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Honouring People and Places in Our City

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Rosetta Graydon

(1865-1945)

Rosetta Graydon was the driving force behind the establishment of humane societies in Alberta. She took action when she was exposed to the inhumane treatment of animals that she frequently witnessed and became Edmonton's first humane educator.

Rosetta Graydon was born on February 14, 1865, in Silver Hill, Norfolk County, Ontario. She moved to Edmonton from Winnipeg in 1894 when her husband, George Graydon, was asked to take over a drug store located on Jasper Avenue and 99th Street.

Each day, Rosetta Graydon observed the inhumane treatment of horses. These horses, used for hauling gravel and other heavy work, were tied to posts and left outside in the cold, prairie winter while the owners would spend their nights in hotel bars. This treatment prompted Rosetta Graydon to take action. She arranged for the horses to be taken to a local stable, and the following day, the owner's could claim the horses for a small charge to compensate for the animal's overnight boarding.

In April of 1907, Rosetta Graydon organized the first Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It was incorporated as a non-profit animal welfare society in 1910 and issued its Charter for a Humane Society in 1912. While asserting her efforts, she gained the support of many prominent officials, including Mayor W. J. McNamara. In turn, she was made one of Edmonton's first Special Constables in 1918.

Rosetta Graydon began speaking at educational institutes throughout Canada and the United States. She spoke to students about caring for animals, cruelty to animals, and the values of the Humane Society. Among establishing a humane society in Alberta, Rosetta Graydon was also successful in doing so while in Los Angeles, a place where she and her husband frequently vacationed. She continuously fought to prevent the suffering of animals, especially those that were used for public amusement.

Rosetta Graydon was also actively involved in local politics. She pushed for the establishment of provinces in Canada, and she pushed for Edmonton to be the capital of Alberta. She and Nellie McClung also worked together to enforce women's rights, such as the right to vote.





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Rosetta Graydon passed away on March 12, 1945. She is remembered for her dedication in helping ensure that animals are treated humanely.

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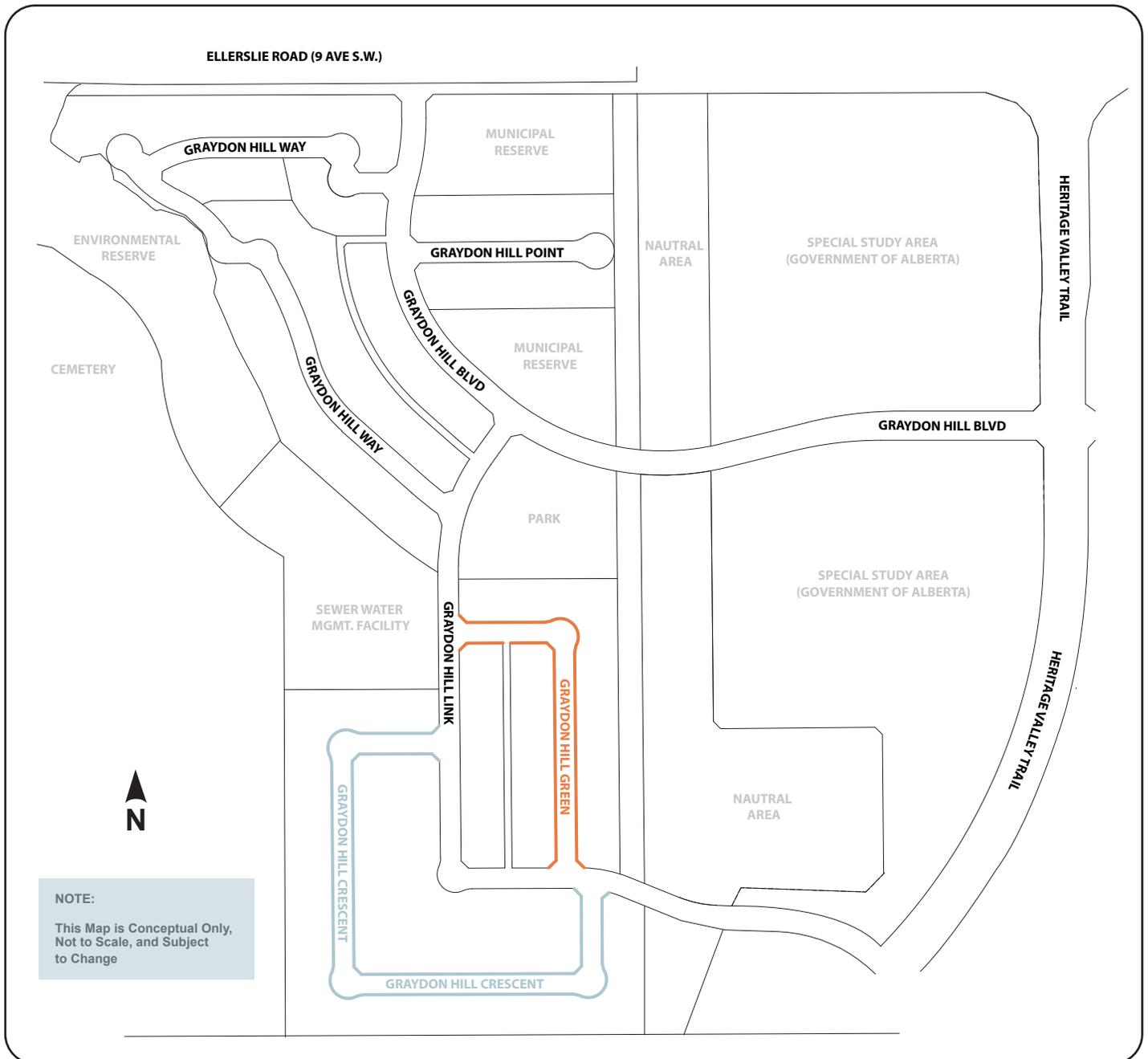
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Graydon Hill Neighbourhood

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