

# BOB YOUNG

## Caretaker

Bob Young, a Hamilton native and successful technology entrepreneur, is the founder of Vernon Computer Rentals, Red Hat Inc. and Lulu Press Inc., among others. A recent start-up, Lulu Press Inc. ([www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com)), is an online print-on-demand, self-publishing and distribution platform based out of Raleigh, North Carolina. The company continues to create new and exciting ways of delivering more knowledge at lower cost to the global education-oriented consumer.

Recently, he has helped the PrecisionHawk team ([www.precisionhawk.com](http://www.precisionhawk.com)). That team includes company co-founder Christopher Dean who's a former Tiger-Cats VP of Business Operations. Young's also one of the founding partners of Canadian Premier League soccer, which is set to begin play in 2019.

Prior to moving to the United States, Young spent 14 years in the hardware leasing industry in Ontario with two projects he started: Hamilton Rentals and Vernon Computer Rentals and Sales.

In 1994, his work on open source software led to his co-founding of Red Hat Inc., now a NYSE traded company. As co-founder and formerly CEO and Chairman of Red Hat from 1993-2000, Young was responsible for the early success of the business. Red Hat is credited with driving the global, industry-wide adoption of open source development practices. Young's efforts developing Red Hat into a household name have won him prestigious honours such as Business Week Magazine's Top Entrepreneurs in 1999.

He graduated from the University of Toronto in 1976 prior to beginning his high tech career in the computer finance arena.

Among his philanthropic projects: in 1999, he founded The Center for the Public Domain. More recently he and his wife are supporters of the Loran Scholarship Awards ([www.loranscholar.ca](http://www.loranscholar.ca)). He's also an enthusiastic supporter of The Dictionary Of Old English project ([www.doe.utoronto.ca](http://www.doe.utoronto.ca)).

Young was introduced as the new owner and caretaker of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats Football Club by the Canadian Football League October 7, 2003. Of his many accomplishments with the Tiger-Cats, the most significant was helping broker a deal for a new permanent home for the team. The success of that project resulted in the doors opening on the newly constructed Tim Hortons Field in September 2014.

