



# TIGERtales

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER *May 2018*

## WALL OF HONOUR

Joe Montford will be the first Alumni member inducted to the Wall of Honour at Tim Horton's Field.

In his 9 year career (8 as a Tiger-Cat), Joe amassed 135 sacks to go along with 35 forced fumbles and 18 recoveries. He was a 5-time CFL All-Star and 3-time CFL Most Outstanding Defensive Player. He was voted #40 of the Top 50 CFL players of all time and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2011.



He will be inducted during a special reception and ceremony to take place on Thursday, August 23rd when the Tiger-Cats host the Eskimos.

After a six year break, a new 7 person selection committee comprised of an Alumni representative and Wall of Honour

Inductee, a Community and Media representative and three Tiger-Cat Club reps, selected Joe in a two-stage voting process from an initial list of 10 nominees.

Criteria used to select candidates include:

- CFL Recognition: Selected to CFHOF, CFL all-star and/or individual awards
- Statistical achievements for his position(s)
- Leadership Roles: Captain and/or play caller
- Winning Achievements: Grey Cup & Division Championships
- Media Recognition: Acknowledged for accomplishments by local or national media
- Club Longevity: Prolonged and successful career with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats
- Character: Exemplified being a Tiger-Cat on and off the field including community involvement
- Other awards, records and additional comments

## CH-CH-CHANGES...

You may notice your Tigertales has fewer than the usually number of pages you are accustomed to. Going forward, Tigertales will focus primarily on news and events while the

articles, interviews and biographies you were accustomed to will now be on our website [www.htcaa.ca](http://www.htcaa.ca).

Our website is in the process of an up-date which we hope will be completed by the start of the season. All of the stories from past Tigertales will now be easily found and accessible on our website. We hope to have much more content for both alumni and fans to read on a regular basis moving forward.

In addition, there are plans to have more up-dated news on the home page, plus we are now adding team rosters and records year by year plus other statistical information. We will also be adding video highlights of past Tiger-Cat Grey Cup appearances. It's all part of our "Associations Mission" to preserve and promote the history of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

