

NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

The McConachie neighbourhood is located in the Pilot Sound area in northeast Edmonton. It was established in 2006 through the adoption of the McConachie Neighbourhood Structure Plan (NSP). Boundaries of the neighbourhood include Anthony Henday Drive to the north, 66th Street to the west, 167th Avenue to the south, and 50th Street to the east. The neighborhood is located within close proximity to Anthony Henday Drive, Manning Drive and 167 Avenue. Therefore, the residents have good access to other city amenities.

Development of the neighbourhood began soon after the plan was approved, and is still underway. Once complete, the neighbourhood will have a mix of approximately two-thirds low density dwelling units, and one-third medium density dwelling units. Three commercial sites are planned for the neighbourhood, and are generally located on the south and western edge of the neighbourhood. One district park, two school sites, and two stormwater management ponds are also planned. An existing tree stand was persevered, and bisects the neighbourhood from east to west.

The neighbourhood is named in honour of George William Grant McConachie (1909-1965), an early bush pilot. He pioneered the first scheduled airmail and passenger service between Edmonton and Whitehorse. Mr. McConachie went on to become the CEO of Canadian Pacific airlines and was named a member of Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame in 1973. Some of the streets are named after W. W. McDonough who gained international recognition as a bush pilot and as a racing pilot. He was president of Trans-American Mining Corporation and Spinet Gold Mines.