

## East Kildonan Kiwanis Club Highlights

These references are from the Council Minutes of East Kildonan, correspondences to the East Kildonan Council and from articles in the Herald newspaper.

May 1947–Area businessmen form the East Kildonan Kiwanis Club, the club receives its charter on September 29 1947. The club meets Mondays at 5:30 PM at Moore's Restaurant.

July 1947–The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club agrees to do a TB survey of all the residents of East Kildonan.

September 1947–The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club purchases a two victim oxygen inhalator for fire hall.

September 29 1947–The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club has its first charter night at the East Kildonan Community Hall on Melrose (Kimberly) near Henderson Highway.

October 1947–The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club sells apples for the first time to pay for the oxygen inhalator.

October 7 1947–A ladies auxiliary is formed for the East Kildonan Kiwanis Club, the first ladies meeting is held at the home of Mrs. Robinson at 557 Henderson Highway

November 7,8,11,12,13,14,15 1947–The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club sponsors a Tuberculosis survey in East Kildonan

August 1949–The Washington Mission of the Anglican Church at 425 Washington Avenue is refurbished by the East Kildonan Kiwanis Club and local residents.

May 1951–Council gives its official support for the upcoming vote on May 22 1951 to build a collegiate in East Kildonan (Miles Macdonell Collegiate). Members of the East Kildonan Kiwanis Club and the Women's Auxiliary phone residents urging them to vote in favour of the new collegiate. Members of the club and their wives drive residents to the polls. The vote passes 2250 for to 331 against.

March 1952–The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club announces plans to sponsor a dental clinic in East Kildonan.

September 23 1955–East Kildonan Council asks the East Kildonan Kiwanis Club and the East Kildonan Lions Club to promote the building of a swimming pool behind Miles Macdonell Collegiate

August 1956–The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club places a Welcome to East Kildonan sign near the southern boundary on Henderson Highway.

January 1957–The Kiwanis Club of East Kildonan donates an ambulance to East Kildonan, the official presentation is made on February 23 1957 at 2:30 PM.

May 1957–Members of the East Kildonan Kiwanis Club sod the center strip of Henderson Highway from Melrose (Kimberly) to Helmsdale.

July 1 1957–The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club play an active role in the official ceremonies of East Kildonan becoming a City.

February 1960–Property is set aside for senior citizens housing projects at Melrose (Kimberly) and Golspie, the south side of McLeod at Rothesay, the south side of Oakview at Golspie. Special attention is given to the Melrose and Golspie site for negotiations with the East Kildonan Kiwanis Club.

April 1960–The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club is given permission to erect a sign Welcome to East Kildonan at the northern boundary of East Kildonan on Henderson Highway at Oakland.

May 1960–The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club brings forward a proposal to build a Senior Citizens Housing project at Melrose and Golspie.

May 10 1960–The first River East Science Fair is held in the Melrose Auditorium now part of Miles Mac. It is sponsored by the East Kildonan Kiwanis Club.

November 1960–Construction begins for the Kiwanis Senior Citizens Home at Melrose (Kimberly) and Golspie. The project is to cost \$89,000.00; the provincial government pays \$53,000.00 of the cost.

May 27 1961–East Kildonan Kiwanis Club opens it first senior citizens home, it consists of 12 units.

December 1961–The official opening of the Henderson Regional Library opens in the Rossmere Shopping Centre. The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club provides a grant of \$1,000.00 to purchase books.

April 1962–The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club holds its second annual Minstrel show as a fundraising project at Miles Mac.

September 1962–The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club and East Kildonan Chamber of Commerce signs are removed from the center strip of Henderson Highway to improve visibility along Henderson Highway.

November 1962–The East Kildonan Kiwanis Clubs receives back its donated ambulance as East Kildonan as no further use for it.

July 1963–The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club proposes to build a senior citizen's project on Oakview next to Neil Campbell School.

February 1964–Some residents of the 600 block of Dunrobin protest the rezoning of property at Oakview and Golspie for senior citizens housing claiming it will lower the value of their property.

February 1964–Representatives of the East Kildonan Kiwanis Club, the East Kildonan Lions Club, the Prince Edward Legion and the East Kildonan Chamber of Commerce want to come together with other interested parties to form a East Kildonan Centenary Committee. These groups want to plan for an East Kildonan Centennial Project. This group thinks the development of a sports area on Kimberly east of the incinerator could be this project.

February 1964–Council asks the East Kildonan Chamber of Commerce and the East Kildonan service clubs including the E.K. Kiwanis Club for proposals to erect new welcoming signs at East Kildonan's northern and southern boundaries on Henderson Highway.

July 1964–The father of a 3-year-old tells Council that his son received a fractured skull when one side of a swing at the Roc-Lin Tot Lot at Linden and Roch came off. The East Kildonan Parks Board immediately removes the swing. The equipment had been provided and paid for by the East Kiwanis Club.

August 1964–The Kiwanis Home for Seniors opens at Oakview and Golspie, there are 12 bachelor suites and 6 couple suites.

January 9 1965–The Kiwanis Home for Seniors at Oakview and Golspie is officially opened.

January 1968–The Kiwanis Club of East Kildonan makes a proposal to build a further 12 to 24 further suites at Oakview and Golspie.

November 1968–Council approves the expansion of a further 25 suites for the Kiwanis Homes at Oakview and Golspie.

March 1969–Construction begins to the additional suites to the Kiwanis Homes at Oakview and Golspie. There are to be 25 additional suites.

January 18 1971–The official opening ceremonies for the drug information centre at the Henderson Regional Library sponsored by the East Kildonan Kiwanis Club. It is staffed by 2 social workers from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM Monday to Friday and on Saturdays from Noon to 3 PM. The centre is complete with speakers, films and pamphlets to deal with East Kildonan's extensive drug problem.

March 30 1971—A drug alert program is held for a full day with citizens of East Kildonan at Miles Mac. This starts an awareness program that is ongoing sponsored by the East Kildonan Kiwanis Club.

May 1971—A Kiddies Tot Lot is to be established in the southwest corner of North Kildonan's Centennial Park. The East Kildonan Kiwanis Club is to provide \$6,000.00 for playground equipment.