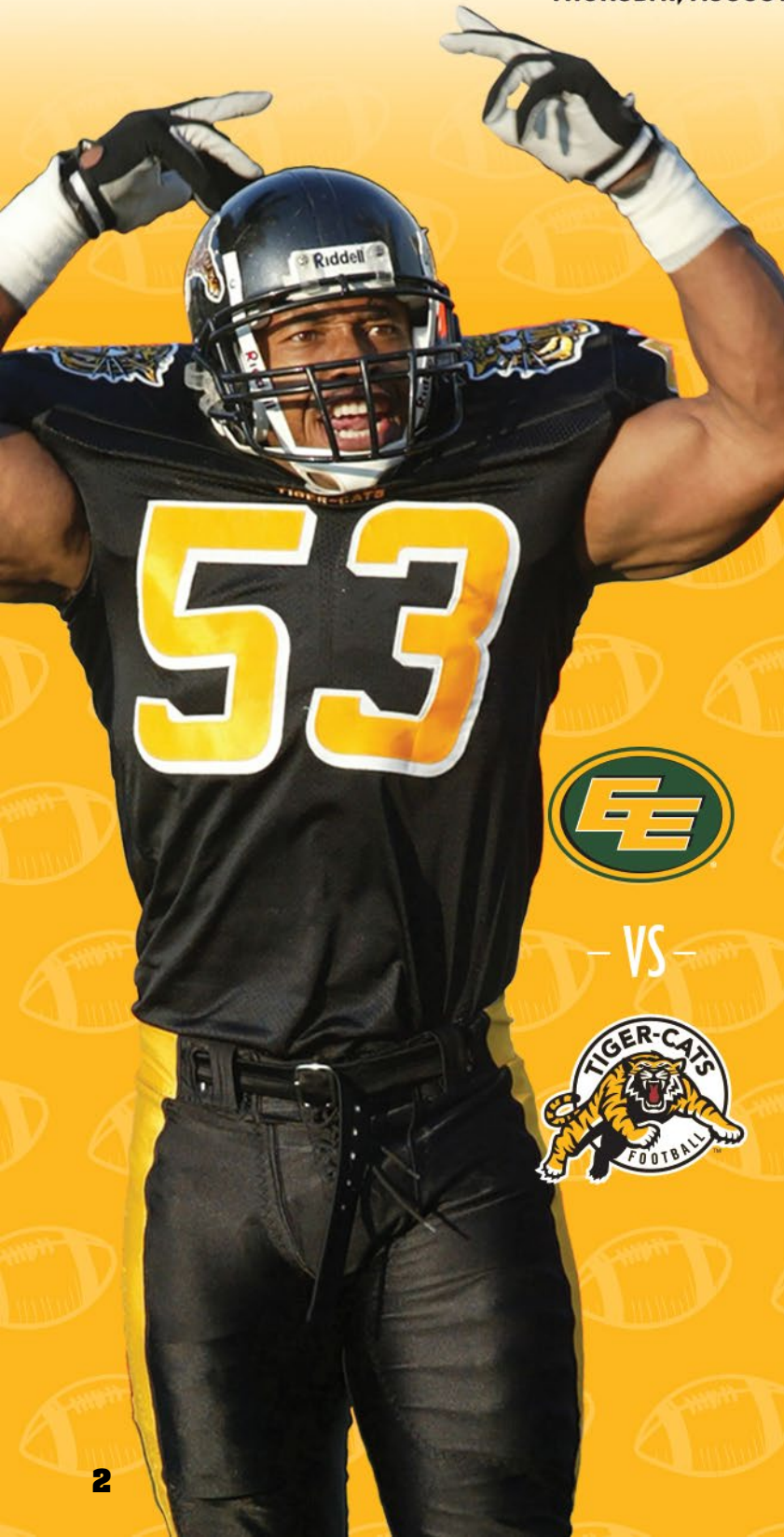
We have also created a new Tiger-Cat Alumni Facebook page. We had previously created a "group page" for Alumni on Facebook which is now being replaced. The new page will be an extension of our website and allow us to better promote our events and activities as well as promote the history of the Club and hopefully engage more fans and alumni to participate.

**TigerTales is the official newsletter of the Hamilton Tiger-Cat Alumni Association. It is published 3 times per year in May, September & December. For more information visit our website at [www.htcaa.ca](http://www.htcaa.ca).**

# WALL OF HONOUR GAME TICKET OFFER

Be there for Joe Montford's induction into the  
Hamilton Tiger-Cats Wall of Honour

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 | 7:30 PM



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## CLUB TICKET \$95

(reg. price \$140)

### INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- ★ Club Level game ticket
- ★ VIP pregame reception on Canadian Football Hall of Fame Club Level (5:30pm)
- ★ Private meet & greet with Joe Montford and past Wall of Honour Inductees
- ★ Complementary Porchetta service
- ★ Commemorative Wall of Honour Souvenir
- ★ Access to field level for Wall of Honour Induction Ceremony

## GOLD TICKET \$65

(reg. price \$87)

### INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- ★ Gold Level game ticket
- ★ Pregame reception in Tiger-Cats Alumni Clubhouse (5:30pm)
- ★ Mix and mingle with Tiger-Cats Alumni
- ★ Complementary Porchetta service
- ★ Commemorative Wall of Honour Souvenir
- ★ Access to field level for Wall of Honour Induction Ceremony

TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY:

[www.fevo.me/WOH](http://www.fevo.me/WOH) or 905.547.CATS x265



## RANDY'S ROAD TRIP

Commissioner Randy Ambrosie concluded his cross-country road trip with a stop at Mohawk College's Auditorium on February 22.

The Road Trip was part of Randy's plan to get in touch with and exchange ideas with fans. "Our fans are very much part of the hierarchy of this league: they make everything we do possible," Ambrosie said. "I want to hear what's on their minds and get their feedback on some of our plans. It is really important for us to be accessible, and accountable, to our fans."

Many questions and suggestions were exchanged including rule changes, scheduling and marketing. Among ideas discussed were moving the CFL schedule up to allow for the Grey Cup game to be played at the start of November as well as moving it to a Saturday. Both ideas were very popular among those in attendance.



