



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

The North Saskatchewan River Valley is a prominent feature for the residents of Forest Heights. The neighbourhood sits atop the south bank of the valley where the river makes a bend from the north to east. A view of the river valley is possible on the west, north and east sides of the neighbourhood.

Three roadways that bound Forest Heights (75th Street/Capilano Freeway, 98th Avenue, and 84th Street) and three roadways that pass through the neighbourhood (101st Avenue, 106th Avenue, and 79th Street) serve as access routes to North Edmonton via four valley bridges. The neighbourhood's commercial and higher density residential land uses are concentrated along these roadways. The neighbourhood's street network is a combination of grid and modified grid patterns. The dominant structure type along the interior streets is the single-detached house.

Forest Heights was initially developed in 1911 by Windsor Realty, and it is assumed that the owner of Windsor Realty, James H. McKinley, an Edmonton alderman from 1909 to 1911, chose the neighbourhood name. The neighbourhood officially became part of Edmonton in 1913 but remained in agricultural use until the 1940s. Housing demand increased significantly after WWII, and most of Forest Heights developed during the 1950s.