

Parkdale History by Decade

1900-1909

- The Alberta Penitentiary was opened in the fall of 1904. It was located on the current site of the Commonwealth and Clarke Stadiums on the southern edge of Parkdale. The prison closed August 20, 1920 and the prisoners were transferred to Stony Mountain Penitentiary in Manitoba. The Alberta Penitentiary occupied a large piece of land extending from Jasper Avenue to 111th Avenue.
- The CNR reached Edmonton from Fort Saskatchewan in 1905. The CNR tracks formed the southern and eastern boundary for Parkdale.
- The East End City Park adjacent to Parkdale was established in 1906. There is a good discussion of the origins of the East End City Park at: http://www.northlands.com/memories/background/historical_era_relocation.html
- In 1908, Edmonton began construction of a streetcar railway and one of the system's first lines ran along Alberta Avenue (118 Avenue).

1910-1919

- The Parkdale School was built in 1912 at 11648-85th Street.
- In 1913, the new Cromdale [Streetcar] Shops at 80 Street and 117 Avenue open replacing the original car barns on Syndicate Avenue (95 Street between 109A Avenue and 110A Avenue).
- In 1915, there were 23 residences on 85th Street between 112th Avenue and 118th Avenue.

1920-1929

- In 1920, there were 40 houses on 85th Street between 112th Avenue and 118th Avenue.
- An observation [street] car built at Cromdale shops went into service on 1 July 1920.
- The Parkdale Community League was established in 1921.

1930-1939

- In 1930, there were 53 residences on 85th Street between 112th Avenue to 118th Avenue.
- In 1932, Edgar Millen who had lived and attended school in Parkdale was killed in the line of duty as a Royal Northwest Mounted Policeman. His death occurred in a shootout with Albert Johnson the "Mad Trapper" in the Northwest Territories on 30 January.

1940-1949

- The Saint Alphonsus Elementary Junior High School was built in 1949 at 11624-81th Street.

1950-1959

- The Cromdale Hotel was built in 1954 on the south side of 118th Avenue on 81st Street.

- The Edmonton Valley Zoo adjacent to Laurier Park in western Edmonton opened on July 1, 1959 as a replacement for a previous Edmonton Zoo (Borden Park Zoo) which was torn down to expand Northlands Park.

1960-1969

1970-1979

- Commonwealth Stadium, just south of Parkdale opened in 1978.
- The LRT in proximity to 84th Street and 111th Avenue became operational in 1978.

1980-1989

- The Parkdale Community League building opened on 15 September 1982.
- The Parkdale Community League merged with the Cromdale Community League in 1986.
- An apartment building was built at 11211-85th Street in 1989.

1990-1999

2000-2009

- A condominium complex was built in 2004 at 11325-83rd Street.

2010-2012

- The Parkdale School was closed in 2010.
- In September 2011 the Impact Performing Arts Association announced that they were moving into the Parkdale School.
- The Cromdale Hotel was demolished in 2012 to be replaced by a Shoppers Drug Mart.