

NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Prince Charles neighbourhood is located west of the planned Blatchford development in north central Edmonton. This area was originally owned by N. McCauley and A. Wilson, although the Wilson holding later became part of the Hagmann Estate. The area was first subdivided in 1905 and was annexed to Edmonton in 1910.

Development of Prince Charles was spurred by the extension of the electric street car line to the neighbourhood's southern border in 1913, and a further extension up 127 Street, towards the railway hamlet of Calder, in 1916. Over time, Prince Charles developed as a low density residential area. Non-residential development (including commercial, utility, transportation and institutional land uses) is concentrated along 118 Avenue and the CNR right-of-way to the east, as well as in the northeast corner of the neighbourhood. The final surge of residential development occurred during the late 1940s and 1950s when the demand for residential lots finally caught up to the supply.

The residential housing stock in Prince Charles is varied and spans approximately one hundred years of development. Homes built before World War II sit next to new homes built in the 2000s. Most residential units in the neighbourhood are single-detached dwellings, but there are some semi-detached homes and low rise apartment units located throughout the neighbourhood. Prince Charles Park is located in the centre of the neighbourhood and Prince Charles Elementary School is located in the neighbourhood's northwest corner.

This neighbourhood was originally known as North Inglewood. In 1953 the existing elementary school was renamed in honour of His Royal Highness Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales. The name was adopted after the community league formally petitioned to apply the name to the neighbourhood.