



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Minchau is one of the 27 neighbourhoods of Mill Woods and part of the three neighbourhood community of Ridgewood. The Mill Woods land bank was assembled in 1970 by the Government of Alberta because of concerns over the rising cost of serviced residential land in the Edmonton area. Mill Woods was named for Mill Creek which crossed it and the groves of Parkland forest trees that stood there. By 1971, a development plan, based on the concept of self-contained, multiple neighbourhood communities separated by arterial roadways, had been prepared by the City of Edmonton. The City began to purchase the land, subdivide it and sell residential and commercial building lots.

Minchau is a triangular shaped neighbourhood, bounded by arterial roads on the west and south sides. Mill Creek Ravine, running from southeast to northwest completes the triangle. The interior road system is a combination of curving collector roads and curvilinear and cul-de-sac residential streets. A number of pathways promote pedestrian and bicycle travel within the neighbourhood. The focus of Minchau is a large multiple purpose school and recreational site adjoining Mill Creek Ravine.

Residential development in Minchau began in the late 1970s but most single-detached homes and all higher density housing were built during the 1980s. Single-detached homes are the dominant land use, but there are some high density housing parcels and commercial site located along collector roadways. Residents of Minchau are served by businesses in the Aspenwood Shopping Centre as well as the health services, commercial, recreational and educational facilities of the nearby Mill Woods Town Centre.

Minchau was named in honour of August Minchau, who immigrated from Poland in 1894 and settled in the Mill Woods area.