## CFHOF WILL BE RE-IMAGINED AT NEW TIM HORTONS FIELD CLUB LEVEL

The Canadian Football Hall of Fame and Museum, in conjunction with the Canadian Football League and the City of Hamilton, announced the third and final phase of the CFHOF and Museum's relocation process to Tim Hortons Field will be completed in time for the start of the 2018 CFL season.

The first two previously completed phases included the Grey Cup display at the Gate 3 Premium Entrance, and the Media Hall of Fame Wing in the press box that honours the selected reporters and associated media members.

The completely redesigned and refurbished 10,000 square foot club level at Tim Hortons Field will feature all 289 Hall of Fame busts on display, state-of-the-art digital technology integration, plus interchangeable displays highlighting many curated artifacts dating back to the origins of Canadian football. The climate controlled space, which spans 110 yards from goal line to goal line.

Upon completion, the new Canadian football shrine at Tim Hortons Field will be open for free to the public year-round on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. In addition to Tiger-Cats club level season seat holders, who will enjoy a new and innovative premium hospitality game day experience, all fans with a game ticket will be able to access the club 15 minutes following the conclusion of each game.

## SEASON KICK-OFF ON FIELD VIEWING PARTY

The Tiger-Cats will be trying something new this year with their Annual Community Day open house. This year's event will be held on Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> in Tim Horton's Field at 7 pm. The Tiger-Cats season opening game will be shown to fans on the scoreboard. All Alumni are invited to be on hand to mix and mingle with fans.

Field at 7 pm. (Gates open at 6 pm)



## TIM HORTON'S CAMP DAY COMING UP!



Tim Horton's Annual Fundraiser to help send kids to camp is coming up on Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Tiger-Cat Alumni traditional take part to help serve up coffee and donuts at various Hamilton locations. Alumni who can take part again this year, please contact [admin@htcaa.ca](mailto:admin@htcaa.ca).

## UP-FRONT CAMP

Jason Riley's "Up-Front" Lineman Camp celebrated its' 11<sup>th</sup> year and 2nd in partnership with the Tiger-Cats and at Tim Horton's Field. As always there was wonderful partition by current Tiger-Cats and Alumni as well as a number of amateur and University coaches.

## AGM AT THE CLUBHOUSE



This year's Annual General Meeting was held on May 10<sup>th</sup> in the Alumni Clubhouse. An outstanding turn-out of almost 40 alumni were on and to welcome new President Ryan Donnelly and his slate of officers. Ryan thanked Jason Riley for a very accomplished 2 years as President and vowed

to focus on growth of alumni membership, particularly "younger alumni" among his top priorities.

Also on hand was Tiger-Cat Head Coach June Jones. June gave of an overview of off season activities and plans for the season as well as a number of interesting insights and stories from his extensive career.



## ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

In order to ensure that Alumni benefits are limited to "paid up" members, the Club is partnering to help ensure that only those members on a submitted list will be eligible for our 50% tickets and merchandise discount. In addition, members must be present in the Tiger-Cat store with ID or their Clubhouse card to receive a discount. Members are also required to have their card and accompany guests for entry into the Clubhouse. Please visit our website at [www.htcaa.ca](http://www.htcaa.ca) to pay for your membership online and see a complete list of alumni benefits.

## 2017 HTCAA SLATE OF OFFICERS

<b>President</b>	Ryan Donnelly
<b>Past President</b>	Jason Riley
<b>1st Vice President</b>	Brian Hutchings
<b>2nd Vice President</b>	Bob MacDonald
<b>Director</b>	Bob Krouse
<b>Director</b>	Lee Knight
<b>Director</b>	Terry Lehne
<b>Director</b>	Mike McCarthy
<b>Director</b>	Bob Richardson
<b>Director</b>	Joe Sardo
<b>Director</b>	Glen Timlock
<b>Directors at Large "Non-voting"</b>	Leo Ezerins
<b>Manager/Controller</b>	Ed Valtenbergs
<b>Recording Secretary</b>	Campbell Blake
<b>Event Manager</b>	Mark Bowden
<b>Auditor</b>	Rob Agopian

## IN MEMORIAM

### Bill Kyle



With great sadness, we announce the death of William "Bill" Kyle. Bill passed away at the age of 92 on February 21, 2018, surrounded by his family, at St. Peter's Hospital, Hamilton.

