



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

The King Edward Park neighbourhood is bounded on the north by 82nd Avenue, a major arterial, and on the south by 76th Avenue, a collector roadway. The neighbourhood's western is formed by the Mill Creek Ravine. A portion of the land in King Edward Park was being farmed as early as the 1870s by James Inkster, who sold most of his land in 1909.

The neighbourhood's development history is reflected in Edmonton's pattern of growth. The land west of 91st Street was annexed by the City of Strathcona in 1907 and was later absorbed by Edmonton through the amalgamation of the two cities in 1912. The structures at the western end of King Edward Park are generally the oldest in the neighbourhood. Early residents of this area were able to hear the train whistles of the Edmonton, Yukon and Pacific Railway as trains wound their way through the Mill Creek Ravine. The railway tracks since have been replaced with a pathway that connects the ravine to the North Saskatchewan River Valley park system.

The portion of the neighbourhood between 91st Street and 75th Street was annexed by Edmonton in 1913, but the majority of development in the area did not occur until the 1950s. As Edmonton continued to grow, the portion east of 75th Street was added to the city in 1960.

Single-detached housing accounts for approximately half of the structures in King Edward Park, and one quarter of the neighbourhood's dwelling units are found in apartments under five stories with the remainder of multiple unit homes located in semi-detached residences and row housing. Higher density residential and commercial land uses are located along 82 Avenue and in the area east of 75 Street. Additional retail businesses and services are located at nearby Bonnie Doon Mall.

King Edward Park was named before it was annexed to the City of Edmonton and commemorates King Edward VII (1841-1910), the eldest son of Queen Victoria.