



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

Ogilvie Ridge is a neighbourhood located immediately adjacent to the Whitemud Creek ravine in the southeast area of Riverbend. The neighbourhood is bordered on the north by the Bulyea Heights neighbourhood, on the south by a 60-metre power line right-of-way, on the east by Whitemud Creek ravine and on the west by Rabbit Hill Road and Bulyea Road. Prior to urban development the land was used primarily for agricultural purposes. Single-detached residential lots were developed in the early 1980s and multi-family housing was developed in the late 1980s.

The natural topography of the area and Ogilvie Ridge's integration with the North Saskatchewan River Valley ravine system is one of the key defining features of the neighbourhood. The neighbourhood is naturally divided into three areas by two finger-like extensions of the ravine. One finger runs due west close to the northern boundary, and a second ravine extension runs south in the central area of the site.

A large park site is located at the centre of the neighbourhood and includes playing field space, a naturalized park, a water feature and tennis courts. Single-detached homes were built to overlook this central open space. Vehicle circulation is based on a hierarchical system starting from Terwillegar Drive, a major arterial that connects with the Anthony Henday ring road and Whitemud Drive. The major roadway serving the neighbourhood is Rabbit Hill Road, the east-west arterial which provides access to Terwillegar Drive. Pedestrian circulation is provided by a system of walkways and bikeways linking the major school and park sites, transportation facilities and top-of-bank areas. The internal circulation system was designed to maximize pedestrian accessibility to the bus lines, and all homes are within about 400 meters of the collector road along which public transportation runs.

The neighbourhood was named after James H. Ogilvie (1893-1977) who was a politician for 57 years, a lawyer, and a veteran of WWI. Ogilvie originally came to Edmonton from Nova Scotia in 1914 and enrolled at the University of Alberta. He was called to the bar in 1920 and served as a City Alderman between 1932 and 1948.