

NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Garneau is one of Edmonton's oldest inner-city neighbourhoods. Garneau was first developed as part of the City of Strathcona, and was fully developed when it joined Edmonton in the 1912 amalgamation.

Since Garneau's early development, the expansion of the adjacent University of Alberta and the development of the Whyte (82) Avenue commercial area, have changed the residential makeup of Garneau. Although some of the original single-detached homes remain, large portions of the neighbourhood have been redeveloped into row housing and apartment buildings. University student housing and fraternity houses are located in northwest Garneau. The neighbourhood also contains a significant number of commercial businesses located along 109 Street, Whyte Avenue and 112 Street.

Garneau is named for Laurence Garneau (1840-1921), an early settler in this area. Garneau was a former Hudson's Bay Company employee, who settled with his wife and family in the Garneau area around 1874.