

Fraseropolis.com Urban Villages Index

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Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = 11

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	9	Half a dozen condo developments; townhome developments within walking distance; apparently many local residents house foreign students; otherwise, single-family detached housing
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	5	The 246 to Lonsdale Quay operates every 15 minutes on weekdays; there is one other bus route
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	This is a carefully planned municipality, and the Village is certainly well-kept. However, mixed use is not in the cards for Edgemont.
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	7.5	Supermarket, drug store, numerous small services. No hardware.
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	5	Murdo Fraser and Mosquito Creek parks nearby
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	4	Public library. Municipal recreation centre within walking distance.
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	5.5	Quiet and pretty.
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	2	
Office space for local professional services	4	3.5	A variety of professional services; new space is under construction
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	1	A few shops in a strip mall to the east; otherwise a fair haul to Ambleside or Lonsdale
Sidewalks to standard	3	3	
Effective business improvement association	3	2.5	No demonstrated interest in attracting residents, but frequent public events
Availability of pre-school care	2	1.5	
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	1	
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	1	

Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	
TOTAL	100	58.5	