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The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion pays tribute to Marcel Côté by naming a ball field after him

Vaudreuil-Dorion, January 20, 2022 – During the public meeting held on January 17th, the municipal council officially adopted the name *Terrain de balle Marcel-Côté* to designate Field no. 2 in Dorion-Gardens to pay tribute to a citizen who, for twenty or so years, devoted himself to the development of softball in the region.

Over the years, Marcel Côté went from being a coach to Director of coaches and Vice-President of the Lac St-Louis region. He is the leading figure behind school softball leagues and tournaments in the Lac St-Louis region, namely at Cité-des-Jeunes High School and Harwood Elementary School. With the help of physical education teachers, he initiated the after-school league and softball tournaments between schools. Most recently, he was inducted into Softball Québec's Hall of Fame as a Builder.

"Marcel Côté has left his mark on the softball community both in Vaudreuil-Dorion and in the greater Lac St-Louis region. He was able to transmit his passion to a great number of youngsters and his involvement has been recognized by his peers over the years. Today, it is our turn to show our gratitude for his dedication to the sport by naming the ball field in his honour. We were saddened to learn that he is suffering from terminal cancer. This news has sent extreme shock waves across the network of individuals who have had the chance to work with him in the past," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

During his career, Marcel Côté was honoured numerous times at Softball Québec's Awards Banquet. He was a finalist for the Excellence in Participation Coaching award in 2004 and the Excellence in Competition Coaching award in 2007. His softball school league project won the Project/Event of the year title in 2010. The following year, he was a finalist for the "Volunteer of the Year – Support" award and won the award in 2016 for his regional and provincial involvement in softball development.