



Minutes

Of a Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee Of the City of Kenora

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

1:00 p.m.

Kenora Rec Centre, Multi-Purpose Room

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**With** Cecil Burns, Ashley Norlund, Nancy Wagenaar, Dave Schwartz, Chris Herc  
Councillor McMillan

**Staff** Mukesh Pokharel, Environmental Division Lead, Kelly Galbraith, Deputy Clerk

**Regrets** Diane Schwartz-Williams, Peter Hettinga

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10pm.

### 2. Adopt Minutes of Previous Meeting – October 2, 2019

**Moved by Cecil Burns, Seconded by Nancy Wagenaar and CARRIED;**

That the minutes of the October 2, 2019 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting  
be confirmed as written and filed.

### 3. Single Use Plastics – Blue Shrink Wrap Discussion

Councillor McMillan shared that he was contacted by Carolyn Lynch with Climate  
Action Kenora. Climate Action Kenora has been discussing ways in which the  
community can reduce the amount of single use plastics, specifically blue shrink wrap  
deposited into the landfill.

Climate Action Kenora is interested in working with the City to provide information  
for alternative options for boat covers as well as working with the City to find recycling  
options.

An invitation to the next EAC meeting will be extended to Carolyn to discuss this  
matter further.

#### **4. Compost Club Follow-up Discussion**

Nancy drafted a recommendation on the compost feasibility study. The group thanked her for putting it together. Kelly will speak with Heather Pihulak, City Clerk to discuss next steps. It was noted that at one time Whitemouth had a compost facility. Dave will reach to see if they are still operational.

*Chris Arrived at 1:20pm*

#### **5. New Business**

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

The City of Kenora received 2058 tons of solid waste in November at the Transfer station, which is 12 % less than the quantities collected in October.

The construction and demolition was still a major portion of the waste collected in November which represents 34 % of the waste. 693 tons of construction and demolition waste was disposed at the landfill in November. The C & D quantities were reduced significantly from August and September.

The City also disposed 515 tons of garbage at the landfill in November. The City has diverted 84.7 tons of recycle, 2.7 tons of scrap metals, 8.9 tons of electronics and 11.37 tons of brush and yard waste from the landfill in November. The landfill received 131.22 tons of approved contaminated waste and used as a cover material at the landfill.

