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Of a Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee Of the City of Kenora Thursday, April 3, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

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**With** Councillor McMillan, R. Cecil Burns, Ashley Nordlund, Chris Herc, Dave Schwartz

**Staff** Mukesh Pokharel - Environmental Division Lead & Kelly Galbraith - Deputy Clerk

**Regrets** Diane Schwartz-Williams (LOWDPOA rep), Nancy Wagenaar (KPDSB), Councillor Poirier (Alternate), Peter Hettinga

**1. Call to Order and welcome members**  
Kelly Galbraith called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**  
**Moved by R. Cecil Burns, Seconded Councillor McMillan by and Carried–**  
That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held February 7, 2019 be confirmed as written and filed.

**3. Chairperson Discussion**  
Appointing a Chairperson & Co-Chair was brought forward from the February EAC meeting. The role of the Chair and time commitment was discussed by the group. The option of having a rotating Chairperson was shared. The meetings would be chaired monthly in alphabetical order by each committee member. Kelly will draft a schedule and bring it forward to the May meeting.

#### **4. Review of Work Plan**

The 2017/2018 EAC Work Plan was circulated and reviewed by the group. It was identified that the Freecycle Days have been held in mid-May in the past. Community participation was discussed, there is hope it will gain momentum in the coming years. The 2019 dates for Freecycle Days were set for May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> and September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. Kelly will re—vamp the communications piece and work with Kerri Holder, Communications Clerk to have the event advertised on the City's website and social media platforms. It was asked that the communication includes that the items must be removed from curbside by a specified time and noted that the City will not pick up the remaining items.

Earth Day is April 22, 2019. It was asked what the committee has done in the past to recognize and celebrate Earth Day. Spring cleanup by schools were encouraged however, with the early spring date garbage is often hidden by the snow. It was requested that Earth Day be added to the Work Plan in the early months of each year so planning can be done. Earth Hour and Energy Week were noted as other dates to keep on the committee's radar.

The group was encouraged if they have any items for the Work Plan to please send to Kelly.

#### **5. General discussion**

Ontario's Environment Plan was discussed. It was commented the committee may want to take the opportunity to respond to the provincial government. In discussion the committee felt their focus should be on the local level. It was shared that in the past the EAC has made recommendations to Council to take a certain stand, to make sure the local government is doing the right thing and taking steps in the right direction. This item was identified as one to consider for the Work Plan and to bring forward to Council in the future.

#### **6. New Business**

##### **a. Solid Waste Department Update**

The City collected /received 1,351 tons of municipal solid waste for disposal which was almost 7 % higher than the quantities collected in February. The garbage and Construction demolition represented 30.9% and 30.6 % of the whole municipal solid waste.

The City diverted 74 tons of recyclable waste materials and 4.25 tons of Scrap metal from the landfill in March. 230 tons of industrial ash and 186 tons of sewer sludge is disposed in the landfill. The landfill also received 20 tons of contaminated waste and 5 tons of asbestos waste.

In February, 8.79 tons of electronic waste were removed from the Transfer Station.

