



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Walker is located in southeast Edmonton, and is one of the newer neighborhoods in the city. Walker is located south of Ellerslie Road SW, north of 25 Avenue SW, and between 50th street to the east and 66 Street to the west. The Walker Neighbourhood Structure Plan was adopted in April 2007. Development began soon after in the northwest and continues south and west. Development is still underway.

Once complete, the Walker neighbourhood will have a mix of low, medium, and high density housing. A large commercial site and transit centre is planned for the northeast corner and an additional neighbourhood commercial site is planned for the southeast. One district park, one school-park site, two pocket parks, and five stormwater management ponds are also planned. A wetland is located in the southeast corner. The historic Treichel dairy barn was once located in the Walker neighbourhood but was destroyed by fire in 2008.

Walker is named after George Walker. George Walker served on the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, Housing & Urban Development Association of Canada Edmonton (HUDAC Edmonton) and the Urban Development Institute Edmonton. Over the years George Walker was presented with several awards for his contributions to housing and urban development. Streets in the neighbourhood are named after other individuals whose names also start with the letter "w." Examples include Watt, Welsh and Winspear. Arthur Watt established and published Edmonton Saturday News, the Edmonton Daily Capital, and the Alberta Homestead before joining the Edmonton Journal in 1912; he retired as "Editor Emeritus" in 1945. Robert Welsh was a pioneer saddler who opened Welsh's Saddlery. Francis Winspear was a Chartered Accountant and operated an accounting practice that became national in scope. Mr. Winspear established the Winspear Foundation, and donated \$6 million to the Edmonton Concert Hall Foundation (now the Francis Winspear Centre for Music).