



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Between 1876 and 1891 the Mill Woods area was settled, under treaty, by a Metis-Cree band led by John Papaschase. After 1891, when the Papaschase reserve was abandoned, the area became part of the ring of agricultural settlement surrounding the City of Edmonton. In 1970, concern over rising costs of serviced land prompted the Government of Alberta to assemble a land bank southeast of the City. In 1971, the City of Edmonton prepared a development plan and began purchasing the land from the Province.

In 1969, the City of Edmonton set aside a parcel of land close to the geographic centre of Mill Woods for the development of a Town Centre. The Town Centre boundaries are 34th Avenue to the north, 23rd Avenue to the south, 50th Street to the east, and 66th Street on the west. It was envisioned that the Town Centre would be a multi-land use project, consisting of a regional shopping centre, office developments, institutional facilities, medium and high density housing, and various commercial establishments.

All of the lands west of Hewes Way are non-residential and most of the land is used by the Mill Woods Shopping Centre. Land uses to the east of Hewes Way are mixed and include both commercial and residential components. Residential construction in Mill Woods Town Centre began in the 1990s and continued into the early 2000s. All residential units are found in apartment buildings and the buildings themselves are oriented around a central water feature and park site.

The area was named for Mill Creek, which crossed it, and the groves of trees which stood there.