



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Portions of Belvedere were originally part of the village of North Edmonton and were annexed to Edmonton in 1910. Until the annexation of the Town of Beverly in 1964, Belvedere was considered the outskirts of northeastern Edmonton.

Belvedere sits along Fort Road, a key connector between Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan. With the opening of the Swift Company Packing Plant in 1908, commercial uses began to develop along the road and within the Belvedere neighbourhood. However, the majority of residential development in Belvedere occurred during the 1950s and 1960s

In the 1970s the City of Edmonton saw potential in the Belvedere area and with the development of the LRT system placed a transit stop in the heart of the neighbourhood to help catalyze further redevelopment. These initial efforts were marginalized in the 1980s when both meat packing plants were closed, taking many related commercial businesses along with them.

Today Belvedere contains a variety of housing types and styles. Commercial and non-residential land uses are concentrated along Fort Road, which is also home to the historic Transit Hotel. Another historical landmark in the area is the ten-storey brick smokestack that used to be part of the Canadian Packers Plant built in 1936, but which now stands alone in an empty field. It is highly visible for LRT users who ride towards or away from the Belvedere station.

In the early 2000s the City of Edmonton took on a revitalization plan for the Fort Road area in collaboration with the Fort Road Business Association and Community Association. The plan includes the widening of Fort Road from 66th Street to 129th Avenue and the redevelopment of the lands south of the Belvedere LRT station into a transit-oriented mixed-use residential and commercial community.