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Central Lonsdale January 13 2013; updated August 15 2015

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = about 24 walkable storefront blocks

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	17	Lots of condos, lots of rental, low incidence of non-profit or co-op
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	8	Commuter bus service to downtown as often as every six minutes, to SeaBus every 12 minutes; daytime service on Lonsdale c. 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	9	City Official Community Plan has promoted controversial but effective densification, with traditional look maintained on the high street. Civic plaza a bit of an architectural folly but not too bad. Central Lonsdale study update is pending.
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	8	Supermarket, independent markets, drug stores
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	5	"Green necklace" walkway now in place around the Central Lonsdale area.
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	6.5	Public library, performing arts centre, art gallery, playing fields; recreation centre; seniors' activity centre.
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	4.5	Pedestrian traffic between 13th and 17th generates a vibe
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	4	Lower Lonsdale/Lonsdale Quay
Sidewalks to standard	3	3	Sidewalks on Lonsdale Ave. are extra wide
Effective business improvement association	3	0	
Availability of pre-school care	2	1.5	
Outlets for local arts and crafts	2	2	Community ArtSpace and Tony Max gallery
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	1	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	

TOTAL	100	77.5	
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