

NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Belmead was planned during the 1970's, with an emphasis on the efficient use of urban land and higher densities than surrounding neighbourhoods. The increased density planned for Belmead was intended to preserve agricultural land, conserve energy, and increase the efficiency of service delivery.

The neighbourhood is designed so that multi-unit structures are situated adjacent to public transportation routes and close to schools and shopping facilities. Single-detached houses are grouped on either side of the centre of the neighbourhood.

The neighbourhood map reveals two separate stages of subdivision: an early eastern portion and later western portion. The portion west of 187th Street was originally reserved for an urban ring road, but when the ring road moved further west, this excess land was absorbed into Belmead and then developed.

The neighbourhood name, Belmead, fits with the pastoral naming convention for neighbourhoods located within the Primrose subdivision. Belmead is an abbreviation of the French term for "beautiful meadows."