



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

The West Jasper Place neighbourhood is located in the west-central part of what used to be the Town of Jasper Place. In addition to the West Jasper Place neighbourhood, the Town of Jasper Place originally encompassed the area that now includes the Britannia, Youngstown, Canora, Elmwood, Glenwood, High Park, High Park Industrial, Huff Bremner Estate Industrial, Lynnwood, West Jasper Place, West Meadowlark Park, West Sheffield Industrial, Sherwood, Stone Industrial, West Meadowlark Park, West Sheffield Industrial, Westlawn (now park of Glenwood), and Youngstown Industrial neighbourhoods.

Prior to urban development the area was homesteaded by Henry Goodridge, a farmer and Edmonton Town Councillor between 1901 and 1902. Although the area was located seven kilometers west of Edmonton's central business district and outside of the city limits, pre-World War I land developers were still interested and subdivided the area. During the 1930s, residents settled in the area to escape the higher taxes of Edmonton and the area near 149th Street and Stony Plain Road began to form the nucleus of the Town of Jasper Place. In 1964, the town was annexed to Edmonton.

Modern development trends towards higher-density redevelopment. The older single-detached residences located immediately south of the Stony Plain Road commercial strip, and along 140th and 156th Streets, have steadily been replaced with low-rise apartments. Within the interior of the neighbourhood the single-detached residence still dominate. The West Jasper Place neighbourhood also has developed schools and community facilities. A large commercial centre in the northeast corner of the neighbourhood provides a range of amenities and services, as does access to the Stony Plain Road Business Revitalization Zone (BRZ) and businesses located along 149th and 156th Streets.

This neighbourhood's name reflects its geographic location within the former Town of Jasper Place. The area became the Village of West Jasper Place in 1949 and when it was annexed to the City of Edmonton in 1964 the "West Jasper Place" name was preserved.