



MONTHLY REPORT

To:	Mayor Strathdee and Members of Council
From:	Community Services
Date of Meeting:	28 March 2017
Subject:	DCS-08-2017 Community Services Monthly Report

RECOMMENDATION

THAT DCS-08-2017 March Monthly Report (Community Services) be received as information.

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

Aquatics:

- 3880 swimmers through the Aquatics Centre in February
- Middlesex Swim Club hosted a swim meet February 11, over 150 swimmers attended.
- Family Day a 2 for 1 public swim held, 115 swimmers attended, RBC sponsored skate 100 attended.

Community Services:

- The Recreation and Leisure Master Plan on-line survey is closed. There were 586 surveys received. The consultants are reviewing all data collected to date. Next steps: steering committee meeting, collection of participant statistics and plan development.
- Met with the Lions Club regarding their proposal for the pavilion at Cadzow Park.
- Local Jump Start meeting, distribution of funds are at the highest this past season with an increase of 272 children benefiting from this program.
- February events included the Lung Association, Push for Change Campaign, Kinettes and a Buck and Doe.

Child Care:

- Early Learning Services hosted a full week full day kindergarten program over March break.
- The licensed program follows the emergent curriculum the children and staff work together to design the activities. This year the children were able to participate in skating and swimming in town owned facilities. This supports the communities' knowledge of other services available, the children and families were very excited about these different opportunities.
- The Child Care Centre is continuing to develop their environment. The children and staff have edited a number of items, and are excited about new items that will enhance the learning.
- Staff have been participating in monthly Professional Learning groups to further improve the quality of service to families. They have been developing their understanding of importance of pedagogical documentation, this allows staff to reflect on why the learning was important to

record how to bring additional learning to the children. Another area of importance is nutrition, with new guidelines released staff have updated the menu. Staff and children have been enthusiastic about the changes.

Museum:

- A seminar on the history of timekeeping was led by Reed Needles on February 17. The seminar was sold out with 22 people in attendance.
- The 21st annual Heritage Fair was held at the PRC on Friday, February 24. There were 25 exhibits and approximately 200 people in attendance.
- Volunteers logged 167 on-site hours of service in February.

Recreation:

- Staff is participating in training by Stephanie Lee of Community Living. Stephanie will be going through inclusion for all and how to lead activities.
- ParticipAction grant awarded for \$500 to run sports at the PRC on Canada Day 150.

Senior Services:

- Senior Services was successful in obtaining \$15,000.00 through the New Horizon for seniors grant programs to replace the existing east entrance door. The grant will allow for an additional door to be added creating a foyer that will help to control drafts in the winter months. The current door would have been added to the capital budget for replacement in 2018 if the grant was not received.
- Senior Services has applied to the Ontario Senior Secretariat grant programs to support and enhance education based programs through arts, technology and nutrition.
- Better Blood Sugar, Better Health is a new program that will be hosted in partnership with Happy Valley Family Health Team.
- Staff continue work with the Alzheimer Society of Perth County to offer bi-weekly rental space within the Friendship Centre to offer more service to the residents of St. Marys. The Alzheimer's Society has expanded their needs within the Pyramid Centre to offer an 8 week program for caregivers and those living with dementia. This joint rental agreement/partnership allows us to offer more services to the residents in St. Marys.
- Planning for Volunteer Appreciation is currently underway. The breakfast event will be held on May 3rd.
- The Friendship Centre staff and a committee of scrapbooking participants are planning for the first annual Spring Scrap-a-thon. This event currently has 70 participants registered for the daylong event with some travelling from around the region to attend.
- The Friendship Centre Elderly Person Centre Budget is due March 17th.
- Staff are submitting an application to the Ontario Senior Secretariat for funding through the special grant program to review and redesign the Friendship Centre newsletter and increase accessibility of the publication.

Youth Services:

- Applied for \$4,100 via the Stratford Community Partners grant. If successful the grant will allow us to run a 4 week water safety course for everyone in the youth centre. Approx. 140 youth.

