



Minutes

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

Thursday, September 4, 2019

1:00 p.m.

City of Kenora Operations Building, 2nd Floor Boardroom

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**With** Cecil Burns, Ashley Nordlund, Councillor McMillan, Peter Hettinga, Dave Schwartz, Chris Herc, Diane Schwartz-Williams (via phone)

**Staff** Kelly Galbraith

**Regrets** Mukesh Pokharel, Nancy Wagenaar

### 1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:05pm.

### 2. Roundtable

Chris shared that over the summer he joined the Water Rangers (<https://waterrangers.ca>), a community based water quality monitoring network. Collection and sampling is done on underrepresented watersheds. Testing includes data such as PH, oxygen, clarity, etc.

Diane shared that the Lake Partner Program is also out there for those interested. The Lake Partner Program is an Ontario volunteer based water monitoring program. It was asked if there is a way to see which lakes are monitored. Diane will circulate information to the group.

The Freecycle Days will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The poster was circulated to the group to share with their networks.

Dave shared his concerns over the Harboufront Redevelopment Project not being well publicized. He will be attending a workshop next Wednesday on the project. He would like to see trees along the harbourfront so people can walk comfortably without sun hazards and see the greenbelt more conducive to public use with seating, trees and a connection to Tunnel Island.

*Ashely joined the meeting at 1:20pm*

Waste Reduction Week is October 21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. The group was encouraged to bring forward ideas for communications on Waster Reduction Week.

*Councillor McMillan joined the meeting at 1:22pm*

**3. Moved by Cecil Burns, seconded by Dave Schwartz and CARRIED;** That the minutes of the June 5, 2019 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be confirmed as written and filed.

#### **4. Declaration of a Climate Change Emergency Update**

The City of Edmonton is the most recent city to declare a climate change emergency, and Saskatoon is currently debating it. Councillor McMillan shared that a notice of motion was brought forward to Kenora City Council. The recommendation will come forward at the September 17<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and will require a seconder. There will then be opportunity for discussion and debate. Council has had the recommendation for over a month to review and prepare any questions they may have. Tika Newton was asked on the group's behalf to make a deputation at Committee of the Whole. The deputation will touch on why declare, why for Kenora, and what are the impacts. Councillor McMillan encouraged the group to attend the deputation. Councillor McMillan shared that a copy of the resolution will be sent to Grand Council Treaty 3 and the president of Kenora Metis Association.

It was commented that the information recently published on the Lake of the Woods flooding has not been realistic. Canada's Changing Climate Report didn't touch on regulated water bodies.

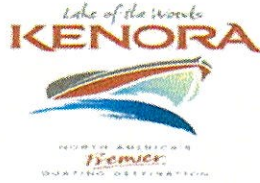
Councillor McMillan thank the group for their feedback and work on the declaration.

#### **4. New Business**

##### **a. Solid waste department update**

Mukesh circulated the information below to the group however in his absence this item was tabled until the October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

