

Area Adjacent To Melrose School Sought For Recreation Purposes By Community Clubs

Recreational facilities, which it is hoped will cater to everything from tot lots to organized team sports in East Kildonan, were discussed with enthusiasm at a meeting held Wednesday night at Melrose School.

A large attendance, particularly of community club representatives, along with a few School Board and Council members, were present.

Chairman of the School Board, L. A. McMahon, told the meeting that "we are reaching the point today, outside of the Bronx Park grounds, where the only area for recreation is the school grounds."

The School Board, Mr. McMahon said, had set aside property for tot lots at the east end of Prince Edward grounds and the west end of Angus McKay, and football pitches in Lord Wolseley and Melrose grounds.

Most of the discussion centred around the Melrose grounds where half of the property is in the hands of the municipality.

The grounds have been blue printed for basketball, volleyball, football and track and field. It was hoped to include baseball, too, if the other half could be acquired. Otherwise it would be hazardous for a tot lot, also planned for the grounds.

A spokesman for the Melrose group told the meeting "There are a lot of children here. If the grounds are not large enough for baseball then that sport should be kept out for a few

years until the pre-school children are grown up."

Baseball enthusiasts were relieved when Mr. McMahon stated there was ample room for a baseball field on the Munroe grounds.

George Flook, president of the East Kildonan Community Club, felt the Parks Board should acquire all the Melrose property first before they discuss what should be done with it.

He said that members of his club would appear before East Kildonan Council Monday night to request that this property be placed in the jurisdiction of the Parks Board. He requested all community clubs be represented.

Jim Foubister was named spokesman for the Melrose group and Ken Davidson for Bronx Park.

LACROSSE MEETING

A lacrosse meeting will be held in the Bronx Park clubrooms tonight at 8 o'clock. All boys in the community, wishing to play lacrosse this summer, and men willing to assist the teams, are urged to attend.