

NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Fraser is a residential neighbourhood located along the north shore of the North Saskatchewan River Valley, between 144th Avenue and 153rd Avenue, and west of 18th Street to Victoria Trail. The Fraser area, along with much of present day northeast Edmonton, was annexed to the City of Edmonton in 1961. Fraser was one of several neighbourhoods included in the Clareview Outline Plan, approved by Edmonton's City Council in May, 1972. A Neighbourhood Structure Plan for Fraser was approved in 1982.

Most of the development of Fraser's western half occurred during the 1970s and 1980s. Development of the eastern half occurred at a slower pace, and several parcels of residential land are still awaiting development. At the centre of Fraser is a multiple purpose school and recreation area, and a trail system connects residents to the nearby River Valley. A small neighbourhood shopping centre is located by Victoria Trail and 161st Avenue.

The Fraser Neighbourhood was named in recognition of John Fraser (1840-1919). He was born at Jasper House and was an original homesteader of River Lot 28. Mr. Fraser took an active interest in education and was one of the first trustees of the Belmont School; one of the first schools established in the province.