



NEIGHBOURHOOD DESCRIPTION

In 1882, the area now called Rundle Heights consisted of two land holdings at the northeast corner of the Edmonton Settlement, east of the Town of Beverly. A portion of the holdings, the flat land near 111th Avenue, was developed early but most of the area remained rural until it was annexed in 1961 by Edmonton.

Residential development in Rundle Heights, including small scale row housing and apartment buildings, began in the neighbourhood's south west portion and proceeded north and east in the 1960s. Single-detached housing in the eastern portion of Rundle Heights was built in the early 1970s, and apartment and row house complexes in the north were added through the 1970s. The curvilinear and cul-de-sac street pattern is characteristic of post-1960s subdivisions. An educational and recreation site is located at the centre. Commercial businesses are located off 118 Avenue, including those in nearby Abbottsfield Mall.

Portions of the Rundle Heights area were originally used as a landfill site for Beverley. The land fill was officially closed in 1972, and the site was filled and restored from south to north. This area was then transformed into Rundle Park, a multiple purpose educational and recreational resource located in the North Saskatchewan River Valley.

Rundle Heights was named in honour of Reverend Robert Rundle, the first protestant missionary to take up residence in the Edmonton area. He was sent to Edmonton in 1840 by the Methodist Missionary Society at the request of the Hudson Bay Company. Mount Rundle near Banff, Alberta also bears the missionary's name.