

Advance Publicity for “The Kingsway Bus Tour”

One of Canada’s premier neighbourhoods, The Kingsway was the vision of one man, Robert Home Smith. A lawyer by training but a natural-born town planner and architect, Home Smith took 3,100 acres of ordinary Etobicoke farmland and turned it into a series of elegant subdivisions that were deemed “A bit of England far from England”. Centered on the Old Mill, they offered not only a new vision of town planning but of upper middle class life in Toronto.

Come take a pleasant drive with us around these lovely neighbourhoods and hear stories about the people and places of The Kingsway.

Richard Jordan is a former President of the Etobicoke Historical Society and a former **Toronto Star** local history columnist. His feature articles on historical subjects have also appeared in the **Saturday Star** and the **Sunday Star**. He says, “I like to look at a neighbourhood and imagine how it changed through time – how and why the neighbourhood was built, who once lived there and how they lived.”

The photo below shows Robert Home Smith and the magnificent Tudor-style mansion he built at 28 Edenbridge Drive, which we will see on our tour. What Home Smith started more than 100 years ago is now a series of elegant neighbourhoods that includes Baby Point, the South Kingsway and Riverside Drive, Kingsway Park, and Humber Valley Village among others.



Robert Home Smith

