**Historical timeline**

1912 - McGill University establishes Canada's first School of Physical Education.

1931 - a 17-year-old first year UBC Arts student named Bob Osborne leads the varsity basketball team to UBC's first-ever national championship

1936 - Bob Osborne wins a silver medal with Canada's basketball team at the 1936 Berlin Olympic Games

1936 - Maury Van Vliet and Gertrude Moore are appointed as UBC's first physical education instructors and to establish intramurals sports programs for students.

1939 - UBC Senate approves plans for a Department of Physical Education and program, but outbreak of World War Two halts all plans for academic expansion at UBC

1945 - Bob Osborne is appointed as director for a proposed department of Physical Education.

February 2, 1946 - Students and alumni hold a meeting and approve the construction of a modern gymnasium and war memorial to honour the 247 UBC students lost in the two world wars. A fundraising campaign begins.

April 4, 1946 - UBC Senate approves the inclusion of a Department of Physical Education in the Faculty of Arts and Science, compulsory physical education courses for first and second year students and a four year BPE degree program beginning in the fall session.

May 1949 - 38 UBC students become the first recipients of the degree of Bachelor of Physical Education

February 23, 1951 - At a cost of $750,000, 3000-seat War Memorial Gym opens with UBC Thunderbirds playing a basketball game against Eastern Washington followed by a student "sock dance."

1952 - The Department of Physical Education becomes the School of Physical Education, and assumes greater autonomy over its operations and planning.

1959 - The first Master's of Physical Education degree is awarded to Bob Morford.

1961 - May Brown becomes the first woman to receive MPE degree.

1963 - The School moves to the Faculty of Education.

1970 - Osborne Centre opens

1978 - Bob Osborne retires after 33 years as director and is replaced by Bob Morford.

1979 - UBC Sport Medicine Clinic opens in the John Owen Pavilion, the result of a partnership between the School and the Faculty of Medicine.

1986 - Wheelchair athlete Rick Hansen becomes the first disabled student to graduate with the BPE degree.

1988 - Michael Canic becomes the first student to receive a Ph.D. in the School of Physical Education.

1990 - Former PEUS president Dr. Bob Schutz becomes the third director of the School (and the third person named Bob to do so)

1992– Dr. Don McKenzie’s research on the effects of upper body exercise on breast cancer patients results in global phenomenon Abreast in a Boat Dragon Boat Society.

1994 - School name is changed to School of Human Kinetics. Degree names are changed to Bachelor of Human Kinetics (BHK), Masters of Human Kinetics (MHK). New Ph.D., M.Sc., and M.A. degree programs are offered.

1996 – Dr. Michael Houston replaces Robert Schutz as Director of the School of Human Kinetics, and is the first Director to not graduate from UBC.

1999 – Dr. Michael Houston leaves the School to take a leadership role at the University of Virginia Tech. He is replaced on an interim basis by Dr. Robert Schutz.

1999 – Dr. Peter Crocker becomes the fifth director of The School of Human Kinetics

2004 - Dr. Robert Sparks becomes the sixth director of the School of Human Kinetics (and the fourth named Robert/Bob)

2012 – School’s name changed to the School of Kinesiology

2015 – Dr. Robert Boushel becomes the seventh director of the School (and the fifth named Robert/Bob).