

NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

During the pre-World War I land boom, a large parcel of land that included Rosslyn was annexed to Edmonton. Shortly thereafter, the boom came to an end and Rosslyn lay undeveloped for several decades. After World War II, Edmonton once again experienced considerable growth. A shortage of building lots existed across the city and Rosslyn was subdivided for residential and commercial development in the late 1950s. Most of the remainder of the neighbourhood was developed during the 1960s.

Single-detached houses account for approximately two-thirds of the total dwelling units in the neighbourhood. Semi-detached units, row houses and low rise apartments make up the remainder of the housing units within the neighbourhood. Rosslyn features several large park sites located in conjunction with local schools, which provide residents with access to open space throughout the neighbourhood. The majority of Rosslyn's commercial properties form part of the 97th Street commercial strip, although there are some neighbourhood level commercial amenities located along 134th Avenue. Additional retail and service businesses are located at nearby Northgate Centre and North Town Malls at the intersection of 97th Street and 137th Avenue.

Although the neighbourhood was undeveloped until the 1950s this area was known as Rosslyn since the early 1900s. The origin of the name is not known precisely, but it is possible that the neighbourhood was named after Rosslyn Chapel which is located in Scotland.