

Kalispell Council Axes Transportation Impact Fees

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KALISPELL, Mont. -- Four out of five members of Kalispell's impact fee committee have resigned after the city voted to do away with transportation impact fees at a meeting Monday night. The council's decision to do away with the fees went against the committee's recommendation to keep the one-time fees developers and builders pay to offset growth-related costs.

The fees were meant to go toward adaptations, like the widening of roads. Now businesses that have paid the fees since 2009 will be reimbursed more than \$140,000. The decision came down to a 5-3 vote.

Supporters of the fees said that people needed to pay their fair share of growth-related costs, but opponents said the fees were anti-business.

