



# Minutes

## Of a Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee Of the City of Kenora Wednesday, March 4, 2020 – 1:00 p.m. Operations Building, Boardroom

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

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

**Guest** Adam Smith, Manager of Development Services

**Regrets** Nancy Wagenaar (KPDSB), Councillor Poirier (Alternate)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**

**Moved by R. Cecil Burns, Seconded Ashley Norlund by and Carried –**

That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held December 11, 2019 be confirmed as written and filed.

**3. New Development Green Space**

At the December EAC meeting it was requested a representative from the Planning department attend the next meeting to discuss green space for new developments. Adam Smith, Manager of Development Services provided the group with a background on Parkland Dedication. At this time few developments meet the criteria however through the site plan control process environmental and park space is reviewed. The site plan process was explained to the group. Mukesh is part of the site plan process and can provide feedback on the projects.

*Adam left the meeting at 1:25 p.m.*

#### **4. Banning of Plastic Bags Discussion**

Councillor McMillan spoke to the group on the banning of plastic bags to see if there is interest in the group to move this forward. EAC members expressed their interest in the ban and noted that many businesses have already taken it upon themselves to reduce the use of plastics bags. Mukesh circulated an article to the group on the pros and cons of banning plastic bags for their review.

Diane shared information on [clearyourgear.ca](http://clearyourgear.ca). An organization which recycles fishing line. It was thought at one time this was available through the City however staff were not aware of the program. Mukesh and Kelly will follow-up.

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

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

The Transfer Facility received 1417 tons of municipal solid waste in February, which is 1% less than the quantities collected in January.

Because of the season, the transfer facility received only 310 tons of Construction and demolition waste which is a very low tonnage of C & D in comparison to other months.

In February, The City buried 431 tons of garbage which represents 31 % of the total collected in February. The City also diverted 92 tons of recyclable waste, 9.4 tons of scrap metals, 4.42 tons of brush, leaf and yard waste and 3.07 tons of electronics from the landfill in February 2020.

The landfill also used 76.11 tons of approved contaminated waste as a cover material at the landfill.

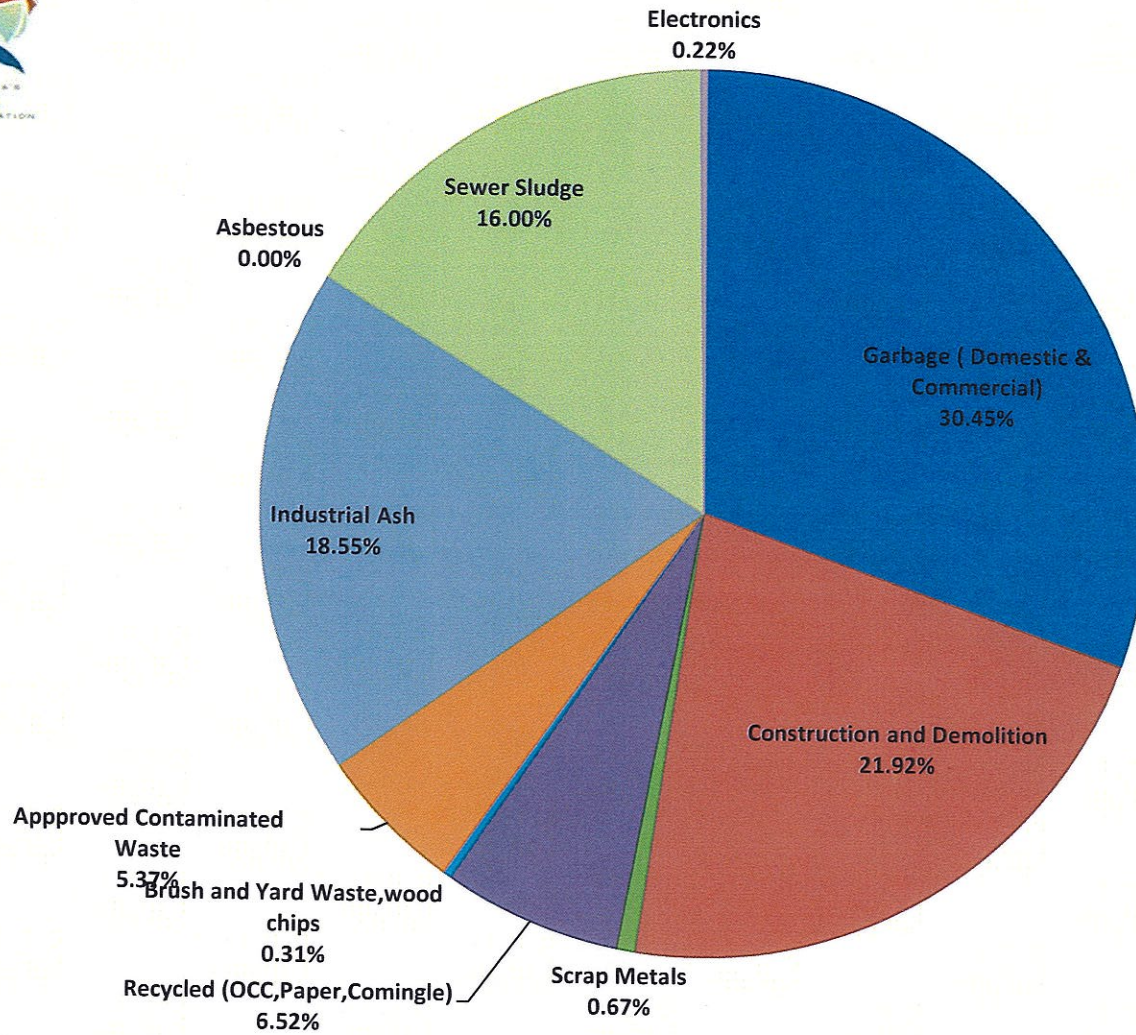
The City also landfilled 262 tons of industrial ash and 226 tons of sewer sludge in February.