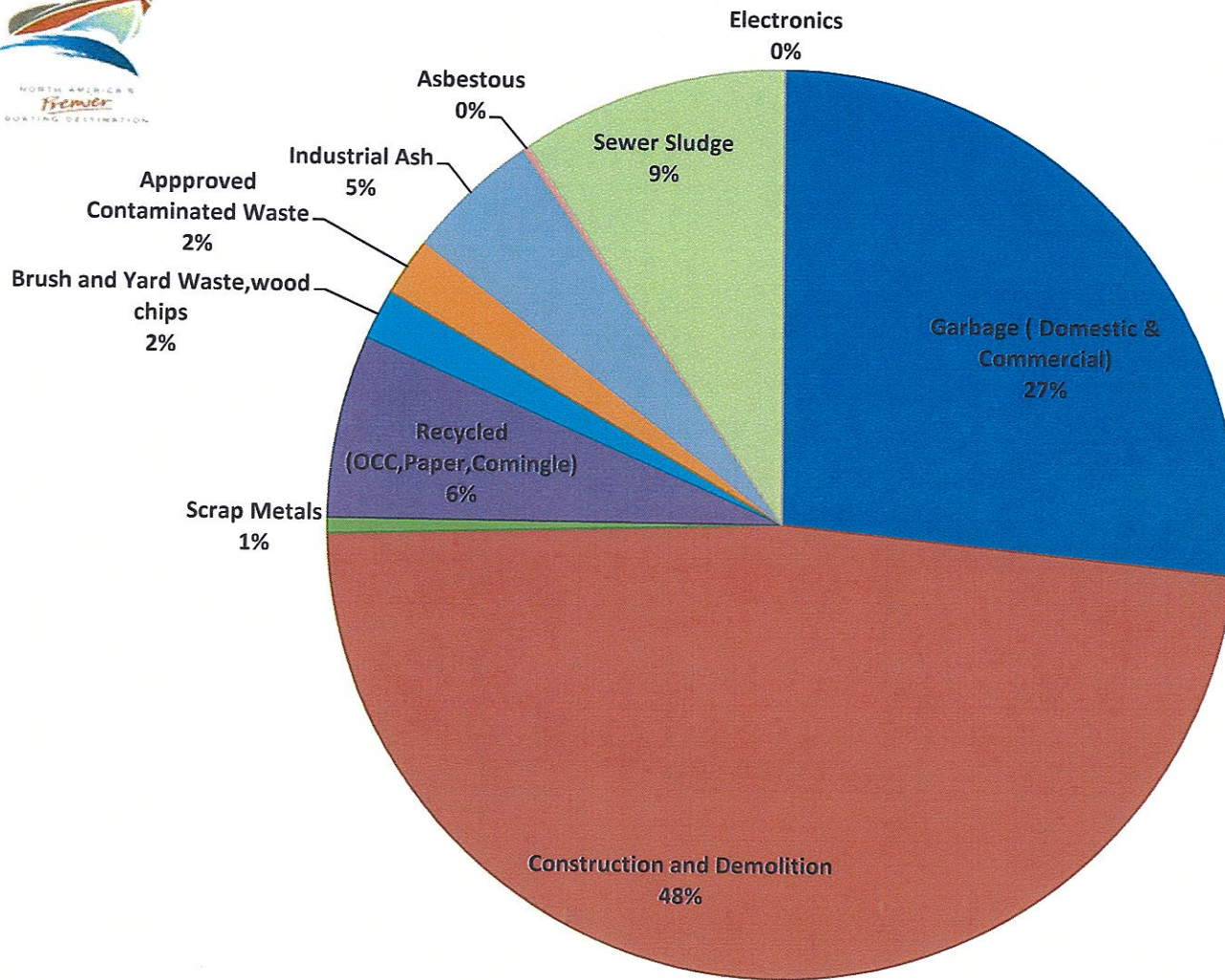
In August, 2019 the City received/collected 2178 tons of municipal solid waste. This is almost 29% less than the quantities received in July, 2019. The Construction and demolition waste is the major portion of the waste received in August. 1042 tons of Construction and demolition waste was landfilled in August. 141.6 tons were hauled to Winnipeg for recycling. 103.3 tons of Industrial ash and 207 tons of sewer sludge were disposed at the landfill. The contaminated waste was 45.46 tons.



