COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

For consideration at the Standing Committee meeting on Policy and Strategic Priorities on December 2, 2026

4. Safe Crossing for the Sunset Seniors Centre

Co-submitted by: Councillor Singh and Councillor Yi-Kieran

WHEREAS

1. The Sunset Seniors Centre opened on May 12, 2026, as an addition to the Sunset Community Centre at 6810 Main Street, a $16.1 million project funded by $10.6 million from the Government of Canada and $5.5 million from the City of Vancouver, and is jointly operated by the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and the Sunset Community Centre Association[1];

2. The Sunset Community Centre, including the new Seniors Centre, offers seniors' programs, licensed childcare and out-of-school care, and is open until 9:30 pm on weekdays, so seniors, children and families cross Main Street daily, including after dark[2];

3. The nearest signalized crossings of Main Street are 105 metres north at 51st Avenue and 485 metres south at 57th Avenue[3];

4. City of Vancouver signal timing guidelines call for a walking speed of 0.8 metres per second in setting crossing times near hospitals and senior centres[4];

5. Older adults involved in pedestrian crashes in Canada account for a disproportionate share of fatalities[5], and in British Columbia pedestrian fatalities increase by an average of 54 percent between October and January[6];

6. The Sunset Community Association reports that the new Seniors Centre has increased pedestrian activity and that, following its request, the City has directed staff to review a marked and controlled crosswalk across Main Street near the Centre[7];

7. In approving the 2027–2030 Capital Plan in July 2026, Council directed staff to review and prioritize the addition of traffic lights and/or crossing signals at 53rd Avenue and Main Street, within existing funding for street lighting and traffic signal renewal and upgrades[8];

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[1] New Sunset Seniors Centre opens, expanding programs and support for South Vancouver seniors | City of Vancouver
[2] Sunset Community Centre | City of Vancouver
[3] Traffic signals — City of Vancouver Open Data Portal
[4] Signal timing guidelines final version
[5] Exploring the determinants of older adults' susceptibility to pedestrians' incidents - ScienceDirect
[6] ICBC and police warn that pedestrian fatalities more than double in fall and winter
[7] Fall 2026 Sunset Community Association President's Message • Sunset Community Centre Association
[8] 2027-2030 Capital Plan approved by Council | City of Vancouver

8. The 2027–2030 Capital Plan also includes planning and design of a new pool at the Sunset Community Centre[9], which will bring more visitors to the site; and

9. Staff completed a pedestrian study at Main Street and 53rd Avenue that identified a pedestrian signal as the recommended crossing treatment, and the location has been tentatively added to the 2027–2030 signal shortlist.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

A. THAT Council request that the City Engineer, under the authority delegated by the Street and Traffic By-law, proceed with the pedestrian signal at Main Street and East 53rd Avenue recommended in staff's pedestrian study, as a priority on the 2027–2030 signal shortlist, with installation by the end of Q2 2027, to ensure ease of access to the community centre.

B. THAT Council direct staff to include funding for the pedestrian signal at Main Street and East 53rd Avenue in the 2027 Capital Budget, drawing first on the existing street lighting and traffic signal renewal and upgrade funding in the 2027–2030 Capital Plan and, if that is not enough, identifying further options, including transportation safety allocations in the 2027–2030 Capital Plan and external cost-sharing such as ICBC's Road Improvement Program.

C. THAT the signal be designed for accessibility, including accessible pedestrian signals, curb ramps and signal timing based on a walking speed of no more than 0.8 metres per second, consistent with the City's signal timing guidelines near senior centres.

D. THAT staff report back to Council by memo by the end of Q1 2027 on progress toward installing the pedestrian signal, including the City Engineer's decision, the design status and the installation timeline.

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[9] council.vancouver.ca/20260714/documents/r3.pdf