Bill played during the 1947 season for the Hamilton Tigers. In his later years, he became actively involved with his beloved Tiger-Cats.

He and his wife Connie were married for 64 years and they were a fixture at Tiger-Cats games over the years, where Bill held season tickets for 65 years.

Bill was a member of the Hamilton Tiger-Cat Alumni Association executive for many years, which required him to appear at countless community events over the years. He became a tireless promoter of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Bill was always a true gentleman in everything he did and a pleasure to know. He will be sorely missed by all his friends in the football community.



# Season Preview

By Brian Snelgrove

It would be nearly impossible for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats to get off to as bad a start in 2018 as they did last season.

Following a horrendous 0-8 beginning the Ticats rebounded last year to win six of their last ten games. They finished in third place in the East with a record of 6-12.

June Jones replaced Kent Austin as Head Coach after the eight game debacle and promptly resurrected some life into the moribund Tiger-Cats.

Jones has revamped most of the coaching staff for 2018. Jerry Glanville, a 30 year veteran of the NFL and NCAA, has worked with Jones many times in the past and joins the team as Defensive Coordinator. Orlando Steinauer returns after a year's absence at Fresno State to assume the reigns of Assistant Head Coach. Robert Lyles takes over as Linebackers Coach, William Fields will coach the defensive backs and former Ti-Cat Craig Butler returns in an expanded role as Special Teams and Defensive Assistant Coach.



Jeremiah Masoli enters his first year as the starting quarterback after throwing for 3177 yards and 15 touchdowns last season. Masoli took over from the now departed Zach Collaros who lost his first eight starts of 2017. Masoli will be pushed by recently signed Johnny "Football" Manziel looking to resurrect his derailed career north of his border.



Masoli will throw to one of the best receiving corps in the CFL. For the first time in team history the Tiger-Cats had three receivers surpass the 1,000 yard plateau in 2017. Jalen Saunders led the team with

76 receptions for 1170 yards. Sure-handed Luke Tasker set a franchise record with 104 catches for 1167 yards and kick-return specialist Brandon Banks emerged as a go-to-receiver picking up a career high 1011 yards on 67 receptions.

Alex Green, who started six games after the departure of C.J. Gable, picked up 447 yards on the ground on 79 carries and should be the Ticats featured running back.



The Tiger-Cats will again be tough up front with veterans Justin Capicciotti, Davon Coleman, Ted Laurent and Adrian Tracy anchoring the defensive line. The secondary is solid with outstanding linebackers including Larry Dean and Simoni Lawrence. Defensive Back Richard Leonard hopes to follow up an impressive rookie campaign when he led the Ticats with a team high seven interceptions and was named an Eastern all-star.

Lirim Hajrullahu was signed as a free agent and the former Argo will take over the kicking duties from Sergio Castillo. Hajrullahu is a reliable and proven veteran and has converted on 82% of his field goal attempts throughout his CFL career.

Say hello to: QB Johnny Manziel, QB Vernon Adams Jr., WR Harvey Binford, LB Jerome Couplin III, DB Randall Evans, K Lirim Hajrullahu, DE Julian Howsare, RB Storm Johnson, LB D.J. May, DT Jack McEwan, QB Bryant Moniz, LB Curtis Newton, DT Bobby Richardson, DB Jumal Rolle, WR Nathan Ross, WR Jacob Scarfone, LB Junior Sylvestre, DB Frankie Williams, WR Andrew Turzilli, WR Chris Hubert, WR Bryce Wilkerson and WR Jarvis Baxter.

