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Ambleside (West Vancouver) July 27 2013

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = 15

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	16.5	A variety of high-rise rental housing and seniors housing, including a seniors housing cooperative
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	8	Frequent service to downtown Vancouver on weekdays; less frequent to Horseshoe Bay and Caulfeild
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	10	Beyond the comprehensive village plan, the local government has concentrated its key amenities around the village. The plan could have done more to tie the village core to the surrounding walkable area
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	8	Supermarket, hardware, drug store, clothing stores and specialty services
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	8	Waterfront
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	8	Community centre with meeting, fitness and health care facilities; aquatic centre; seniors activity centre; municipal arts spaces; public library; city hall; police station; museum, Ambleside Park
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	4.5	Waterfront setting, much above average commercial architecture; wide, busy Marine Drive; uneven level of pedestrian interest
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	2.5	The food selection is dominated by coffee shops
Office space for local professional services	4	4	
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	3	The Park Royal megamall, the Dundarave mini-village
Sidewalks to standard	3	3	
Effective business improvement association	3	1	Appears to be dormant
Availability of pre-school care	2	1	
Outlets for local artists and	2	2.5	Two civic galleries showing local artists

craftspeople			in the waterfront area
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	0	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	
TOTAL	100	80	