- The new equipment has arrived from Flag house and Canadian Tire. The equipment was funded through the Jumpstart community partner's grant. Total \$4,719
- The youth centre is opening to grade 3-10 after March break. The program is currently only for children in grades 4-6

OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND PROJECT LIST

Aquatics:

- Promoting spring advanced aquatics and swim lessons
- Planning for the Water Safety Course pending the successful Stratford Community Partners grant
- Holding a spring Bronze Instructors course for lifeguards, training to teach the Bronze Cluster awards.

Community Services:

- Continue working with the consultants on the Recreation Master Plan.
- Meeting with the VON to discuss facility space and needs.

Child Care:

- Early Learning Services is very excited to be working with the Avon Maitland School Board in surveying South Perth School for a possible before and after school program that could begin September 2017. Following expectations set out by the Ministry of Education, if a school has a significant interest the school board is required to offer, as the community partner we will work through this process.

Museum:

- Canada 150 planning with the Corporate Communications/Events Manager
- A quilt exhibit, in support of the Quilt Squared project will be installed in March.
- Policy Updates for the Community Museum Operating Grant 2017

Recreation:

- Canada 150 planning for town wide dodgeball and street hockey tournament at PRC.
- Promoting all new activities starting after March break to the summer.
- Research new grants to accommodate additional activities for youth and adults.
- Arrange community open day/night about all Recreation opportunities on offer.

Senior Services:

- Data sharing agreements between the Senior Services Home Support programs and OneCare Home and Community Support.
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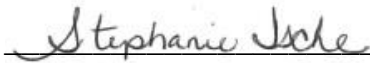
Youth Services:

- Design new membership form with Communications Manager including new terms and conditions.
- Record usage of new children using the centre
- Develop growth record of the youth centre and see how/if it has increased.
- Approach Best Buy about their Sponsorship package to get the Youth Centre new up to date consoles and potentially iPads.
- Arrange community open house event day/night so parents can see the youth centre and ask any questions they may have.

