



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Cromdale is one of Edmonton’s oldest inner city neighbourhoods. Its development began soon after a streetcar line was extended from the city’s central business district east along Jasper Avenue, north on Kinnaird Street (82nd Street) and then east again on Pine Avenue (112th Avenue).

For decades, Cromdale was a predominantly low density residential neighbourhood. During the 1960s, several inner city neighbourhoods near the city’s downtown began to experience redevelopment. Cromdale’s proximity to the city’s downtown and its good transportation linkages spurred a second major development phase in the neighbourhood, when many of the houses in west Cromdale were replaced with higher density apartments.

The odd shape of the neighbourhood is due to one of its major features, the Kinnaird Ravine. The ravine, originating in the North Saskatchewan River valley, winds its way through the middle of the neighbourhood and ends at the CNR/LRT right-of-way on Cromdale’s northwestern boundary. The ravine lends variety to the neighbourhood’s street alignment and offers excellent recreational activities. Directly northwest of the neighbourhood is the Coliseum, where the Edmonton Eskimos football team plays.

Cromdale, meaning “crooked valley,” is also the name of a place in Scotland. The neighbourhood has had many names over its lifetime, including the aptly named “View Point.”