

## Fraseropolis.com Urban Villages Index

**Aldergrove April 6 2012**

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = 8

Criteria	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	11	A variety of rental and medium density housing on all sides of the village. No seniors housing. No new activity since at least 2008.
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	2	Half-hourly service from Surrey Central, connecting with half-hourly service to Abbotsford Clearbrook.
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	The township adopted a brave core area plan in 2010, providing for densification and a vibrant, walkable village, but there is no evidence that it is taking effect. Beautification efforts appear to date from about 2000.
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	6	Supermarket and Asian market; hardware; pharmacy. 5 and 10 store closing out in spring 2012.
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	2	Walking trail in park/recreation area
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	5	Community centre with fitness room; rec area with playing fields, tennis courts; museum
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	2	Main street is a highway; lack of design focus
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	4	Pizza, Vietnamese, Chinese, fish and chips, organic, Tex-Mex
Office space	4	2	Some local professional services
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	0	
Sidewalks to standard	3	2	Collector streets but not all side streets
Effective business improvement association	3	1.5	Website; organized a pro-transit event in early 2011
Availability of pre-school care	2	2	
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	0	
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	0	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>46.5</b>	