



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

The Dovercourt neighbourhood lies between 118th Avenue and 124th Avenue and east of 142nd Street to St. Albert Trail. Dovercourt and the surrounding area were annexed to Edmonton in 1913 but remained practically undeveloped until after WWII. In the 1950s, Dovercourt was re-plotted under the direction of the city's first town planner, Noel Dant, as a "neighbourhood unit." Dovercourt and adjacent neighbourhoods (like Sherbrooke to the east) were some of the first in North America to be planned according to this design concept.

The neighbourhood unit design concept is based on a curvilinear street pattern with limited access points, landscaping, and variable housing set-backs to discourage through traffic and improve the attractiveness of the neighbourhood. The street and laneway pattern were thought to provide a more efficient use of land than the traditional grid pattern. The interior streets and walkways focus on school and community league sites at the centre of the neighbourhood, and a block of row housing was located next to the school site. The vast majority of homes in Dovercourt were built in the late 1940s to 1960, and the dominant structure type is the single-detached house. A variety of commercial services are accessible to residents along 118th Avenue and St. Albert Trail / Groat Road. Residents of Dovercourt also have easy access to nearby Westmount Shopping Centre and to other commercial and employment centres in both Edmonton and St. Albert via St. Albert Trail.

The Dovercourt name was used as early as 1910, even though it remained undeveloped until 40 years later. The name is likely a reference to Dovercourt Village in Essex, England.