



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Cloverdale is situated along the south bank of the North Saskatchewan River near the centre of the city. Settlement of Cloverdale began in the 1870s when two farms were established. Most of Cloverdale was annexed in 1907 by the Town of Strathcona and later became part of Edmonton when the two cities joined through amalgamation in 1912. By 1915 the neighbourhood was fully established with a school, stores, local industries and churches.

Transportation facilities have figured predominately in the development of Cloverdale. The North Saskatchewan River was the original highway of the fur trade. The Low Level Bridge, with its southern approach in Cloverdale, was completed in 1902. Shortly thereafter, the Edmonton, Yukon, and Pacific Railway connected Edmonton to Strathcona via the Mill Creek Ravine and the bridge. Less than 10 years later, the bridge was part of Edmonton's streetcar system. Today, three major roadways connect to two bridges via Cloverdale, and an LRT extension is planned.

Development in Cloverdale has also shifted over time, and many of the original buildings have been replaced with high density housing. Recreational open space has become the major land use in the neighbourhood, with the protection of the North Saskatchewan River Valley. As well, Cloverdale provides the stage for the annual Edmonton Folk Festival.