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Subject: FW: Opposing the Proposed Ban on Tailgating at Tiger-Cats Games

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Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 9:48 AM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Fwd: Opposing the Proposed Ban on Tailgating at Tiger-Cats Games

Good morning,

I hope this message finds you well.

Could you please attach the following correspondence to the agenda for the upcoming meeting regarding the proposed changes to Hamilton's municipal alcohol consumption regulations?

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Kind regards,
Andrew Selman

Correspondence to attach for consideration :

Dear Mayor Horwath and Members of Hamilton City Council,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes to Hamilton's municipal alcohol policy—specifically, the measure to ban tailgate parties on city property.

While I understand the importance of public health and the city's intent to reduce alcohol-related harms, banning tailgating outright is a disproportionate response. Tailgating is a cherished tradition that brings our community together around Hamilton Tiger-Cats games. It fosters civic pride, drives tourism, and supports local businesses, all while celebrating the vibrancy of Hamilton's sports culture.

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario already has a regulatory framework in place for tailgate events. Other municipalities have found ways to implement this responsibly. Instead of banning tailgating, Hamilton should follow suit—creating safe, well-managed environments where fans can celebrate together under proper oversight.

I urge Council to reconsider this ban and explore a more balanced approach that safeguards public safety without dismantling a tradition that so many Hamiltonians value.

Please vote against this proposal and work with fans, community stakeholders, and provincial regulators to support a responsible and vibrant game-day experience.

Sincerely,

Andrew Selman

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