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Coquitlam City Centre May 18 2015

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = 10 plus the Coquitlam Centre Mall

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	16	Towers and new condo apartments, with older condos and townhomes on the north side and a dedicated seniors residence
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	10	Coquitlam Centre transit hub may be the largest in the region. Rapid transit arrives 2016
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	9.5	City Centre plan, 2008, says the appropriate things. The planners are clearly keeping pedestrian and cycling perspectives in mind as new blocks are developed.
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, cleaners	10	8	Many services available although scattered. Coquitlam Centre mall is vast but daunting
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	6.5	Lafarge Lake, Hoy Creek trails; Coquitlam River trail system is an easy cycle to the east
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	6	City hall, public library, arts centre; Pinetree community centre has fitness rooms and community space
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	3	Hard to generalize. The Lougheed Highway and adjacent plazas are roaring with cars, but the residential streets are often acceptable.
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	3	Most eateries are in the shopping plazas.
Office space for local professional services	4	3	New office and commercial development
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	1	Downtown Port Coquitlam is not far, although hard to see the reason for going there
Sidewalks to standard	3	2	A few semi-rural streets still in the mix, a lot of active parking lots
Effective business association	3	0	Nothing comes up
Availability of pre-school care	2	1	
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	1.5	Looks like Port Moody is the solution here
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	.5	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	
TOTAL	100	71	Population will grow; new street interest will tend to entertainment rather than everyday services