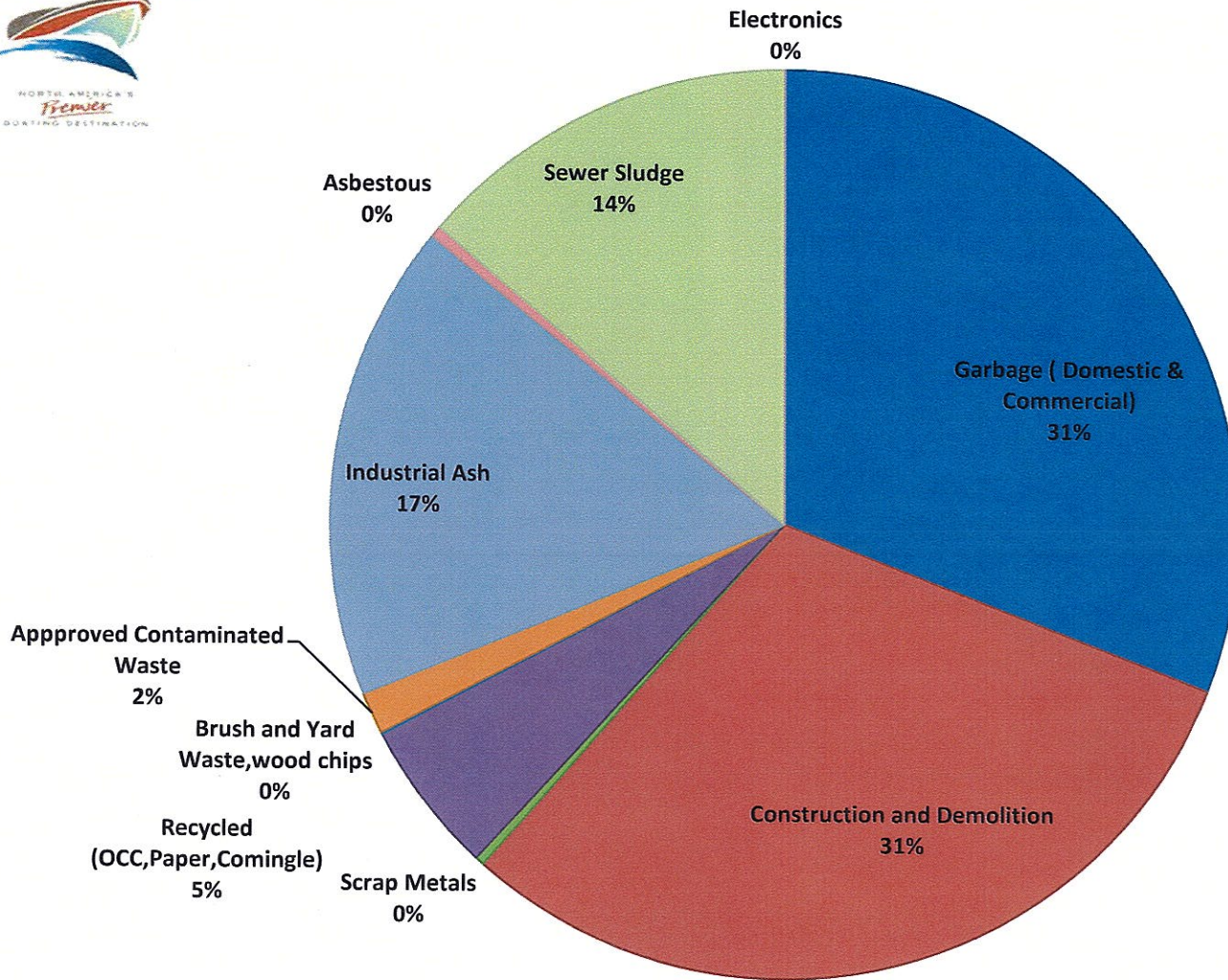


## Municipal Solid Waste (March , 2019)

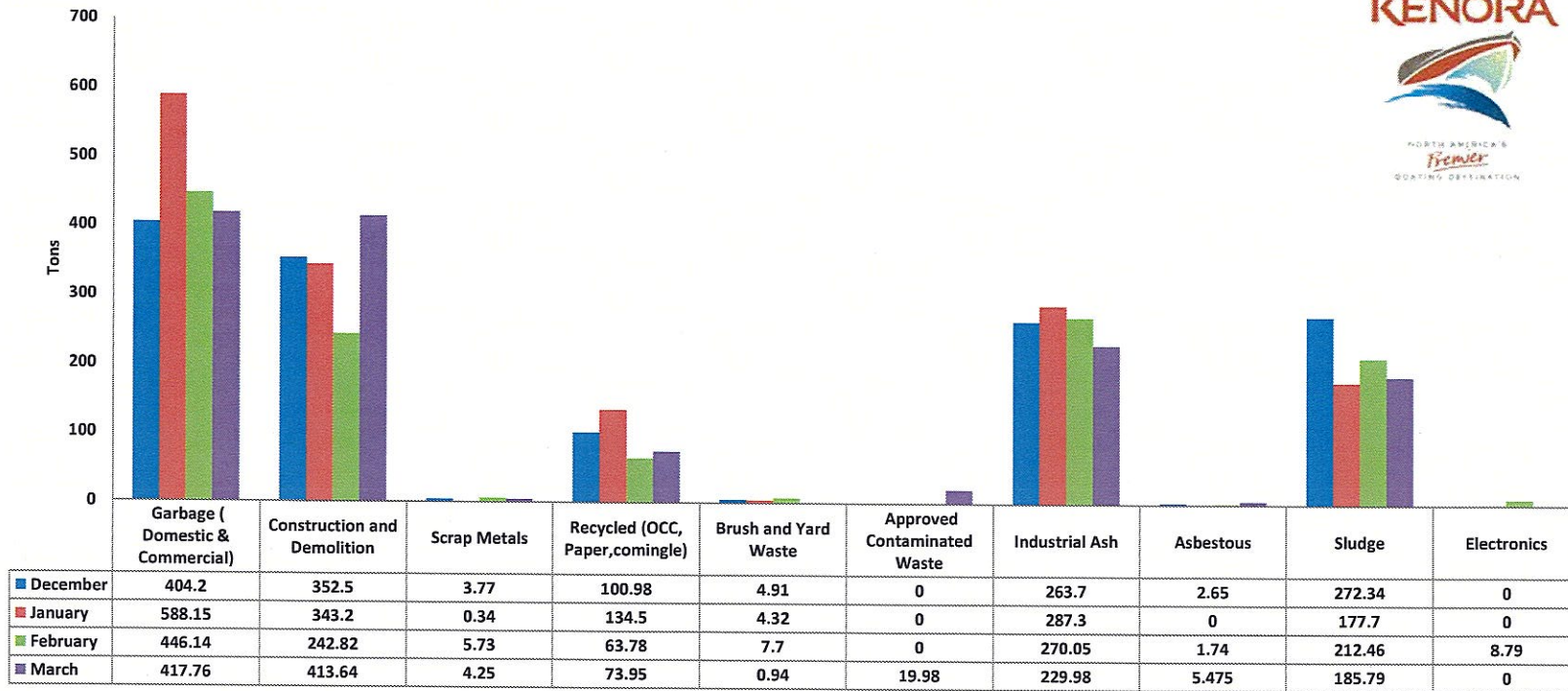
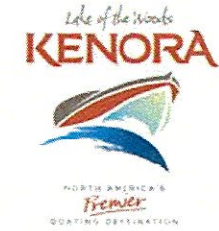
| S.No | Description                      | Weight Tonnes   | Distribution |
|------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1    | Garbage ( Domestic & Commercial) | 417.76          | 30.90%       |
| 2    | Construction and Demolition      | 413.64          | 30.60%       |
| 3    | Scrap Metals                     | 4.25            | 0.31%        |
| 4    | Recycled (OCC,Paper,Comingle)    | 73.95           | 5.47%        |
| 5    | Brush and Yard Waste,wood chips  | 0.94            | 0.07%        |
| 6    | Approved Contaminated Waste      | 19.98           | 1.48%        |
| 7    | Industrial Ash                   | 229.98          | 17.01%       |
| 8    | Asbestos                         | 5.475           | 0.41%        |
| 9    | Sewer Sludge                     | 185.79          | 13.74%       |
| 10   | Electronics                      | 0               | 0.00%        |
|      | <b>Total</b>                     | <b>1351.765</b> |              |



## Municipal Solid Waste by Weight ( March,2019)



Monthly Variations of Municipal Solid waste (Dec 2018- March 2019)



## **7. Communications & Roundtable**

Kelly informed the group that she had received Alastair Greig's resignation from the committee.

**8. Next meeting** – Wednesday, May 1, 2019