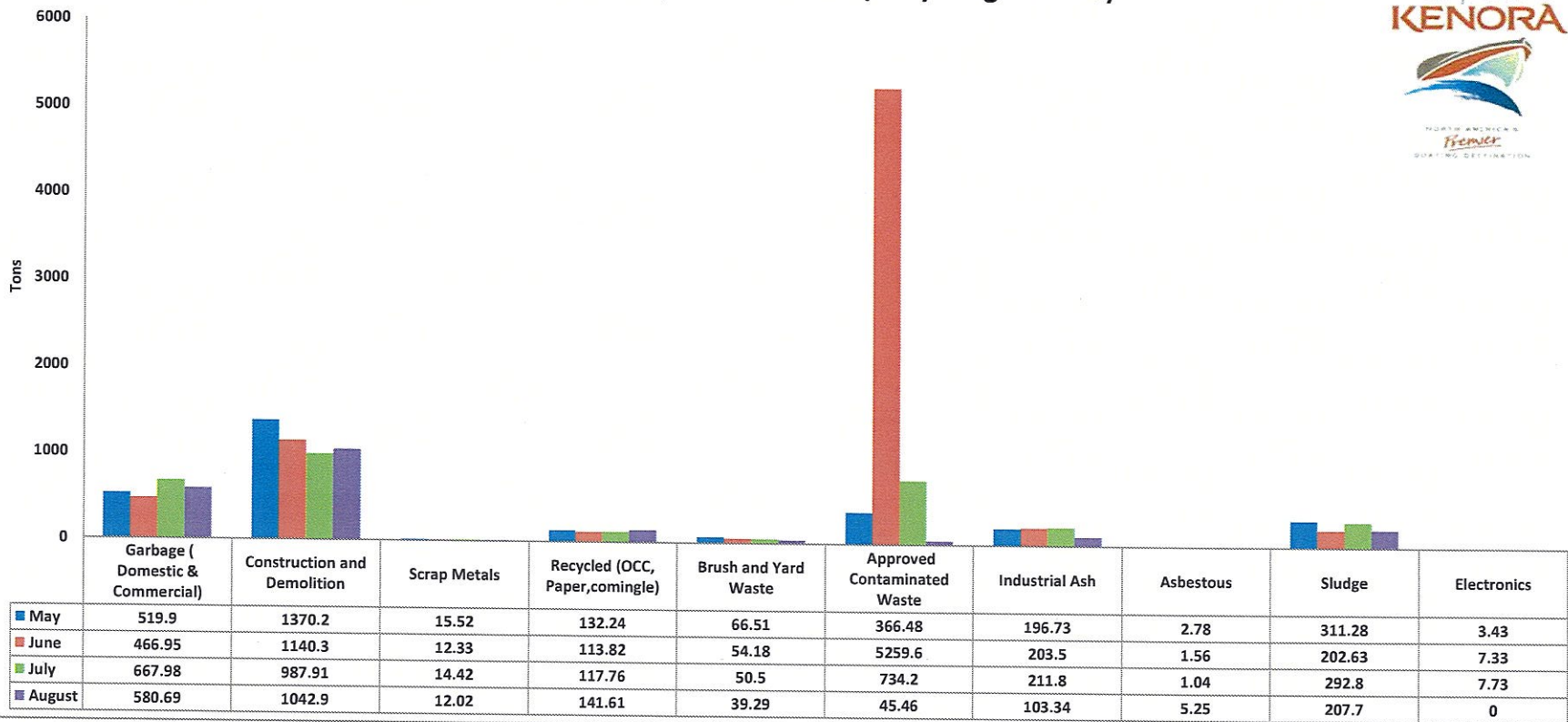
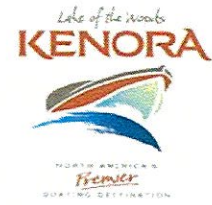
## Municipal Solid Waste (August , 2019)

| S.No | Description                      | Weight Tonnes  | Distribution |
|------|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1    | Garbage ( Domestic & Commercial) | 580.69         | 26.66%       |
| 2    | Construction and Demolition      | 1042.93        | 47.88%       |
| 3    | Scrap Metals                     | 12.02          | 0.55%        |
| 4    | Recycled (OCC,Paper,Comingle)    | 141.61         | 6.50%        |
| 5    | Brush ,leaf and yard waste       | 39.29          | 1.80%        |
| 6    | Approved Contaminated Waste      | 45.46          | 2.09%        |
| 7    | Industrial Ash                   | 103.34         | 4.74%        |
| 8    | Asbestos                         | 5.25           | 0.24%        |
| 9    | Sewer Sludge                     | 207.7          | 9.54%        |
| 10   | Electronics                      | 0              | 0.00%        |
|      | <b>Total</b>                     | <b>2178.29</b> |              |

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



### Monthly Municipal Solid Waste ( May -August 2019)



## **6. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm.

**7. Next meeting** – October 2, 2019 with guests from the Kenora Compost Club