Say Good bye to: P/K Kenny Allen, DL Mike Atkinson, LB Mitch Barnett, OL Ryan Bomben, K Sergio Castillo, QB Zach Collaros, WR Junior Collins, LB Kavell Conner, DL Ben D'Aguilar, DB Emanuel Davis, DB Dominique Ellis, DL Evan Gill, QB Everett Golson, DT Lamar Holmes, DB Osagie Odias, LB C.O. Prime, WR Jamal Robinson, RB Ross Scheuerman, DB Caleb Duncan, WR Akeem Haynes, DB Keon Lyn, WR Al Riles, DB Dante Blackmon, OL Wil Freeman, LB Geoff Hughes, DE Ryan Mueller and DB Justin Rogers.

Brian Snelgrove has written extensively for the CFL, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats and the Toronto Argonauts.

## 2017 CFL DRAFT

PICK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
#1	Mark Chapman	WR	Central Michigan
#6	Darius Ciraco	OL	Calgary
#11	Jackson Bennett	DB	Ottawa
#15	Brett Wade	DL	Calgary
#31	Marcus Davis	WR	UBC
#37	Justin Buren	WR	Simon Fraser
#44	Michael Moore	LB	Queen's
#62	Joel Van Pelt	DL	Calgary
#66	Nicholas Parisotto	DB	Guelph

# EVENTS

## 2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>Mon. May 28</b>	33 <sup>rd</sup> Annual HTCAA Golf Tournament at Southbrook Golf & Country Club	12:00 pm
<b>Wed. June 6</b>	Alumni appearances at Tim Hortons locations to raise money for "Camp Day"	7:30 am
<b>Sat. June 16</b>	Season Kick-off on field viewing party at Tim Horton's Field (Hamilton @ Calgary)	7:00 pm
<b>Fri. June 29</b>	Hamilton Tiger-Cat home opening game verses Winnipeg Blue Bombers	7:00 pm
<b>Thurs. July 12</b>	Cats Claws "Walk of Fame" Induction Dinner at Carmen's	6:00 pm
<b>Sat. July 14</b>	"Meet the Team" Alumni Social at The Clubhouse	2:00 pm
<b>Thur. Aug. 23</b>	Wall of Honour Induction & Game verses Edmonton Eskimos	7:30 pm
<b>Fri. Sept. 14</b>	Hall of Fame Induction at Tim Horton's Field	5:30 pm

### WALK OF FAME

The Cats Claws will be hosting their Walk of Fame Induction Dinner at Carmen's on Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.



This year's inductee is Dave Hack. Dave played ten seasons in the CFL for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. He was named Eastern All-Star five times and was a part of the Grey Cup championship-winning Tiger-Cats in 1999.

Tickets are \$60 per person; please contact Carol Rose at [crose2@cogeco.ca](mailto:crose2@cogeco.ca) or (905) 664-6117 for tickets.

### "MEET THE TEAM" ALUMNI SOCIAL

In an effort to create awareness of the HTCAA to current players, the Tiger-Cats and the Alumni Association are teaming up for meet and greet social in the Alumni Clubhouse. Current players and coaches will be invited to tour the Clubhouse and mingle with local Alumni and learn more about the HTCAA and the history of the Club. More information will be available closer to the event.

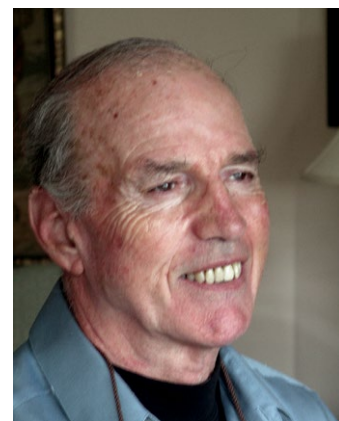
### CFHOF INDUCTION

This year's Hall of Fame Induction will take place on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Tiger-Cat Alumnus Frank Cosentino will be inducted as a builder and he will be joined by player inductees Scott Flory, the late Tommy Hugo, Hank Ilesic, Brent Johnson and Barron Miles. Paul Brûlé will be so honoured for his amateur playing career.

Frank played, coached, wrote and taught about the game, as a leading academic and Canadian football's 'professor emeritus'. He was drafted by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats first overall in the 1960 CFL Draft. During his 10-year CFL playing career, he helped Hamilton to five consecutive Grey Cup appearances, and Grey Cup victories in 1963 and 1965.

