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Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks – 8. Scores high for services, low for transit. The balance of services is tilted towards a shopping centre along the provincial Lougheed Highway, but there are interesting shops and cafes in a continuous band for four or five blocks to the south.

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	16	New medium-rise tower apartments, a recent seniors complex, housing co-ops, low-rise condos and townhomes
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	4.5	Service to Maple Ridge, Coquitlam Central and (weekdays) Braid Street Station in New West.
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	5	There appears to be no detailed plan, but there is mixed use and attention to detail.
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	8.5	The food markets are good, and there are numerous other types of retail, except clothing (as in most of the outer suburbs.)
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	5	Excellent access by bicycle to the Fraser River trails down the hill, although they are a bit far on foot (40 minutes from the village pub.)
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	6	Community hall, recreation centre, public library, city hall, police, museum, playing fields and picknicking
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	4	Some good quality commercial development, although much of it is dispersed along Harris Road, in a conventional suburban surrounding.
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	3.5	Village pub, Japanese, Italian, fish & chips, fast food
Office space for local professional services	4	3	
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	4	No
Sidewalks to standard	3	3	
Effective business improvement association	3	1	Pitt Meadows/Maple Ridge Chamber of Commerce
Availability of pre-school care	2	2	Balance is tipped to White Rock side
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	--	

Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	1	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	
TOTAL	100	65.5	