SPENDING AND VARIANCE ANALYSIS

Nothing at this time

Respectfully submitted,

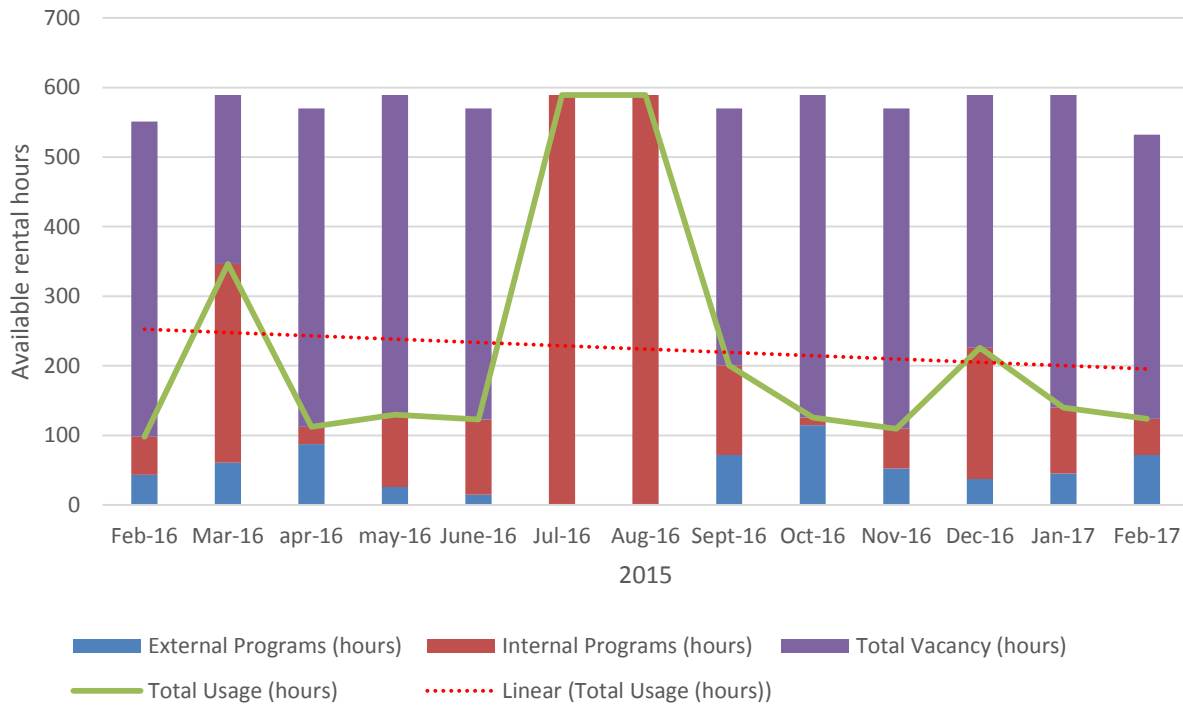


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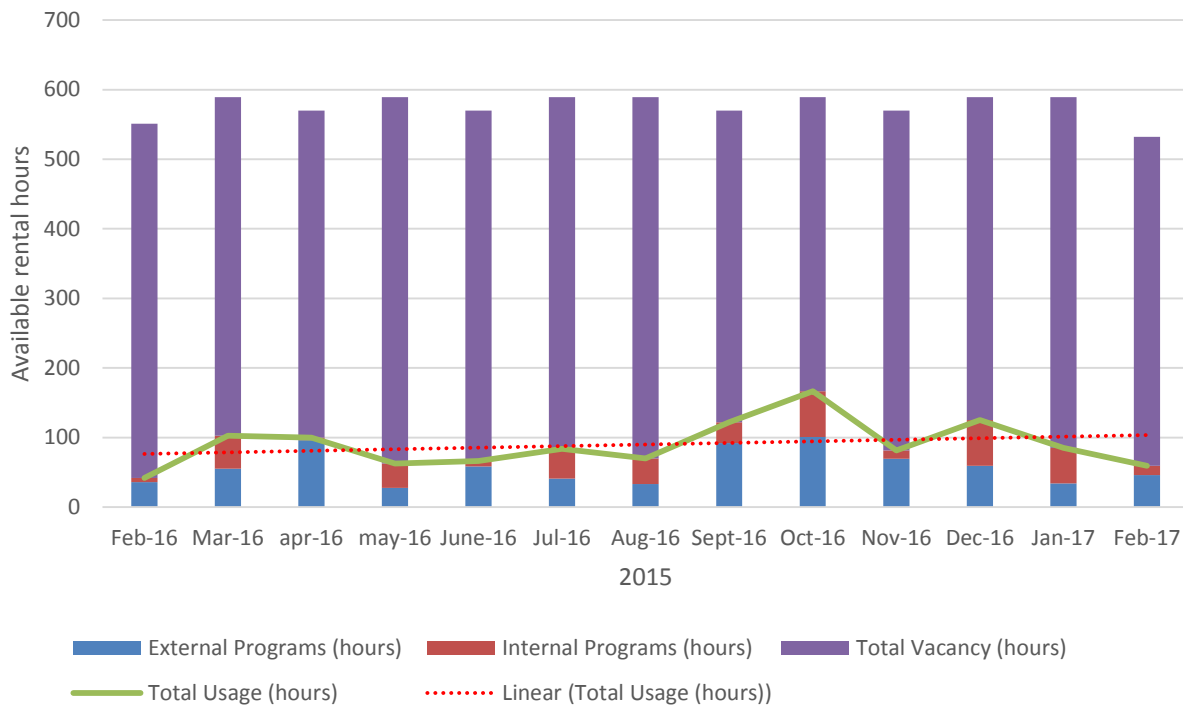


