

NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

The Capilano neighbourhood in Edmonton was subdivided in 1910 but remained in agricultural use until urban development in the 1950s. Capilano was annexed to Edmonton in 1949. Capilano's residential make up is almost entirely single-detached housing, and most of these homes were constructed before 1960.

The North Saskatchewan River Valley and the Gold Bar Ravine encompass three sides of the neighbourhood, and 106th Avenue forms the southern boundary of Capilano. The two major arterial roads located in the neighbourhood (50th Street and 106th Avenue) provide residents with easy access to other areas of the city. Local residents also have good access to Capilano Park in the river valley and to neighbourhood parks. Capilano features mature trees, two parks, two elementary schools, and a community league. Capilano Mall, a regional shopping centre located in nearby Ottewell, provides residents with a variety of commercial services.

The neighbourhood was named after the Capilano River, Capilano River Canyon and Capilano Suspension Bridge in North Vancouver, BC. "Capilano" is an adaptation of a Salish word that means "people of Hiap." It was also the hereditary name of the Chief of the Squamish, central coast Salish who traditionally lived in what is now North Vancouver.