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Edmonds (Burnaby) August 2014 and January 31 2015

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = debatable. 8 or 9 on Edmonds Street within the municipal "Town Centre" designated area; 2 more blocks to the northeast, curving around to 2 or immediately on Sixth Street; 3 within the Highgate Centre on Kingsway, the centre of the "Centre"; intermittent commercial use on Kingsway east and west of Highgate.

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	17	A wide range of housing forms and eras; a large social housing complex for seniors
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	9	Rapid transit station at the southern edge of the area, beyond walking distance for the eastern half of the area; frequent bus service on Kingsway and Edmonds
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	Strong thrust for densification between Kingsway and the transit station, responding to the reality of the station location; as in much of Burnaby, existing detached use is protected, so there is a skew of population away from the historic core and the new rec centre. Plan has not been updated since 1994.
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	7	Supermarket, big hardware store. Highgate shops, scattering of shops on Edmonds
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	5	BC Parkway trail along the rapid transit line, with a spur trail to Edmonds Street
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	6	Library, new recreation centre (beyond walking distance for station-area residents); 55+ activity centre, community police, New Canadians' Clinic, youth social services centre
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	3.5	Patches of tranquility: Edmonds Park, Vista pathway, New Vista grounds.
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	3.5	Variety of Asian restaurants, pub, pizza. Limited employment within the village core.
Office space for local professional services	4	3	
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	4	Metrotown
Sidewalks to standard	3	2.5	
Effective business improvement association	3	0	
Availability of pre-school care	2	1.5	

Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	0	
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	.5	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	1	
TOTAL	100	70.5	