

Green vote

Aldermen want recycling plebiscite on fall election ballot

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Two Calgary alderman are holding a press conference later today to call for a plebiscite on curbside recycling during this fall's municipal election.

Aldermen Diane Colley-Urquhart and Ric McIver, both who have been outspoken on recycling, have called a press conference for 4 p.m.

"We are concerned about the costs and we intend to make it an election issue," McIver said when asked what they would say later this afternoon.

It's expected he and Colley-Urquhart will call for a plebiscite on the proposed \$21 user fee for curbside recycling, which will come into effect for all Calgarians in January 2009. The fees would reduce the reliance on property taxes by \$18.5 million.

But McIver has raised concerns that Calgarians will be double-taxed because council won't return the money to the tax base.

The proposal goes to council for final approval on March 12.

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Two city aldermen want a public vote on whether Calgary should make door-to-door recycling mandatory

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