



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

The Ellerslie neighbourhood was planned and in the early 2000s, and development started soon after. Construction in this community was rapid, and the residential portions of the neighbourhood are now considered complete. The neighbourhood is bounded by Anthony Henday Drive to the north, 91st Street / Parsons Road to the west, Ellerslie Road to the south, and 66th Avenue to the east.

Residential structure types within Ellerslie are diverse, ranging from single and semi-detached housing to row housing and low-rise apartments. Pre-existing country-residential homes, on lots approximately one hectare in size, are located in the eastern portion of the neighbourhood. The neighbourhood features several natural tree stands and many small parks, connected via a series of strategically placed pathways, which provide good open space and recreation amenities for residents. Ellerslie was planned as a “neighbourhood unit” with school/park and community facilities located at the centre of the neighbourhood, arterial roads surrounding the neighbourhood, and small amounts of commercial and institutional uses so that service needs can be met within the community itself.

The Ellerslie name has been used to designate this area since the turn of the 20th century. Some sources indicate that the name was derived from the Ellerslie House, believed to be the birthplace of William Wallace, a Scottish insurgent against Edward I of England. Other sources believe this area was named by the brothers John and James McLaggan, owners of the first store and post office in the area, after a character in a novel by Sir William Scott. The Ellerslie School District was established in 1895 and the post office began operating in 1896.