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Lougheed Town Centre Sept 19 and Nov 21 2015

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = This is a collection of malls. The east side of the service area is in the City of Coquitlam, the west side in the City of Burnaby.

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	17	Towers, condo apartments, more townhouse choices than in most areas older rental accommodation on the northeast fringe, two seniors residences
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	10	Lougheed Centre Skytrain station and transit hub
Area plan or strategy; municipal policies and incentives to promote mixed-used development; funding for infrastructure and beautification	12	8	Past planning has enabled densification, but housing and walking/cycling routes are not integrated with commercial/retail use. Mitigation is underway
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, cleaners	10	9	Many services available though scattered.
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	4	Trails on the Burnaby side lead to an extensive trail network beyond the village
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	3	Public library, recreation centre on the Burnaby side. Community services in Coquitlam are 45 minutes on foot to the east.
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	2.5	The southwest quadrant suffers from freeway noise, and the commercial centre is a patchwork of parking lots and high-traffic roads
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	4	Fast food chains, Korean food, mall food
Office space for local professional services	4	3.5	
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	1	Austin Heights village is c. 30 minutes on foot from Cameron and North.
Sidewalks to standard	3	2	Yes, but traffic volumes make for uncomfortable walking
Effective business association	3	2	North Road BIA, integrating Korean and non-Korean business with the community, but the City of Burnaby sponsor appears to have banned the term "Coquitlam"
Availability of pre-school care	2	2	
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	0	
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	.5	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	
TOTAL	100	68.5	