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[The Heights, Burnaby – Updated May 19, 2017]

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = 21 on Hastings Street, plus additional blocks on Hastings over the border in the City of Vancouver

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	13	Rental stock on Albert is declining in quality; seniors' complex and social housing; increasing condo stock on Hastings
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	10	Frequent service east-west and to Skytrain on Lougheed, except via Gilmore Street
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	Current plan is aggressive on mixed use for Hastings Street, but in isolation from continued single-family in surrounding area; development in Burnaby is focusing on Skytrain and highway corridors
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	8	No economy department store; otherwise a good range
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	6	On-street cycling paths; good cross-town walking trail to the north
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	6.5	Recreation centre, library, seniors centre, city archives, playing fields are close to the village; also BC Conservatory of Music
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	3	High vehicle traffic on Hastings through much of the day, gaps in the western section
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	4	
Office space for local professional services	4	4	
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	3	Sunrise to the west is close, although access via highway is not inviting for walking or cycling
Sidewalks to standard	3	3	
Effective business improvement association	3	2.5	Good website, festivals and events
Availability of pre-school care	2	1	
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2		None observed, none listed
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	1	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	

TOTAL	100	72	
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