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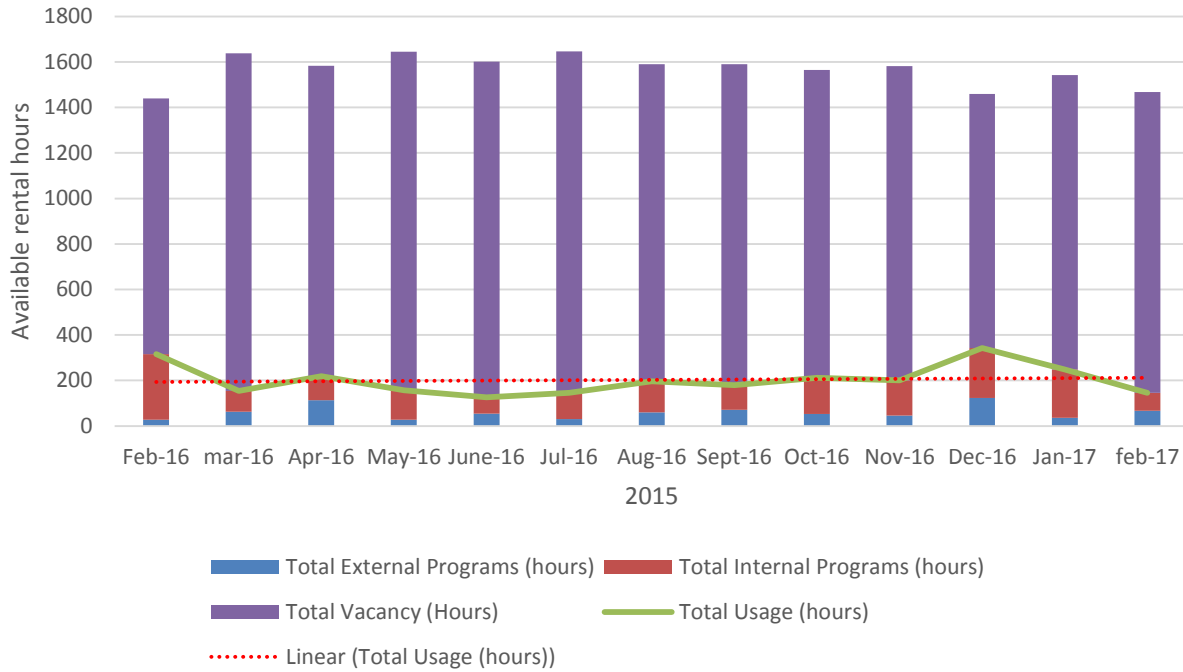


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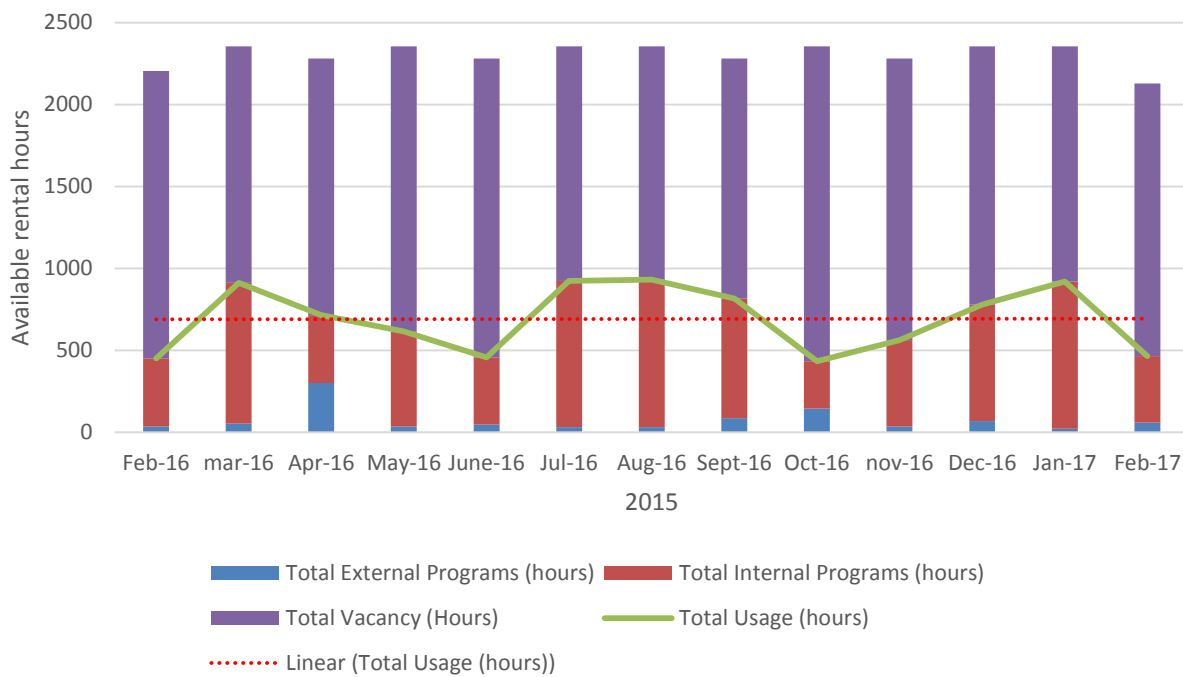
Community Centre Total Hall Usage

