



Minutes

Of a Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee Of the City of Kenora City of Kenora Operations Building Boardroom Wednesday May 1, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.

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With Councillor McMillan, R. Cecil Burns, Chris Herc, Dave Schwartz, Peter Hettinga, Diane Schwartz-Williams

Staff Mukesh Pokharel - Environmental Division Lead

Regrets Nancy Wagenaar (KPDSB), Ashley Nordlund, Councillor Poirier (Alternate), Kelly Galbraith - Deputy Clerk

1. Call to Order and welcome members

Mukesh Pokharel called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by R. Cecil Burns, Seconded by Diane Schwartz-Williams and Carried–

That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held April 3, 2019 be confirmed as written and filed.

3. Lake of the Woods District Stewardship Association (LOWDSA) Update

Diane provided an update about LOWDSA. She informed the committee that the name of the association has been changed to Lake of the Woods District Stewardship Association effective January 1, 2019 which was a lengthy process. The new name is more inclusive because not all members are property owners and it represents what the association does.

She informed the group that there will be Lake of the Woods Cottage Show on Monday, May 6th at the Victoria Inn, Winnipeg from 1 to 7pm followed by the 57th annual general meeting. There are more than 65 local exhibitors. The name list of the exhibitors is on their website. A significant amount of attendees are expected at the show. She also informed the group that the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs staff are available to answer questions about Lake of the Woods flooding claims.

The Lake Smart program will be the last week of June with 3 team members. This program includes dock visits on Lake of the Woods and road visits. The visit can be booked by family groups or by organizations. The program is open to take any ideas and is looking to develop more youth activities.

The LOWDSA has a plan to do storm drain painting during summer and are also open to working with schools in May and June if there is any interest. They also have a Seedling program this year. They planted 350,000 seedlings to date and are planning on planting 10,000 more this year. The association is also thinking of white pines this year.

Free Metal Waste Collection day is planned for August 24th in Keewatin this year from 10 am to 1 pm. This is LOWDSA's 4th annual event. Last year the association collected 10,000 lbs. of scrap metals.

The Association is always looking for new ideas from the public for its Area News magazine. Diane also spoke about impact of the recent Ontario budget. There is direct and indirect impact on Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters and Invading Species Awareness Program (OISAP) and almost 39 positions were cancelled province wide. Forest Ontario which has a 50 million trees program was also affected. The summary of changes resulting from the budget was prepared by the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associate (FOCA) and is given in details on <https://foca.on.ca/ontario-budget-2019/>.

Diane spoke about the Gerry Wilson Stewardship Award which is presented to groups, individuals or organizations that have made a significant contribution to environmental stewardship in the Rainy-Lake of the woods watershed.

4. Freecycle Days

There is an opportunity for an EAC member to speak with two local radio stations to promote the scheduled Freecycle days and the work of the committee. The group will ask Ashley if this is something she would be interested in doing.

5. Proposed Meeting Chair Schedule

The schedule of the Chair was discussed in the meeting and the proposed rotation schedule was accepted.

6. New Business

a. Solid Waste Department Update

In April, The City received /collected 2,321 tons of municipal solid waste for disposal/recycling which was 71.7 % higher than the municipal waste collected in March.

The construction and demolition were a major portion of the waste received at the Transfer Station which represented 50%. The City buried 1,173 tons of construction and demolition waste in April including 542 tons fire debris from Lila's Block.

The City diverted 76.9 tons of recyclable waste materials, 15.35 tons of Scrap metals, 3.99 tons of electronics and 26.8 tons of brush and leaf waste as a composting product from the landfill.

The landfill also received 218 tons of industrial ash and 233 tons of sewer sludge in April.