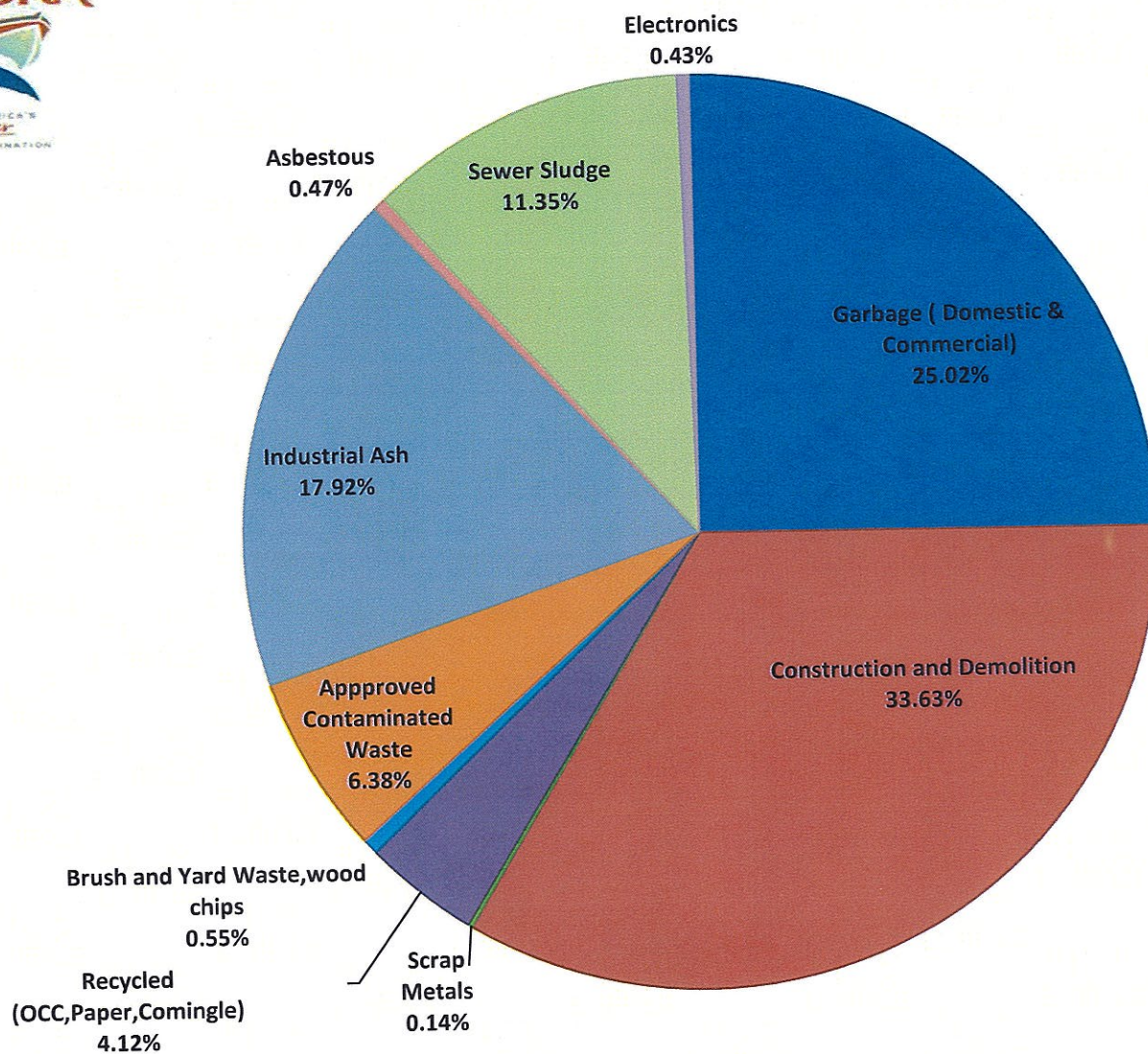
The City also landfilled 368 tons of industrial ash and 233 tons of sewer sludge in November.

The City also collected and diverted 48 tons of hazardous waste in 2019 which is almost 30 % higher than last year's collection.

