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Downtown New West March 17 2018

Approximate number of walkable storefront blocks = 18

Criterion	Points available	Points scored	Comments
Availability of housing choices within walking distance, including seniors' housing; housing in village core	20	15.5	Not as well served as Uptown New West in terms of seniors housing; otherwise, significant rental stock plus new apartment housing in the core
Transit hub with frequent service (i.e. ≤ 15 minutes) along diverse routes	12	10	Excellent by suburban Vancouver standards. Two rapid transit stations and frequent bus service via Kingsway and Canada Way; community shuttles.
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	8	2011 community plan; arguably tower-heavy. Riverfront Vision making the nearby waterfront an attractive destination.
Everyday services for residents e.g. food market, drug store, clothing, dry cleaning	10	8	
Access to trails, walkable waterfront or heritage neighbourhood	8	6	Westminster Quay waterfront walk, Queen's Park
Public amenities: arts centre, recreation, library, museum, seniors' or community centre	8	4	Theatres, police station. Anvil development will add an art gallery and art space
General aesthetic appeal/ambience	6	4.5	Interesting historic features and pedestrian byways, mixed with some substandard facades and blank walls
Variety of modest-cost dining for employees, families	5	3.5	
Office space for local professional services	4	4	
Quick access (walk, bike or transit) to next village	4	3.5	Uptown. A steep hill for older folks
Sidewalks to standard	3	3	
Effective business improvement association	3	2.5	As usual, no reference to community on BIA website
Availability of pre-school care	2	1.5	Montessori; others are close but not walkable
Outlets for local artists and craftspeople	2	1.5	Queen's Park Gallery nearby

Bicycle racks or bicycle parking	1	1	
Bonus points: parking meters	2	2	
TOTAL	100	78.5	