

Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal top Walk Score's first ranking of Most Walkable Canadian Cities and Neighbourhoods

Walk Score rates the walkability of more than 300 Canadian cities and 1,200 neighbourhoods

SEATTLE – January 23, 2013 – Vancouver, B.C. has been named Canada's most walkable city by Seattle-based Walk Score® in its first ranking of Most Walkable Canadian Cities and Neighbourhoods.

Walk Score's ranking of the top 10 largest Canadian cities includes:

1. Vancouver (Walk Score: 78)
2. Toronto (Walk Score: 71)
3. Montreal (Walk Score: 70)
4. Mississauga (Walk Score: 59)
5. Ottawa (Walk Score: 54)
6. Winnipeg (Walk Score: 53)
7. Edmonton (Walk Score: 51)
8. Hamilton (Walk Score: 51)
9. Brampton (Walk Score: 48)
10. Calgary (Walk Score: 48)

The complete list of ranked cities and their neighbourhoods is available at www.walkscore.com/rankings/canada. Canadians can also look up the Walk Score of their individual addresses at www.walkscore.com.

"Even in the cold of winter, a growing movement of people are looking for alternatives to long commutes and car dependence," said Walk Score CEO Josh Herst. "Canada's most walkable cities and neighbourhoods make it easier for residents to leave their cars at home more often which is great for your wallet, health, environmental impact, and quality of life."

"Buyers are factoring in what's nearby in their search for properties," said Marc Lafrance, The Canadian Real Estate Association's Director of Product Management. "Adding Walk Score to Realtor.ca provides home buyers with valuable insight into the location of a property and has been well received by our users. Walk Score's new Canadian city and neighbourhood rankings are a great new resource for people deciding where to live."

Why Walkability?

A recent Toronto Public Health study found overwhelming consumer preference for walkable neighbourhoods with a range of shops and services within walking distance, a short commute to work or school, and easy access to public transit. The study further found that people living in walkable neighbourhoods have lower body weights and that walkable neighbourhoods contribute to better air quality and traffic reduction.ⁱ

Walk Score's walkability ranking is the only international, quantitative ranking of walkability. Cities and neighbourhoods are ranked on a scale of 0-100, with locations receiving a score of 90-100 deemed a "Walkers' Paradise."

Walk Score's Advisory Board includes urban planning, environmental and technical experts from organizations such as Sightline Institute and The Brookings Institution. Detailed ranking methodology is available at www.walkscore.com/methodology.shtml.

About Walk Score

Walk Score® makes it easy for apartment renters and homebuyers to find neighbourhoods where they can drive less and live more. Walk Score believes that walkable neighbourhoods with access to public transit, shorter commutes, and proximity to the people and places you love are the key to a happier, healthier and more sustainable lifestyle. Walk Score delivers more than 6 million scores for apartment and home addresses per day across a network of more than 15,000 real estate sites. According to independent research conducted by CEOs for Cities, one point of Walk Score adds up to US\$3,000 to home values. To find your Walk Score, enter your address at <http://www.walkscore.com>.

ⁱ http://www.toronto.ca/health/hphe/pdf/walkable_city.pdf