Town of Riverview: Commercial Market Threshold Report

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PROJECT DELIVERABLES

- 1. A survey of residents to determine what they leave the community to access (e.g., goods, services, entertainment, restaurants, etc.);
- 2. An economic analysis to estimate the total market size for Riverview (based on population and catchment, factoring in location with Greater Moncton) by commodity group;
- 3. A business count analysis to determine if there could be a lower concentration of firms relative to population size (an indication of potential demand);
- 4. A location quotient analysis to determine if there could be a lower concentration of firms (based on the number of workers in the Town relative to its size); and
- 5. A summary that indicates the gaps in the town's commercial market and an assessment of the Town's (and/or existing developers') realistic opportunities to address these gaps.



Survey results





SURVEY RESULTS

- In April-May 2023, the Town of Riverview ran an online survey asking residents to answer questions regarding how and where they shop and access services.
- Nearly 1,500 respondents to the survey or an amount equivalent to one out of every 14 residents.
- A good mix in the core age groups (41% 25-44 and 39% 45—64).



SHOPPING AND SERVICES PROFILE

Mostly in Riverview*

- Groceries/bakery/meat
- Pharmacy
- Gasoline/convenience
- Bargain stores
- Takeout restaurants/ice cream
- Veterinarian services
- Building materials/home maintenance
- Accountants/tax preparation
- Landscaping
- Recreation



*Vehicle maintenance/repair was about 50/50.

Mostly elsewhere

- Family doctor/dentist/related
- Eat in restaurants
- Go out for 'wine'
- Legal services
- Spa services/wellness
- Church attendance
- Jewelry/gifts
- Home décor
- Clothing/footwear
- Appliances/electronics
- Craft/hobby/toys/books

SPECIFIC WRITE IN RESPONSES

Some interesting findings:

- A&W was the top mentioned restaurant by far
- Service NB office
- Nearly 60 would like to see more activities for children, including play spaces, splash pads, theatre/shows and sports' lessons.
- Nearly 40 indicated some form of training (e.g., art classes, dance classes, pottery, theatre, children's camps, etc.).



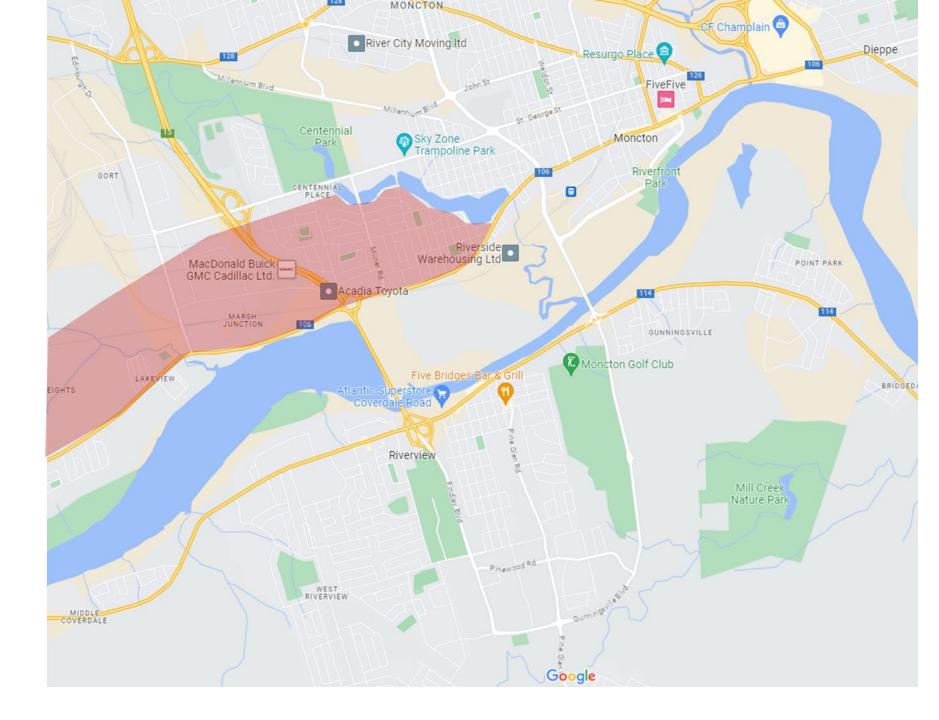


DETERMINING HIGH DEMAND OPPORTUNITIES

- Estimated market size (Town, Albert County, catchment area)
- # of firms/employment relative to market size
- Resident interest
- Comparative review: Moncton, Dieppe, Paradise, St. John's Mount Pearl, Quispamsis



Catchment area





Opportunity:	Rationale:	Considerations:
Clothing and	 Only 4% of residents shop for 	- These smaller, specialized
shoes stores	clothing and shoes in Riverview.	stores due tend to cluster in
	 This was the top mentioned sector 	areas with a lot of traffic (malls,
	from the residential survey (300+	plazas, etc.).
	written mentions).	- There are 56 such stores in the
	 The comparative review indicates 	tri-community as well as
	the town is very underserviced in	department stores that sell the
	this sector.	same products.



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Restaurants	 The survey found that only 38% of residents primarily frequent eat in restaurants in Riverview (67% for takeout). There were hundreds of written responses when asked what types of restaurants are desired in the town. Only 10% choose local for a 'glass of wine'. The comparative review indicates the town is underserviced in this sector. 	 A&W was by far the most mentioned. That alone would be an interesting pitch to that specific firm. Many other big brands were desired (e.g., Popeyes, Starbucks, Burger King) but also specific ethnic foods (e.g., Indian, Mexican) There seems to be a strong case – the Town could develop a prospectus.

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Health services	 Only 13% of respondents have family 	- Some of these services are
	doctors in Riverview.	directly related to Horizon Health
	 37% use local dentist and eyecare 	decisions, so they are a primary
	services.	target.
	 <50% of residents access other health 	- Doctors, dentists and other allied
	care services (e.g., physio).	health providers can be provided
	 Several respondents indicated a 	prospectuses to consider
	desire for other related services (e.g.,	Riverview based on identified
	blood clinic, mental health clinic).	demand.
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Personal care services	 People rely heavily on local pharmacies (86% primarily shop in Riverview). Only 55% access hair and beauty services locally. 22% access fitness services locally. 23% access spa services locally. The comparative review indicates the Town is very underserviced for most segments in this sector. 	 The hair and beauty segment is somewhat complicated by the high share of home-based service providers. Given the importance of the pharmacy sector, there could be potential to attract one or more additional facilities. The Town could consider attracting specialized personal care facilities (e.g., spas.) and more fitness options (although this is a highly unstable sector – a lot of entries and exits).



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Automotive parts, accessories and tire stores
- Household furnishings and equipment
- Specialty food stores
- Insurance services
- Accommodations/hotel
- Coffee shops



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Questions