

NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Bulyea Heights is a neighbourhood in the southeat situated along the Whitemud Creek Ravine. Prior to being developed as a residential neighbourhood, the land in Bulyea Heights had been cleared for farming. Development in Bulyea Heights began with the 1979 creation of the Riverbend Area Structure Plan

The design concept Bulyea Heights was to create a low density residential neighbourhood that took maximum advantage of its natural surroundings and effectively separated internal residential roadways from external traffic patterns through the creation of a hierarchical roadway system. The majority of the homes within the neighbourhood were constructed in the 1970s, and primarily single-detached homes and some medium density units make up the neighbourhood. Because of the ravine and two freeways, Whitemud Drive and Terwillegar Drive, access to the neighbourhood is limited to two locations - one from Terwillegar Drive at 40th Avenue and one from the south off Rabbit Hill Road.

Bulyea Heights was named after Gorge Hedley Vicars Bulyea (1859-1928) who was the first Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta. Born in New Brunswick he made his way west, moving to Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1882, to Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan in 1894 and then on to Edmonton at the turn of the 20th century. He was elected Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta in 1905 and served until 1915.