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Newport/Sutter Brook May 19 2012

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = 13

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	16	Lots of medium and high density housing in Newport and Sutter Brook cores, tends to high end; seniors housing on north side; modest townhomes south side; basement suite and house rentals in adjacent neighbourhoods but shortage of recent purpose-built rental, as everywhere in Canada
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	8	97 B-Line on St John Street connects to Sky Train, Coquitlam Centre every 10 minutes; community shuttles run as frequently as every 15 minutes; half-hourly service to 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	8	Municipality deserves credit for mixed-use, high density vision, but no discussion of community-building in Community Plan.
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	7	Tends to high end; no hardware or small department store
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	7	Superb and extensive trails on Burrard Inlet
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	7.5	Library, rec centre and playing fields, theatre; Eagle Ridge Hospital is immediately northeast of NewPort Village
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	4	Fresh and attractive in spots. Ioco Rd. and Guildford Ave. are wide and loud. Heritage Mtn plaza is a pedestrian-unfriendly 80s shopping centre.
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	3.5	Chinese, Greek, sushi, pubs
Office space for local professional services	4	4	
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	3	Shops, restaurants and services on St. Johns Street – 5 minutes by bike

Sidewalks to standard	3	2	No dedicated pedestrian access into or through the Heritage Mountain shopping centre
Effective business improvement association	3	1	NewPort and Sutter Brook Village have commercial websites without reference to community
Availability of pre-school care	2	2	
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	1.5	
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	1	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	Free parking everywhere, including underground
TOTAL	100	75.5	