

NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

The Matt Berry neighbourhood is located in north Edmonton in the southwestern corner of the Pilot Sound Area Structure Plan (ASP). Prior to urban development, the land was used for agriculture and the cultivation of grain and cereal crops. The neighbourhood is bounded by 167th Avenue to the north, 59th Street to the east, 66th Street to the west, and 153rd Avenue to the south.

Land use in Matt Berry is almost entirely residential and primarily single-detached houses, with a few multi-family sites. The neighbourhood began to experience some development in the 1980s, but the bulk of construction took place in the 1990s and continued into the 2000s.

A pipeline right-of-way runs east-west along the northern portion of the neighborhood and the surface has been transformed into a linear park to provide pedestrian and cyclist connections for residents within the neighbourhood. A secondary pipeline right-of-way, located in the southeast corner of the neighbourhood, has been treated in the same way and functions as a key link within the pedestrian pathway network for Matt Berry. A school/park site is located on the eastern boundary of the neighbourhood, and additional smaller parks are located within the neighbourhood. The vehicular circulation network in Matt Berry is based on a hierarchical road system which locates arterial roads on the boundaries of the neighbourhood, one main collector road that runs through the neighbourhood, and a series of local streets around which housing is oriented, many of which terminate in cul-de-sacs.

As with all neighbourhoods in the Pilot Sound area, Matt Berry was named in honour of a Canadian aviation pioneer. Massey "Matt" Berry (1889-1970) was a veteran of both world wars, an award winning bush pilot, and is credited with having helped open up parts of northern Canada. He was named to Canada's aviation hall of fame in 1973.