Visit [www.CFHOF.ca](http://www.CFHOF.ca) for ticket information.







### **Hamilton Tiger-Cats Alumni Association 2018 Ticket Package Options**

In partnership with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats Alumni Association we continue to offer and add to the opportunities for registered and paid up alumni members to be involved in Tiger-Cats football for 2018. All options below are available to HTCAA members and CFLAA for single game ticket benefit.

#### **Season Seats**

- 2018 HTCAA members receive:
  - 50% General Season Seats ( Up to 4)
  - 15% off Club Level Seats (Up to 4)

#### **Flex Packs**

- 2018 HTCAA members receive:
  - Gold Level - Regular \$75 per game through Flex, Alumni only \$40 per game
    - Minimum 4 games, Maximum 6

#### **Single Game Tickets**

- 2018 HTCAA members and CFLAA receive:
  - 50% off individual game full priced tickets

#### **Friends & Family Single Game Tickets**

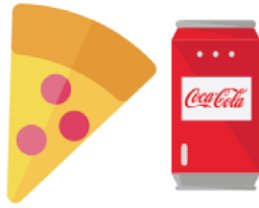
- Paid Alumni members can extend their “50% off individual game full price tickets” offer
- Alumni member must forward contact info of buyer to ticket office which will in turn contact buyer and process ticket purchase.

#### **Friends & Family First Time Season Ticket Incentive & Referral Program Incentive**

- Friends & Family of Tiger-Cat Alumni can receive a special rate on first year season tickets in select sections and inventory
  - Gold Level - Regular \$726, offer price - \$495
  - Silver Level – Regular \$528, offer price - \$363
  - Receive all Season ticket holder benefits
- Alumni who provide connections via contact number / email / in person meetings to network of friend, family and/or colleagues for season seat purchase receive:
  - Rewards dollars incentive for concessions or merchandise based on seat level purchased from referral
    - Ex. \$50 per Gold or Silver level Season Seat

**Tiger-Cats Contact – Will Kay, Director – Business Development – 905.547.2287 ext.246 – [wkay@ticats.ca](mailto:wkay@ticats.ca)**

## Season Seat Holder Benefits



**15% discount on food and non-alcoholic beverages.**



**10% discount on merchandise at the Tiger-Cats Shop.**



**Enjoy cash back incentives.**



**Can't make a game? Exchange your seats using our Ticket Swap program.**



**Access to exclusive season seat holder events.**



**Presale access to Tim Hortons Field events.**



**Easily manage your tickets online using the MyTix Account Manager.**



**Home playoff game tickets included in your season seat package.**



**Presale access to 106th Grey Cup tickets.**





## What Do I Get For My Membership Fee?

- **Access to Alumni Clubhouse on game day at Tim Horton's Field**
- **Complimentary pre-game meal & discounted bar**
- **Tigertales newsletter published 3x / year**
- **Email updates throughout the year**
- **Access to members section on website and Alumni contact info**
- **2 for 1 Tiger-Cat Tickets, Season, Flex Pac, Single game**  
*(limit 4 tickets in total – 2 full price, 2 free)*
- **50% Discount at the Tiger-Cat Shop**
- **Alumni Social at AGM – Annual General Meeting**
- **Complimentary In Season Alumni Social & dinner**
- **Participate in Alumni community and special events**
- **Automatic membership to CFLAA & associated benefits**

Membership fees also go to help maintain and improve our website, which is a diverse historical database of Hamilton and Tiger-Cat football.

**Membership: \$35 / year, \$100 / 3 years or \$150 / 5 years**

**TO BECOME A MEMBER, REGISTER & PAY ONLINE @ [WWW.HTCAA.CA](http://WWW.HTCAA.CA)**

Or send cheques payable to "HTCAA"

57 Sunning Hill Ave. Hamilton, ON L8T 1B6

**Email:** [admin@htcaa.ca](mailto:admin@htcaa.ca)

## MISSION STATEMENT

**To promote fellowship among its members,  
preserve the legacy of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats,  
and support the development of football  
in the greater Hamilton community  
through charitable objectives.**