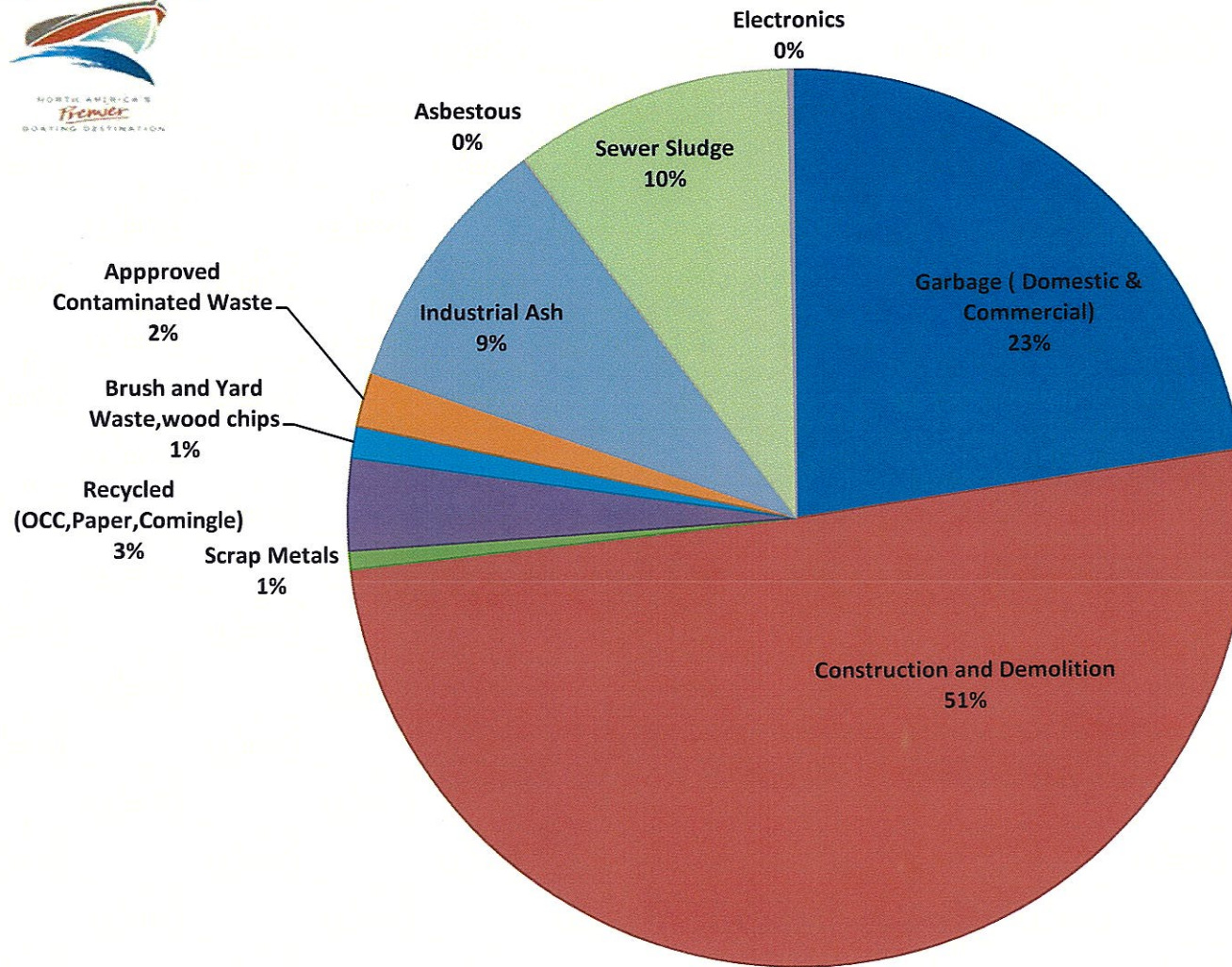


Municipal Solid Waste (April , 2019)

