



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Kirkness is located in the Clareview district. The neighbourhood is bounded by 153rd Avenue to the north, Victoria Trail to the east, 144th Avenue to the south and a public utilities corridor to the west. The corridor provides an open space buffer along the west boundary of the neighbourhood to separate the residents from the CNR/LRT right-of-way. The Edmonton LRT uses the rail line as far as the Clareview station, located just south of the neighbourhood. The LRT provides access to central and south Edmonton.

Most of the community's education and recreation facilities are located in the northern part of the neighbourhood. A local park located at 146 Avenue and Kirkness Road is named after James A. Christianson (1889-1953) who was a prominent businessman who sponsored the Oil Kings hockey club and the Meteors basketball club.

Single-detached housing represents approximately half of the residential units within the neighbourhood, and low-rise apartment, row housing, and limited semi-detached housing make up the remainder of units. Most apartments and row housing are located along a major bus route on Kirkness Road. The neighbourhood has been actively under development since the 1970s, but most residential construction was complete by the 2000s.

The neighbourhood is named after James Kirkness who came to Canada from Scotland in 1866. He worked for the Hudson's Bay Company until 1881 when he retired to his homestead in River Lot 26.