

**Fraseropolis.com Urban Villages Index**  
**Downtown Port Coquitlam July 14 2012**

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = 12

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Points available</b>	<b>Points scored</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	16	Points off, as always, for a nation-wide lack of economic incentives to build rental housing
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	5.5	15-minute east-west service on Lougheed, north of the village; there is a bus hub at the commuter rail station, with variably frequent express service to Skytrain and downtown Vancouver.
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	Solid plan, support for mixed-use development and beautification; questions around whether development elsewhere in the city will undercut the village
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	8	Hardware, food markets, drug stores, other everyday services
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	6.5	Coquitlam riverfront trail
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	7	Rec centre, fine arts centre and gallery, library, youth centre
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	4	Common issues: the commercial architecture is careless, and there's too much traffic on the main street
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	3.5	
Office space for local professional services	4	4	
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	2.5	The sort-of-village around Prairie and Coast Meridian is accessible by bike or transit, as are the strip malls etc. in Coquitlam
Sidewalks to standard	3	3	
Effective business improvement association	3	2.5	
Availability of pre-school care	2	1	Outside village

Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	2	Civic space serves arts and crafts people
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	.5	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>75.5</b>	