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Gentleman,

There have been discussions and studies conducted concerning the environmental impact of the Balfour Village proposal in the Columbia Valley. There is no need to revisit the topics that many of the local residents have communicated to your department. Several points of the Balfour saga are of concern and should be addressed before the final decision day arrives.

- The quick sale of a large piece of property in the Columbia Valley.
- The announcement of the amount of homes to be built.
- The Balfour Village proposal announcement
- The beginnings of the Subarea Plan group applications for members.

An investment group that scoops a large piece of property for over two and half million dollars has researched the whole plan of purchase well in advance and is very confident of their proposed project. A lot of money and time is invested and giving up is not an option. There is, undoubtedly, some very strong pressure on the decision makers in the planning department. Some of that pressure is from the local residents that have become very organized and thorough in their research. But, the most pressure will come from behind the scenes by those with a vested financial interest.

In closing, we agree with many other residents that, if development is indeed inevitable, any and all decisions must result from responsible planning. With this in mind, we support Alternative #3.

Sincerely,  
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