

NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Ottewell is among the largest of Edmonton's neighbourhoods, which is especially notable for a neighbourhood located within Edmonton's Mature Neighbourhood Overlay. Its boundaries are defined by major arterials to the east, north and west, and a collector road to the south.

The majority of the neighbourhood developed during 1950s and 1960s, and road patterns within the neighbourhood are reflective of subdivision planning within this era. The dominant structure type in Ottewell are single detached homes. The commercial focus of the neighbourhood is Capilano Mall located in the northeast corner of Ottewell. A smaller commercial plaza is situated on 90th Avenue. This large neighbourhood features six religious assemblies, seven schools and several parks, sports fields and facilities. Additionally a post-secondary institution, nearby Kings University College, is located just east of the neighbourhood.

The name that was originally intended for the neighbourhood was Braemar, and it was briefly known as both East Glenora and East Edmonton Park in the 1910s. The neighbourhood was ultimately named in honour of the Ottewell family, who in 1881 were among the first to settle south of the North Saskatchewan river in the Cloverbar area. The Ottewells were active grain farmers and then got into dairying. They later opened the Ottewell Coal Company and Campbell & Ottewell Flour Mills. Today, Ottewell's historic log cabin is on display at Fort Edmonton Park's 1885 Street.