



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Sakaw is one of the 27 neighbourhoods of Mill Woods and one of the two neighbourhoods that make up the community of Millhurst. 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 had been prepared by the City of Edmonton. The City began to purchase the land, subdivide it and sell residential and commercial building lots.

Residential development in Sakaw began in 1977. Most of the area's single-detached housing was built by the end of the decade although building continued into the 1980s and 1990s. Most higher density housing was constructed during the 1980s. Sakaw is bounded by arterial and collector roadways, including the Anthony Henday ring road along the southern border of the neighbourhood. Interior streets follow curvilinear and keyhole patterns. A number of pathways and a park-like pipeline right-of-way promote pedestrian and bicycle travel within the neighbourhood.

The focus of Sakaw is a multi-purpose school and recreational site. High density housing and commercial sites are located along collector roadways and near recreational areas. Residents of Sakaw are served by the businesses in the Millhurst Shopping Centre as well as the health services, commercial, recreational and educational facilities of the nearby Mill Woods Town Centre.

Sakaw, a word meaning “wooded area” in the Cree language, was named for the groves of trees that stood on the rolling farmland of Mill Woods.