

# *Welcome to the Beaumont History Website!*

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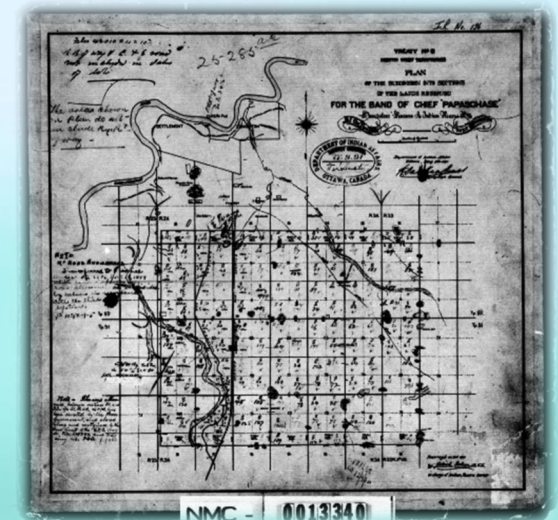
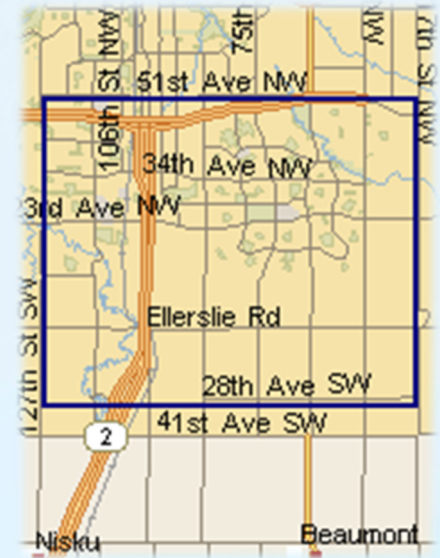
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# Beaumont Timeline

## The Original People of Alberta

- August 21, 1877 Chief Papaschase signs Treaty No. 6
- September 1884 the survey of 39.9 square miles of land for Indian Reserve No. 136 is completed
- June 3, 1885 a Half-Breed Scrip Commission arrived in Edmonton (entitling the holder with either a parcel of land or \$160). 102 members of the Papaschase Band (starving, in poor health) accepted scrip thereby forfeiting the Indian status and any interest in an Indian reserve. Only 82 members remained, most of them elders, women and children.
- Band members allowed to harvest in the fall of 1886.
- August 12, 1887 the remaining band members persuaded to move to the Enoch Band's Stony Plain Reserve. Chief Papaschase and others were evicted.
- Beaumont is located 2.5 miles south of what used to be IR 136





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## French Roots in Alberta

- French speaking missionaries arrive at Fort Edmonton in 1842.
- By 1885 about 60% of a population of 2,599 at Fort Edmonton were of French origins.
- But between 1881-91 more Ontarians moved west and the population jumped from 1,500 to 50,000.
- By 1892 English is the only acceptable language of the legislative assembly.
- In the 1916 Census only 25,000 of about 500,000 Albertans were of French origin.
- November 7, 1976 French instruction is authorized in “immersion schools” by the Minister of Education.
- April 1982 the rights of Francophones to attend publicly supported French schools is guaranteed by a new Canadian Constitution. Western Canada’s bilingual roots were restored.



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## The Hamlet of Beaumont

- Fouquet School established – 1894 (Sherman Johnson's land 1 mile south)
- First church, in a log cabin, next to the school
- First mass held in new wood church building – June 30, 1895
- Colony named Beaumont as First Post Office opened – October 1, 1895
- Telephone communication available – January 1, 1901
- St. Vital church burns down overnight – February 10, 1918
- New St. Vital church inaugurated – November 14, 1921
- Group access to Napoléon Dansereau's well – July 6, 1922
- Egg grading in Isidore Dansereau's house – 1939
- Mink farm (Wilfrid Magnan) of 100 moved to ½ mile south – 1941
- Village of Beaumont Electric plant – 1945
- St. Vital de Beaumont Savings and Credit Union Ltd – 1946





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## The Hamlet of Beaumont - continued

- Calgary Power strung a line to the village – 1947
- Clearwater Rural Electrification provides for majority of farmers – October 3, 1949
- Mutual Telephones Company – 1950
- Official opening of Beaumont K.C. Hall – November 28, 1954
- Waterline installed from Nisku to Hamlet of Beaumont – 1963
- A.G.T. (Alberta Government Telephones) – 1971
- Village of Beaumont incorporated, it's first mayor Ken Nichol – 1973  
Total population: 412/ Total families: 92
- Became the Town of Beaumont with Mayor Robert Willis – 1980
- Total population: 3202 / Total families: 1,000 – 1983
- Became the City of Beaumont with Mayor John Stewart – 2019  
Total population: 19,236