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West Broadway (Vancouver) January 26 2013

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks -- 21 (Larch to Alma; two blocks on Alma and one on W 10.)

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	15	Seniors housing and co-ops in area; some rental in duplexes, basements, etc; affordability issues
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	10	No hub, but very frequent service on Broadway and frequent north-south options on Dunbar/Alma, Macdonald, Arbutus
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	Mixed-use development is currently concentrated on West Broadway; nearby residential streets are subject to kinder & gentler densification
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	8	
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	7	Tree-lined streets, interesting back alleys, parks
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	6	Library; community centre at Larch and 10th with rink, gym, seniors lounge; neighbourhood house with programs is slightly further west
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	5	
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	4	
Office space for local professional services	4	3	
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	4	
Sidewalks to standard	3	3	
Effective business improvement association	3	3	One of the few that mentions "community" on its website
Availability of pre-school care	2	1.5	
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	2	
Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	1	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	2	
TOTAL	100	83.5	

