Shipping Ltd.

Nearing the end of this period, he developed a keen interest in Internet Technologies. In 1995 he moved on to start a business which specialized in designing custom software applications for the marine industry. After successfully deploying several cloud projects, he continues to work in this area on a part time basis.

In January 2003 Robert was diagnosed with Stage 4B Lymphoma. This forced him into a temporary retirement lasting over a year. During this “time off” he took on a long list of treatments which included surgeries, numerous chemotherapies, radiation and finished off with a bone marrow transplant.

Faced with an uncertain future filled with numerous side effects from his treatments, Robert persevered with a long recovery process. Two of the side effects he experienced led him to the discovery of hemp hearts. His friend Wally recommended them for his severe skin rashes. In the process he managed to lose a significant amount of weight, gained from taking large doses of prednisone.

After researching and discovering a market for hemp seed food products, in November of 2006 he and Wally started Canada Hemp Foods. From their humble beginnings packing 1 pound bags of hulled hemp seed in Wally’s garage, they managed to grow the company to \$100,000 per year in just two years. Wally retired in 2008 but Robert and his partner Josefa continued on.

Today having hired on several new associates, the business is operating with millions of dollars of revenue generated annually.