

Fraseropolis.com Urban Villages Index

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Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = 14

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	15	Veterans housing in the core, a large townhouse development, a co-op, rental apartments, new condos.
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. \leq 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	7	Steveston is on the corner of an island. Very frequent peak service to the Canada Line, 20 minutes away; less frequent service to rapid transit by different routes.
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	9	Plans for the village area and the larger Steveston quadrant of Richmond are presented in detail. The traditional look of the village is the highest priority.
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	7	Food market, professional services, books, banks, bikes and lots of financial advisors
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	7	Picturesque core and waterfront trail
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	6	Museum, recreation and community centre with seniors programs, community police
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	5	Quiet, carefully designed with spectacular ocean views; this is Cape Cod, not Manhattan
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	4	Fast food to fine dining
Office space for local professional services	4	4	
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	0	
Sidewalks to standard	3	2.5	
Effective business improvement association	3	2.5	Website is informative, but has no clear link to residential community
Availability of pre-school care	2	2	
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	1.5	Privately run art workshop centre
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	1	

Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	
TOTAL	100	73.5	