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Esquimalt Village (City of Esquimalt, Vancouver Island) May 7, 2016

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = 8

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	14	Rental apartment housing and condos; no designated seniors housing
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	6	#15 to downtown every 15 minutes, #26 to Uvic via Cedar Hill every 15 minutes
Area plan or strategy; municipal policies to promote mixed-used development; incentives or mechanism to create mixed-use development; funding for infrastructure and beautification	12	7	Small city area, small budget; the 2007 Official Community Plan offers no clear focus on the central village. "Esquimalt Village" project i.e. redevelopment of city works yard was starting in 2016
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	5	Food market, drug store, bank, dollar store
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	6	Quiet residential streets, waterfront parks
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	5	City hall, recreation centre, library
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	5	Hard to go wrong in an inner suburb of Victoria
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	1.5	1 Vietnamese + fast food
Office space for local professional services	4	3	Lots of lawyers for some reason
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	3	Mall shopping on Admirals, quick ride or transit to downtown Victoria
Sidewalks to standard	3	2.5	
Effective business association	3	2.5	Chamber of Commerce
Availability of pre-school care	2	1.5	
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	0	
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	1	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	
TOTAL	100	63	