**Municipal Solid Waste (February , 2020)**

S.No	Description	Weight Tonnes	Distribution
1	Garbage ( Domestic & Commercial)	431.67	30.45%
2	Construction and Demolition	310.8	21.92%
3	Scrap Metals	9.44	0.67%
4	Recycled (OCC,Paper,Comingle)	92.47	6.52%
5	Brush ,leaf and yard waste	4.42	0.31%
6	Approved Contaminated Waste	76.11	5.37%
7	Industrial Ash	262.96	18.55%
8	Asbestos	0	0.00%
9	Sewer Sludge	226.9	16.00%
10	Electronics	3.07	0.22%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1417.84</b>	

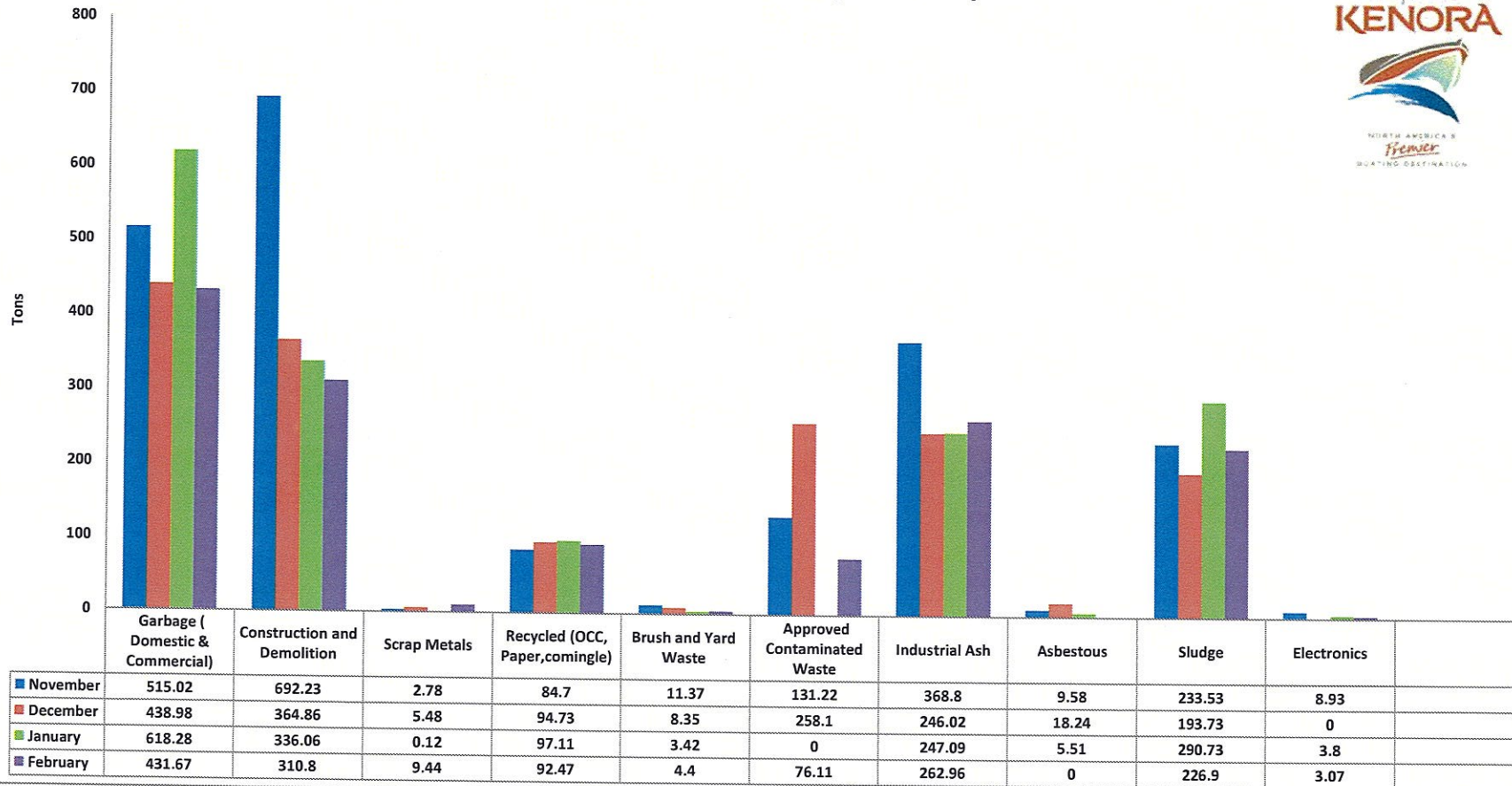
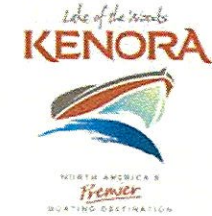


## Municipal Solid Waste by Weight ( February , 2020)





### Municipal Solid Waste ( Nov - Feb )



## **6. Communications & Roundtable**

Diane informed the group that the Lake of the Woods Property Owners Association (LOWPOA) Show will be held on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for the Lake Smart summer student applications is March 15, 2020. A mobile boat wash trailer will be used at various events throughout the summer. The hope is the trailer will be ready in early June but it is a work in progress.

**7. Next meeting – May 6, 2020**