**Municipal Solid Waste (November , 2019)**

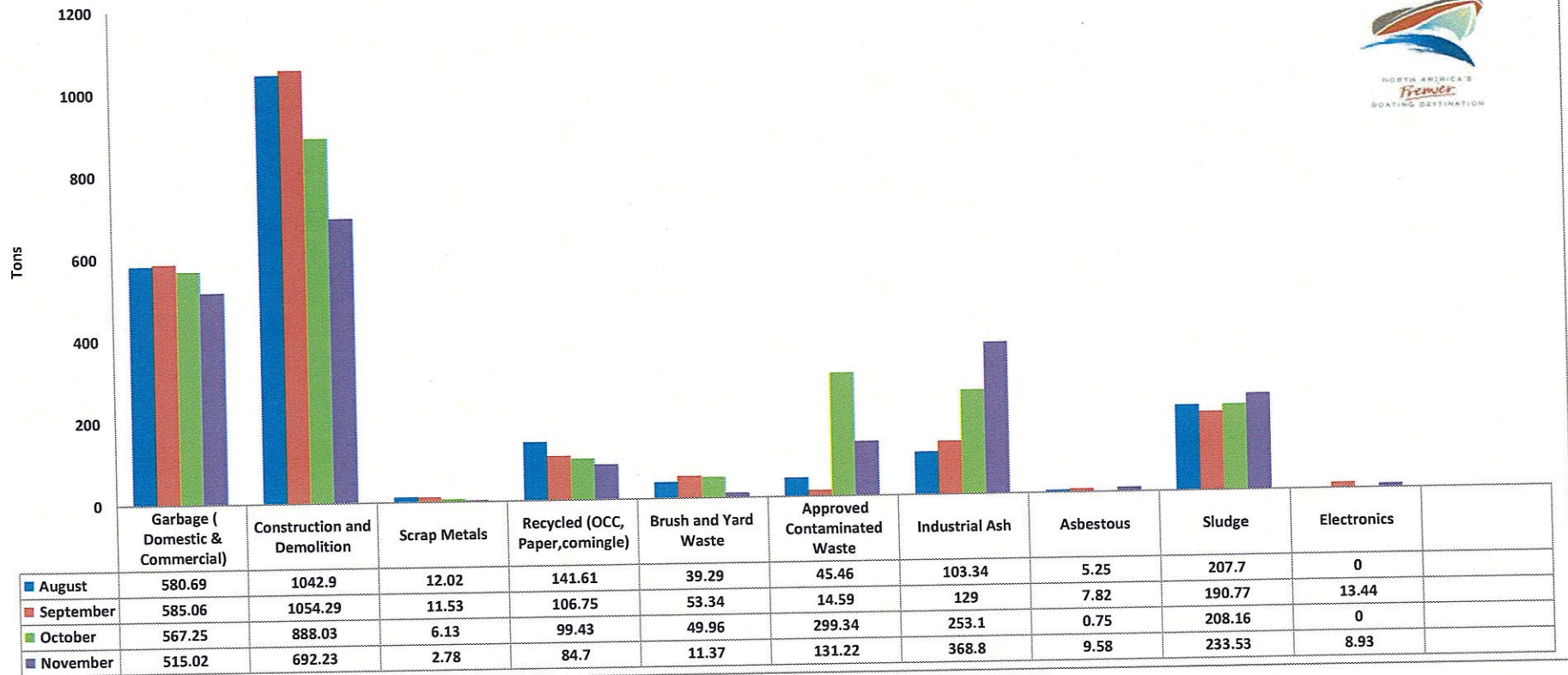
| S.No | Description                      | Weight<br>Tonnes | Distribution |
|------|----------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1    | Garbage ( Domestic & Commercial) | 515.02           | 25.02%       |
| 2    | Construction and Demolition      | 692.23           | 33.63%       |
| 3    | Scrap Metals                     | 2.78             | 0.14%        |
| 4    | Recycled (OCC,Paper,Comingle)    | 84.7             | 4.12%        |
| 5    | Brush ,leaf and yard waste       | 11.37            | 0.55%        |
| 6    | Approved Contaminated Waste      | 131.22           | 6.38%        |
| 7    | Industrial Ash                   | 368.8            | 17.92%       |
| 8    | Asbestos                         | 9.58             | 0.47%        |
| 9    | Sewer Sludge                     | 233.53           | 11.35%       |
| 10   | Electronics                      | 8.93             | 0.43%        |
|      | Total                            | 2058.16          |              |

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





## Municipal Solid Waste ( August - November)



## **6. Meeting Frequency**

Difficulties getting quorum at the monthly meetings was discussed. The group was in agreement to meet bi-monthly with meetings tentatively scheduled in January, March, May, September and November. There will be no meetings in July and August.

## **7. Communications & Roundtable**

The Transfer Station will once again offer free Christmas tree drop off until the end of January. Residents can bring the Christmas tree to the Transfer Station for no charge.

It was asked if the City received electric trucks as offered in an initiative by the provincial government. It was noted the project did not come to fruition.

An update on the Energy Plan was given. At this time the City of Kenora is the only municipality in Northwestern Ontario to bring forward a climate change resolution. Treaty Three has also recently passed a climate resolution.

The Harbourfront Redevelopment Plan and former mill site was discussed. The group would like to invite a representative from the Planning Department to discuss green space opportunities for new developments.

## **8. Next meeting**

Tentatively Wednesday, January 8, 2020

## **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:00pm.