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Uptown New West – April 7 2012

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = 17

Criteria	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	17	Lots of rental, various seniors' options, single-family; no town houses or co-ops
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	9	No hub, but frequent service to area Skytrain stations – Braid, Columbia, 22nd
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	7	Official Community Plan dates from c. 1996; no Uptown Plan. Strategies include promoting transit use, traffic calming, heritage preservation, live-work with signage
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	8.5	Food markets, pharmacies, bookstore, shoes and some clothing, shoe and appliance repair shops, computers and electronics
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	6.5	Heritage residential; Queen's Park (the park) 6 blocks east; on-street cycling pathways
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	7	Library, seniors' and community centre, sports fields, ice rink, performing arts centre, playground
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	4.5	Architecture so-so, but condition mostly good. Pedestrian life. Traffic impacts mitigated by width of streets and sidewalks.
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	5	
Availability of office space	4	4	Professional services plus a variety of corporate and government offices
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	3.5	Almost contiguous with downtown New West via 6 th Street
Sidewalks to standard	3	3	
Effective business improvement association	3	--	None found
Availability of pre-school care	2	2	
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	0	
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	1	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	2	
TOTAL	100	80	