



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Bearspaw is located on land that was annexed to the City of Edmonton in 1974. The neighbourhood is within the southerly portion of the Kaskitayo Plan Area.

The neighbourhood is centered on a multi-purpose recreational site that includes Bearspaw Lake, a permanent storm water retention pond. A canal runs between the pond and the neighbourhood's eastern boundary. Residential development began in the late 1970s but most building occurred in the 1980s. Most of the homes in Bearspaw are single-detached homes, although there are some semi-detached and row housing sites.

A collector road and bus route curves through the neighbourhood around the central recreation and residential area. The interior residential streets are a mixture of curvilinear and cul-de-sac patterns. Two pipeline rights-of-way cross the neighbourhood from the southwest to northeast adding to the neighbourhood's open space. The Anthony Henday ring-road is located directly south of the neighbourhood.

Bearspaw was named in honour of Chief Masgwaahisd (Bear's Paw) of the Stoney Band who signed band treaty number 7 at Blackfoot crossing in 1877. It was through Bear's Paw's authority that armed confrontation over the treaty signing negotiations was averted. All of the names in the Kaskitayo area honour Aboriginal leaders.