



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Strathearn is located on portions of land originally identified by the first river lot and township surveys of the Edmonton Settlement, as River Lots 21 and 23, plus part of a section to the east. Two of the original land holders were J. McKernan, Edmonton first telegraph operator, and W. Bird, who built one of Edmonton's first water driven grain mills in Mill Creek. Donnell Road in the Strathearn area was first annexed to the City of Strathcona and subdivided in 1907. In 1912, it joined Edmonton when Edmonton and Strathcona amalgamated. The remaining area of Strathearn was annexed in 1913. However, most of Strathearn remained undeveloped until the late 1940s and 1950s.

It was during the 1950s that most of Strathearn's single-detached housing, as well as the neighbourhood shopping and service facilities, was built. In response to the 1950s oil-driven demand for new rental accommodation, the Strathearn Heights apartment complex was completed in the center of the neighbourhood as an early example of a large scale housing development. In 2008 City Council approved a large scale rezoning of this fifty year old site to accommodate a new mixed-use development containing additional dwelling units and retail space.

While the origin of the neighbourhood name is not known definitively, it was likely named after Prince Arthur (1850-1942), the first Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, who was the Canadian Viceroy during the first years of World War I.