



SHERWOOD PARK, AB

MATERIALS FOR HARDSCAPES

The vision for the site came from the mountains and the native materials that are found in them. This effect is conveyed in the design by the use of rundle rock, river rock, and choice vegetation. Rundle Flagstone is a great option for a natural rock. It can be used for the patio, walking paths, and for the garden retaining walls. Below are images that can give a visual of this effect.



There are many materials that can be used to fill the cracks of the flagstone. Below are some ideas. From left to right ; a pathway overseeded with grass, Mother of Thyme filling the space adds colour, irish moss has a beautiful effect that plays on the mountains while gravel can be more clean looking with slightly less maintenacnce then other options.



The beds in the front yard have been designed with two materials alpine much and Montana river rock. There will also be larger boulders placed within the front yard to add balance with size variety.



The river rocks will boarder the sidewalk, this is to keep a clean edge and reduce loss of material onto the sidewalk during unpredictable weather (rain storms, wind etc...). The dry river bed will

also be functional to drain excess water from the down spout that will pass underneath the path to the front door. The mulch will soften the look of the yard because of all rock used in the yard. The mulch will also function to help deter weeds as well as reduce water loss. Mulch keeps the soil warmer during our frigid winters and cool and moist during the hot summer months. To add aesthetic interest to the front space we designed the creek with a small overhead bridge. The flagstone patio will guide you to the bridge which will then guide you to follow the path surrounding the existing spruce tree. Below are two images of this effect.



MATERIALS FOR VEGETATION

The vegetation that we chose is hardy to its location, add seasonal interest, has a large range of bloom times that add color to the space during the entire season, and be low maintenance.

Plants have been selected for shade spaces as well as hot dry areas that are in the front of the yard. The shade garden plants that were chosen include ligularia, ferns, columbine, hosta and astilbe. Ferns are planted in the front and back yard and will fill the space over time, while the tall ligularia will be in the back ground adding texture and color. The astilbe is a beautiful plant that is considered to be the queen of the shade as it is one of the most colourful shade plants available. Hostas are known for their large foliage that adds texture to the garden.



The hot dry spaces in the front yard consist of drought tolerant species that include yarrow, sedum, gaillardia and hens and chicks. Below are some examples of the chosen species.



Daylilies are spread out throughout the site (front and back yard). They add bursts of color as well as beautiful full foliage as they mature. Creeping phlox will be planted throughout the front yard at the front of beds. The image on the left shows the creeping phlox with overhead daylilies. Bergenia (right) is one of the only evergreen perennials that adds seasonal interest as well as a great cut flower in the spring.



The shrubs that will be planted in the front include bloomerang lilac that blooms twice in the season, ivory halo dogwood, junipers, and sem false spirea. The tree that will be added to the front is a Russian mountain ash that will have seasonal color and attract birds all year long because it holds its fruit through the entire season. The texture of the tree and the false spirea also play off each other.



The walkway to the back is guided by a row of siberian iris, lamium ground cover and mom's lily-of-the-valley. Once you reach the gate the edges are lined with a mass planting of show stopping hydrangia.



Once you enter the back there is a mountain pine which is a small evergreen tree. The other trees added to the back are three columnar flowering crabs that have fragrant pink flowers. A golden willow has been added to replace the existing tree that is suffering. There are also three common lilacs added to the far corner to add colour and height. The willow adds seasonal interest as does the mountain pine. The crab has a beautiful color and interesting shape. Below are images of these trees.



The flowers in the back include sage, speedwell, yarrow and daylilies. The shady areas will be planted with ferns and hosta. The red fox speedwell will line the front of the bed while the sage will fill the underside of the crab trees. There will be a mass planting of ageless beauty daylily. Below is the speedwell (left) and sage (center) ageless beauty daylily (right).



I hope that this document helps you to better visualize the design ideas. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.