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Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = about 14 (on Granville Street)

The distance from Granville to Oak is about 500 metres; east of Oak, the streets are progressively less attached to Granville as the Marpole high street, although by the City's definition the neighbourhood extends to Cambie Street

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	15	A very significant stock of rental apartment housing; seniors housing; limited condo or tower availability as of fall 2013.
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	10	Hub at Marpole loop; frequent service on Oak and Granville, and rapid transit on Cambie
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	As of our tour in October 2013, the development of the area plan appeared to be stalled.
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	7	Safeway under construction; good quality and fruit and vegetable market; drug store; drive to hardware; furniture on Marine Drive; one consignment clothing store
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	6	Attractive residential areas and parks to the west
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	5	Public library; recreation centre
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	4	Pleasant residential streets; Granville is noisy
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	4	Lots of Asian choices
Office space for local professional services	4	4	
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	3	Oakridge, Kerrisdale
Sidewalks to standard	3	2	Sidewalks on Granville above the commercial strip are narrow
Effective business improvement association	3	3	Business association is monitoring and promoting comment on development options
Availability of pre-school care	2	2	
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	.5	Kerrisdale

Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	1	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	0	
TOTAL	100	73.5	