

Timeline of Significant Events in Strathcona

1870's

Rupert's Land and the North-West Territories transferred from the Hudson's Bay Company to the Dominion Government

John Walter builds his farm and establishes a ferry service across the North Saskatchewan River, becoming a central part of the soon to be Strathcona townsite

1878

Robert McKernan makes his home in south of Edmonton

1882

River lots in Edmonton first surveyed

1890

Incorporation of the Calgary & Edmonton Railway Company in order to build and operate a railway between Calgary and Edmonton

Hotel Edmonton, now known as the Strathcona Hotel and the C & E Railway Station built

1891

Creation of the Strathcona townsite by the C&ER Company

1891-1899

Period of growth and prosperity for the Strathcona townsite

1892

First school built in Strathcona, part of the newly established Strathcona School District N.216, on the northwest corner of 105th Street and Whyte Avenue

John Gainer opens his first shop, the Pioneer Meat Market, at 10341 Whyte Avenue

First Methodist Church built on the corner of 104th Street and 83rd Avenue

1894

Ross Block, located at 10309 Whyte Avenue and built by W.E. Ross, becomes the first major brick structure on the Avenue.

Cowels Pioneer Drugstore, known as Hub News after 1910, built by J.J. Duggan at 10345 Whyte Avenue; though it was destroyed in 2005 by fire, the building itself was rebuilt, even though the Hub News & Cigar store is now in a different location.

Niblock Street School, later known as the Strathcona Collegiate Institute, and now known as Old Scona Academic High School, built at 10523 84th Avenue

Strathcona's first Catholic School District established: St. Anthony's Catholic Separate School District No. 12

Knox Presbyterian Church, now known as the Knox-Metropolitan United Church established at 8307 109th street.

1895

The Strathcona Agricultural Society launches its annual Fall Fair south of University Avenue and between 104th & 105th Streets

Ladies Aid Society created by the Metropolitan Methodist Church

1896

Construction begins on McLean Residence located at 10454 84 Avenue

1897

Acacia lodge No.11, now known as Masonic Order Acacia Hall, located at 10433 83rd Avenue is built

Strathcona Athletic Association begins to organize hockey, tennis, cricket, and other popular sports for the Strathcona community.

1898

A.C. Rutherford chairs ratepayers meeting to discuss the incorporation of Strathcona into a town; suggested names included "Minto," but ultimately "Strathcona" was chosen

1899

The 5th of June marked the incorporation of the Town of Strathcona

1899

J.J. Duggan, J.J. MacKenzie, M. McIntyre, W.H. Sheppard, R.A. Hulbert, and John Walter became Strathcona's first Councilors, while Thomas Bennet became the first Mayor

1901

Grandin Street School, now known as King Edward School, located at 8530 101 Street is built

1902

Gainer Block, located at 10341-43 Whyte Avenue, is established

Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 10014 81st Avenue is built

Low Level Bridged opened to link Edmonton and Strathcona by way of the Edmonton Yukon & Pacific Railway

By-law 63 leads to the banning of wooden buildings on Whyte Avenue between 103rd and 104th Streets, creating a “fire limit zone”

1903

Orange Hall, located at 10335 84 Avenue, is built

The Dominion Hotel, now housing a variety of offices and shops, is built at 10324 Whyte Avenue

1904

Brick exterior replaces First Baptist Church

Edmonton becomes a city

The Strathcona Radial Tramway Company Ltd. is incorporated

1905

Creation of the Province of Alberta

1905-1909

Major railway lines, such as the Canadian North Railway and Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, bypass Strathcona

1906

Strathcona & Edmonton’s first fire hall built at 10322 83rd Avenue

Duggan Street School, now known as Queen Alexandra School, is opened at 7730 106th Street

Strathcona’s first hospital, is built

1907

Brick structure replaces Metropolitan Methodist Church

The incorporation of the City of Strathcona

Brick structure replaces Knox Presbyterian Church

Construction begins on J.J. McKenzie Residence located at 8603 104 Street

Construction begins on J.J. Duggan Residence located at 10515 Saskatchewan Drive

Odd Fellows brick temple built on the intersection of 85th avenue and 105th Street

City of Strathcona begins to expand further South and West

Canadian Pacific Railway Station, now known as the MKT Craft Beer Market, is built at the current address of 8101 Gateway Boulevard

Six killed at the Strathcona Coal Mine

By-law 67 replaces “fire limit zone” By-law 63 in order to eradicate wooden structures in the business district of Strathcona

1908

Strathcona Collegiate School, now known as Old Scona Academic High School, is established at the site of the Niblock Street School

Strathcona Telephone Exchange, located at 10437 83 Avenue, is built

Strowger Automatic Telephone service established in Strathcona

1909

Strathcona Civic Block, located on the corner of 99th Street and 102nd Avenue, is built

Amalgamation activities begun in Edmonton by the Municipal Improvement League supported by Strathcona businessmen

Lord Strathcona visits Edmonton and Strathcona

1910

Population of Strathcona grows from 2500 in 1907 to 6500

Support for amalgamation increases during the civic elections

Brick structure replaces Fire Hall No. 1, which is to become Fire Hall No. 6 after amalgamation

1911

Connaught Armoury, now known as the Armoury Youth Centre, located at 10310 85th Avenue is built

Construction on W.H. Sheppard residence begins

Tipton Block, located at 10355 Whyte Avenue, is built

1912

The 1st day of February marked the official amalgamation of the City of Strathcona and the City of Edmonton

The Duke of Connaught visits Edmonton and the newly established South Edmonton

Hulbert Block, located at 10363 Whyte Avenue, is built

Douglas Block, located at 10442 Whyte Avenue, is built

Construction begins on the Bard Residence located at 10544 84 Avenue

1913

The real estate and investment boom enjoyed over the past year collapses

1915

Flooding of the North Saskatchewan River

Princess Theatre opens

1919

The Strathcona Public House, or Post Office, which now houses a number of establishments, is built at 10501 Whyte Avenue