

NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Inglewood is located on land that was situated on the trail between St. Albert and Edmonton, and was acquired in 1882, by J. Norris Sr. and R. Logan. Norris was a Scottish-born Hudson Bay Company employee who became a wagon freighter, a sawmill operator and a partner in a local merchandising firm, Norris and Carey. Part of the area was annexed to Edmonton in 1904 and the remainder was annexed in 1920. The name Inglewood first appeared on a 1905 plan of subdivision. Up to the 1920s the area was also used by First Nations communities for campsites while they did their business in the City.

Development in the area was spurred by the extension of the electric streetcar line to Alberta Avenue (118) via 124 Street in 1913. Streetcar service continued until 1948. Inglewood developed as a low density residential neighbourhood until the 1950s, but this began to change from the 1950s onwards, as its proximity and access to shopping and employment centres fostered apartment development along major traffic routes and commercial corridors. The Bel Air apartment complex, off Groat Road, is an example of a 1950s large scale apartment complex. By the 2000s, low density residential units in Inglewood make up a small proportion of units, while the majority of units are found in medium and higher density residential structures.