



## NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Prior to urban development the Canossa area was used for agricultural purposes. The neighbourhood began developing in the early 1990s, but the bulk of residential construction took place over the 2000-2006 time period. The neighbourhood still has some pockets of undeveloped land, particularly north of 175th Avenue.

Canossa is bordered to the north by Anthony Henday Drive, to the east by 121st Street, to the south by 167th Avenue and to the west by 112th Street. Canossa is a predominantly single-detached residential neighbourhood oriented around a loops and cul-de-sac roadway design. The neighbourhood was designed to fit in with the residential development pattern of surrounding neighbourhoods, and to create a safe, quiet and aesthetically pleasing residential environment.

The initial plan for the area was prepared in 1984 but has undergone subsequent amendments to bring the plan into line with improved stormwater management regulations, a reduction in standard area requirements for school/park sites, and to increase the amount of single-detached housing.

Canossa's neighbourhood name follows in the tradition of naming neighbourhoods in the Castle Down's area after famous castles. The Canossa Castle was built around 940 AD near Bologna in Northern Italy. The castle fell into the hands of Imperial troops in the 11th century and was destroyed in 1255. Though it was restored numerous times over the centuries, the castle lies in ruins today.