



## NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Boyle Street is one of the oldest neighbourhoods in Edmonton. Most of the rectangular blocks and straight streets of Boyle Street were recorded on a map of the newly created town of Edmonton in 1892. The Edmonton Settlement had been originally subdivided on the basis of townships and river lots. The grid pattern of streets in Boyle Street conforms to the exterior boundaries of several river lots and this account for their different alignments.

The Hudson's Bay Company Reserve, situated directly north of Fort Edmonton, forced the town to spread eastward and away from the fort. Thus the hub of Edmonton's early commercial district was located to the east of the present downtown. The portions of Jasper Avenue and 97 Street that bound Boyle Street were the focus of much commerce.

Today, Boyle Street borders on the eastern edge of Edmonton's central business district. Extensive redevelopment and many changes have occurred within the neighbourhood during the past 100 years. Many of Boyle Street's original residential properties have been redeveloped. Commercial land uses are concentrated in the western portion of the neighbourhood and industrial land uses predominate along the CNR right-of-way, Boyle Street's northern boundary. The Quarters Area Redevelopment Plan (ARP), approved by City Council in 2009, proposes further redevelopment of the area.

It is likely that Boyle Street is named after John R. Boyle, an early resident of Edmonton, who worked as a lawyer at Hedley C. Taylor and later served on the city's first Municipal Council.