



## Maintenance Plan for 4032 Smith Way Peachland:

### 1. Irrigation

- a. The site has been provided with a zone of drip irrigation on an electric clock. Run time has been set to 30min, 2x per week while the plants are establishing in the remainder of fall 2016.
- b. Spring 2017: 30 min, 2x per week. Summer 2017: 40 min, 3x per week. Fall 2017: 30 min, 2x per week.
- c. By 2018 plants will be established and can have run times reduced by 50%.
- d. These run times are guidelines and may vary depending on the weather. Monitor plants regularly to ensure they are receiving proper irrigation and make adjustments accordingly. Soil should be nearly dry to a 1-cm depth just prior to irrigation running.

### 2. Rock Mulch Maintenance

- a. Pea gravel areas to be blown out with a leaf blower in the fall **before snow**. Doing so keeps the pea gravel areas tidy.

### 3. Plant Notes/Maintenance – Shrubs and Trees

- a. The Double Flowering Plum allee is spaced to provide an overlapping canopy. No pruning is required; allow the trees to take natural rounded form.
- b. All shrubs have been given room to grow to mature size. No pruning is required for any shrubs except for the Black Lace Elderberry, which can be cut back in the early spring to promote growth of desired shape and a wider (rather than leggy) growth pattern; it is forgiving to being cut back hard and will readily grow back.
- c. Starbright Mock Orange can have branches gently shaken to clear spent browning blooms. Allow bloom debris to become part of the organic mulch cover.

### 4. Plant Notes/Maintenance – Ornamental Grasses

- a. The ornamental grasses can be cut back to 4” in early spring before new growth begins. They provide winter interest. After a wet heavy snowfall, shake the stems of the taller grasses to relieve the weight of the snow. This will help to maintain upright structure until spring.

### 5. Plant Notes/Maintenance – Perennials

- a. The Dusseldorf Thrift can have the spent blooms cut back to foliage. It will re-bloom in the fall. It is optional to cut off the spent Sedum blooms. They are small and un-noticeable and can be left.

- b. The Poppy Mallow and Stella D'Oro Daylily can be cut to the ground after first frost.
  - c. Blazing Star and Black Eyed Susan can be left over winter for structural interest and food for small birds. They can be cut to ground in early spring before new growth begins to emerge.
  - d. Lavender can have the blooms cut back to the foliage in July (after first bloom) so that you will get another bloom in August. August blooms can be left until spring for winter structural interest.
  - e. Allow Windflower to naturalize (spread). It requires no maintenance and provides early spring bloom color.
6. Organic and Pea Gravel Mulch Maintenance
- a. Every 2 years, add 1" coarse black organic mulch like Glengro regular, which can be purchased at the landfill. This will amount to about 1.5 yards of material required.
  - b. In year 3, the pea gravel may need to be topped up (about 1 yard) if it has sunk into the soil.

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