

## Landfill Fees to Stay Put For Now

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A proposed fee hike at the city's landfill was deferred at city council last night, as some councillors want to explore other options first.

The increase was suggested to cover landfill costs, and to encourage more recycling. Councillor Bob Pringle says they should work more closely recycling organisations that divert materials from the landfill, like Habitat for Humanity.

The proposal will go back to executive committee next week.

Also decided at council last night, traffic on 3rd Avenue will be opened up a little bit.

The meridian on 3rd Avenue blocking 21st street will be taken out, to make room for left turn bays. The city says the intersection will become more like the one on 4th Avenue and 21st, with traffic signals and crosswalks.

The issue was deferred from last council meeting because some councillors felt there wasn't enough information on traffic and pedestrian safety. A city report says traffic numbers are slightly less than similar intersections, and there haven't been any pedestrian collisions in the past 5 years.

Removal of the meridian is part of the city's project to redo 3rd Avenue.