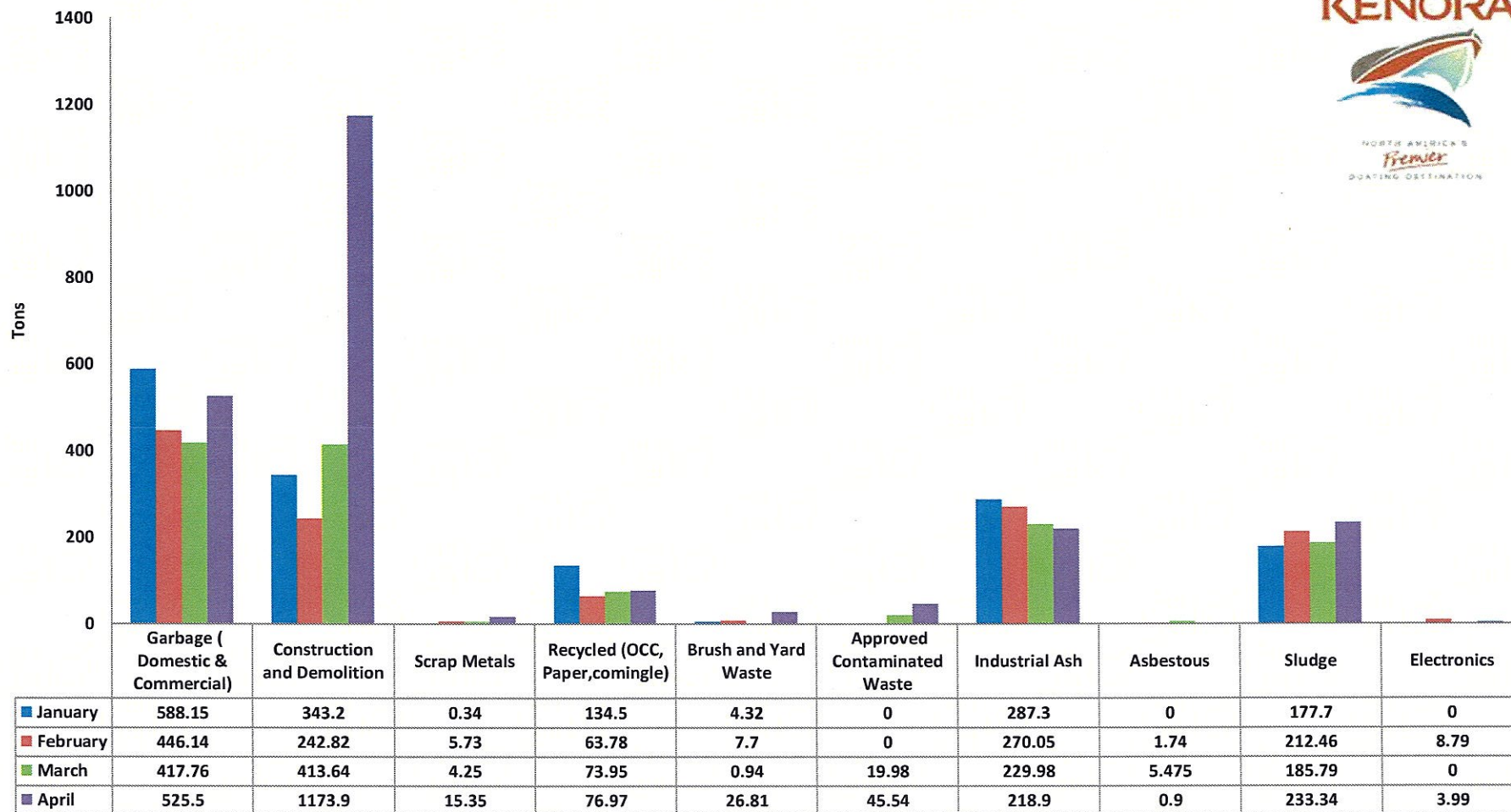
S.No	Description	Weight Tonnes	Distribution
1	Garbage (Domestic & Commercial)	525.5	22.64%
2	Construction and Demolition	1173.99	50.57%
3	Scrap Metals	15.35	0.66%
4	Recycled (OCC,Paper,Comingle)	76.97	3.32%
5	Brush ,leaf and yard waste	26.81	1.15%
6	Approved Contaminated Waste	45.54	1.96%
7	Industrial Ash	218.98	9.43%
8	Asbestos	0.92	0.04%
9	Sewer Sludge	233.34	10.05%
10	Electronics	3.99	0.17%
Total		2321.39	

80 loads 542.17 tons.

Municipal Solid Waste by Weight (April,2019)



Monthly Variations of Municipal Solid Waste (Jan - Apr 2019)



b. Communications & Roundtable

The members discussed the monthly stats of the municipal solid waste and requested to present the last five or six years of annual solid waste quantity at the next meeting to see how the landfill is being used. The members also discussed waiving the tipping fee of scrap metals and the reuse area. The private companies within town accept the scrap metal free of charge because they make the money selling the scrap.

The recent ban on the recycling by China was also shared among the members of the committee. Currently, the City is paying higher prices to dispose the recyclable waste materials in comparison of last year due to current problem of recycling in the market.

Councillor McMillan has requested the EAC to consider putting forth a recommendation to Council declaring a climate emergency within our municipality. This has been done in the City of London and Vancouver and likely in other communities as well. Rory has requested background information from the City of London and will share with committee once received. If agreeable, the EAC can develop a report to present to Council for consideration.

The committee can invite Adam Smith, Developmental Services Strategist, to attend a meeting to provide an overview of the completed and adopted Community Energy Plan and the role of the EAC as a partner.

7. Next meeting – Wednesday, June 5, 2019