# SULTAN CITY COUNCIL
# AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

**ITEM #:** Consent C 5

**DATE:** May 8, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Resolution 08-16 Donation of Spar Poles

**CONTACT PERSON:** Laura Koenig, Clerk/Deputy Finance Director

**ISSUE:**
The issue before the Council is authorizing the Mayor to sign Resolution 08-16 to donate two spar pole trees from the City Watershed to the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce for the Shindig Logging Show.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**
At the April 24, 2008 Council meeting the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce requested that the City donate two spar pole trees from the City Watershed for the Shindig Logging Show.

There are two spar poles located in Riverfront Park that are used for events during the Logging Show. The poles need to be replaced every seven years and in the past the City has donated trees from the watershed. The spar pole trees need to be replaced this year. The City and the Sky Valley Chamber will need to work together to identify, harvest, transport and install the new poles in accordance with City and State requirements.

The Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce will be responsible for providing certificates of insurance and all necessary labor and equipment to remove the trees. The work will be performed by professional foresters.

**ALTERNATIVES**

1) Authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 08-16 to donate two spar pole trees from the City watershed for the Shindig Logging Show and direct staff to work with the Sky Valley Chamber to safely remove and install the spar poles.
2) Do not authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 08-16 and recommend that the Sky Valley Chamber find spar poles from another source.

**RECOMMENDEDATION:**
Staff recommends the City approve the donation of the spar pole trees and authorize the Mayor to sign Resolution 08-16 and further recommends that City staff be directed to work with the Sky Valley Chamber to safely remove and install the spar poles.

Attachments:
A. Resolution 08-16 Donation of Trees for Spar Pole
B. Letter from Sky Valley Chamber

**Attachment A**

**CITY OF SULTAN**
**SULTAN WASHINGTON**
**RESOLUTION 08-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SULTAN, A WASHINGTON MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PROVIDING FOR THE DONATION OF SPAR POLE TREES TO THE SKY VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE SHINDIG LOGGING SHOW**

WHEREAS, the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce and the City of Sultan co-sponsor the annual Sultan Summer Shindig; and

WHEREAS, the Shindig Logging Show is a major component of the event; and

WHEREAS, the Sky Valley Chamber of Commerce has requested a donation of two spar pole trees to replace the existing spar poles; and

WHEREAS, the existing poles need to be replaced every seven years and in the past the City has donated trees from the watershed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Sultan that the City will donate two trees from the City Watershed to be used as spar poles for the Sultan Summer Shindig Logging Show.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of May, 2008.

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Carolyn Eslick, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Kathy Hardy, City Attorney

ATTACHMENT B

# SKY VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AND
# VISITORS CENTER

April 16, 2008

Request for two new spar poles

Dear Mayor & Council members,

The Sultan Summer Shindig is celebrating its 25th Anniversary! We're also celebrating 25 years of partnering with the City of Sultan. Shindig is a great example of how we have pooled our resources to promote our city. We are getting geared up to start a new promotional project. We're going to be starting a logger's class for novices. We will be starting with axe throwing and spar pole climbing. We already have qualified teachers, equipment and have contacted our insurance carrier about our plans. It's a very unique and exciting opportunity to promote the culture and history of Sultan. These classes will be held one to two time per month for the entire summer and fall tourist season.

We are preparing to install two new spar poles. The need to be replaced every seven years. The City of Sultan contributes the spar poles from the water shed. The Chamber is responsible for identifying, harvesting, transporting and installing the new poles. This is an important aspect of keeping our contest safe for both contestants and spectators. The old poles will be recycled by the contest and used as prop logs for the other events.

The Chamber looks forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Sultan.

Sincerely,

Debbie Copple

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Director

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