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Oak Bay Village (City of Oak Bay, Vancouver Island) May 23, 2015

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = 9, interrupted, connecting to about 6 blocks on Oak Bay Ave. in the City of Victoria

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	13	Apartment housing on Oak Bay Ave. and down the hill near the water
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	7	2 or 2A downtown every 15 minutes weekdays, 8 to Camosun and Hillside every 10 minutes
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	2014 plan is complete. Devoted to maintaining single-family use, but difficult to argue with a plan for a compact, completely built community where all properties are in good shape.
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	7.5	Food market, drug store, banks; hardware store has closed
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	7	Quiet, elegant streets, excellent cycling, seafront walk not far away
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	5	Public library and seniors centre; recreation centre is beyond the village
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	6	It's Oak Bay
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	2.5	Pub, tea shops
Office space for local professional services	4	3	
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	2	Fort & Foul Bay shops
Sidewalks to standard	3	2	Narrow on part of Oak Bay Ave
Effective business association	3	2.5	
Availability of pre-school care	2	2	
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	1.5	
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	.5	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	
TOTAL	100	70.5	