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Downtown Maple Ridge July 9 2016

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks -- 20 (including 6 small, medium or large malls)

| Criterion | Points available | Points scored | Comments |
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| Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core | 20 | 14 | Affordable rental housing, seniors housing, transition housing, condo apartments, townhomes. The village would score higher if the commercial core was more compact |
| Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes | 12 | 6 | Connecting buses to Coquitlam Centre (15 minutes), Langley centre, Skytrain (weekdays only) plus community shuttles. |
| Area plan or strategy; municipal policies to promote mixed-used development; incentives to create mixed-use development; funding for infrastructure and beautification | 12 | 7 | Downtown investment incentives and landscaping improvements since 2010 have helped to improve the facades and pavements in the core, and may have facilitated commercial investment; new residential growth in the village area has been moderate |
| Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning | 10 | 7.5 | Good range of services, although dispersed; local complaints about lack of clothing outlets |
| Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood | 8 | 3 | On-street cycling pathways, signed route to Fraser River heritage waterfront |
| Public amenities: recreation, culture, community | 8 | 6 | Library, recreation centre, arts centre, seniors activity centre, farmers market |
| General aesthetic appeal/ambience | 6 | 3.5 | 224 St and central park are pleasant; other main roads are busy and much of the core is parking-lot-oriented |
| Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families | 5 | 4 | |
| Office space for local professional services | 4 | 3.5 | |
| Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village | 4 | 0 | Still some gaps in the system |
| Sidewalks to standard | 3 | 2 | |
| Effective business association | 3 | 2.5 | Community partners listed on website |
| Availability of pre-school care | 2 | 1.5 | |
| Outlets for local arts and crafts | 2 | 1 | Art Gallery gift shop |
| Bicycle racks or bicycle parking | 1 | 1 | |
| Bonus points: parking meters | 2 | 0 | |
| TOTAL | 100 | 63.5 | |