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PRESS RELEASE

TENNIS CANADA CONGRATULATES EUGÈNE LAPIERRE ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE QUEBEC SPORTS HALL OF FAME

A well-deserved honour for a builder who has shaped the history of tennis in Quebec and Canada

[MONTREAL, QC], October 28, 2026—Tennis Canada proudly extends its warmest congratulations to Eugène Lapierre, former Tournament Director of the National Bank Open presented by Rogers (NBO) in Montreal and former Vice-President of Tennis Canada, who was inducted Monday into the Quebec Sports Hall of Fame in the Builder category as part of the class of 2026.

A prominent figure in Quebec and Canadian tennis for more than 40 years, Eugène Lapierre dedicated his career to the growth and development of the sport. Through his leadership and vision, the NBO in Montreal became one of the most prestigious tennis tournaments in the world while strengthening the connection between tennis and Quebec fans. He also played a pivotal role in the creation of the National Tennis Centre presented by Rogers, which opened at IGA Stadium in Montreal in 2007. The centre has helped develop several players who have gone on to reach the highest levels of the sport, including Bianca Andreescu, Félix Auger-Aliassime, Eugenie Bouchard, Victoria Mboko and Milos Raonic.

Valérie Tétreault, Tournament Director of the National Bank Open in Montreal and Vice-President, Communications and Professional Tournaments, Tennis Canada

“Eugène’s contribution to the history and development of tennis in Quebec and Canada is simply extraordinary. His vision, passion, and commitment have left a profound mark on our organization and helped establish the National Bank Open as one of the world’s premier tennis tournaments. On a personal level, I had the privilege of working alongside him for many years and benefiting from his invaluable advice. Eugène has been an exceptional mentor. Beyond his leadership and vision, he has always stood out for his authenticity, generosity, and remarkable human qualities. I am extremely pleased to see him receive this well-deserved recognition.”

After notably serving as Technical Director of Tennis Quebec, Eugène joined Tennis Canada in 1993. Appointed Deputy Director of the Canadian Open in 1999, he became Tournament Director of the Montreal event in 2001, a position he held until the end of 2022.

Over those two decades, he contributed to the unprecedented growth of the tournament, its international profile, and its deep roots within the Montreal community. His tenure at Tennis Canada also coincided with a significant expansion of tennis in Quebec, which became the province hosting the largest number of professional tennis tournaments in Canada. To this day, Quebec boasts the highest tennis participation rate in the country, a legacy to which Eugène has made a tremendous contribution.

This induction recognizes not only the remarkable career of a true builder, but also the lasting impact he has had on tennis in Quebec and across Canada. Tennis Canada is delighted to see Eugène receive this prestigious honour and extends its sincerest congratulations.



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- The official announcement from the Quebec Sports Hall of Fame and the complete list of 2026 inductees (French only), [click here](#).
- Founded in 1990, the Quebec Sports Hall of Fame (**Panthéon des sports du Québec**) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting sport and recognizing the athletes and builders who have shaped Quebec's sporting history. Its Hall of Fame now includes **307 inductees** representing a wide range of sports and fields of activity. To learn more: <https://pantheondessports.ca/accueil>

About Tennis Canada

Founded in 1890, Tennis Canada is a non-profit, national sport association with a mission to lead the growth, development and promotion of tennis in Canada and a vision to be a world-leading tennis nation. We value teamwork, passion, integrity, innovation and excellence. Tennis Canada owns and operates the premier National Bank Open presented by Rogers WTA and ATP Tour events. It financially supports 15 other professional tournaments in Canada, as well as operating more than 60 events nationally across junior, wheelchair, university and Masters tennis categories. Tennis Canada is a proud member of the International Tennis Federation, the Canadian Olympic Committee and the Canadian Paralympic Committee, and serves to administer, sponsor and select the teams for Davis Cup, Billie Jean King Cup, the Olympic and Paralympic Games and all wheelchair, junior and masters tennis national teams. Tennis Canada invests its surplus into tennis development. For more information on Tennis Canada, please visit our website at: www.tenniscanada.com and follow us on LinkedIn, X, Facebook and Instagram.