(Includes 1/3, 2/3, and Full hall)

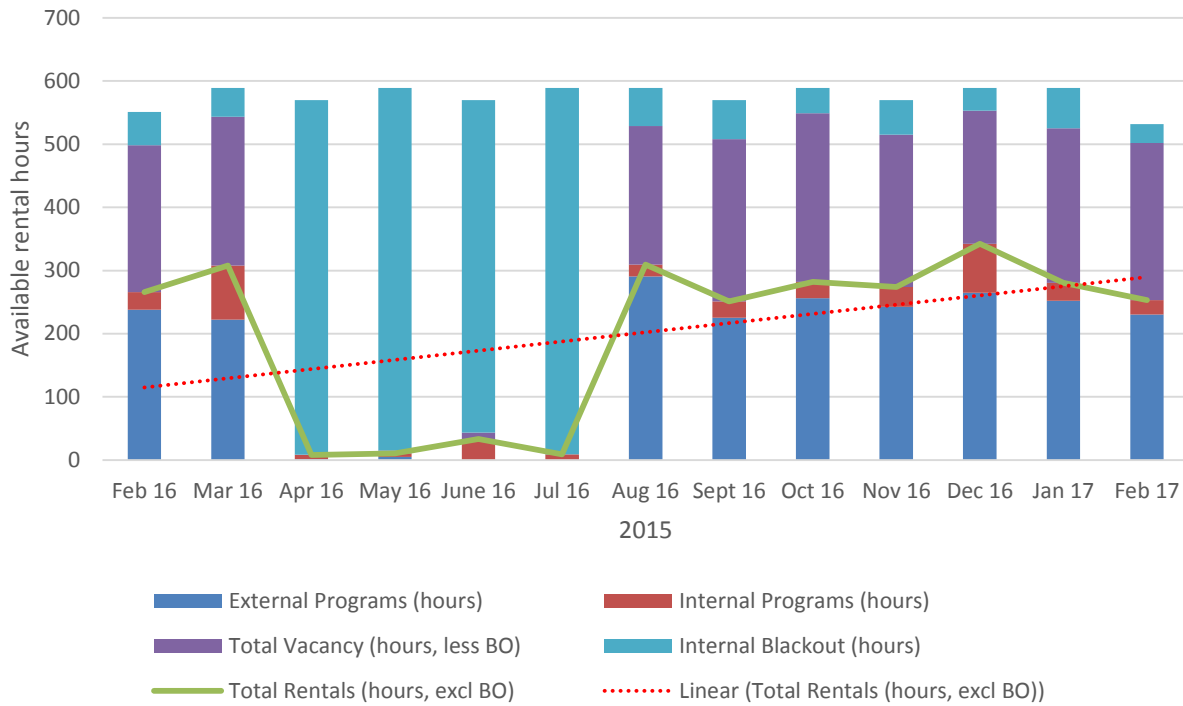


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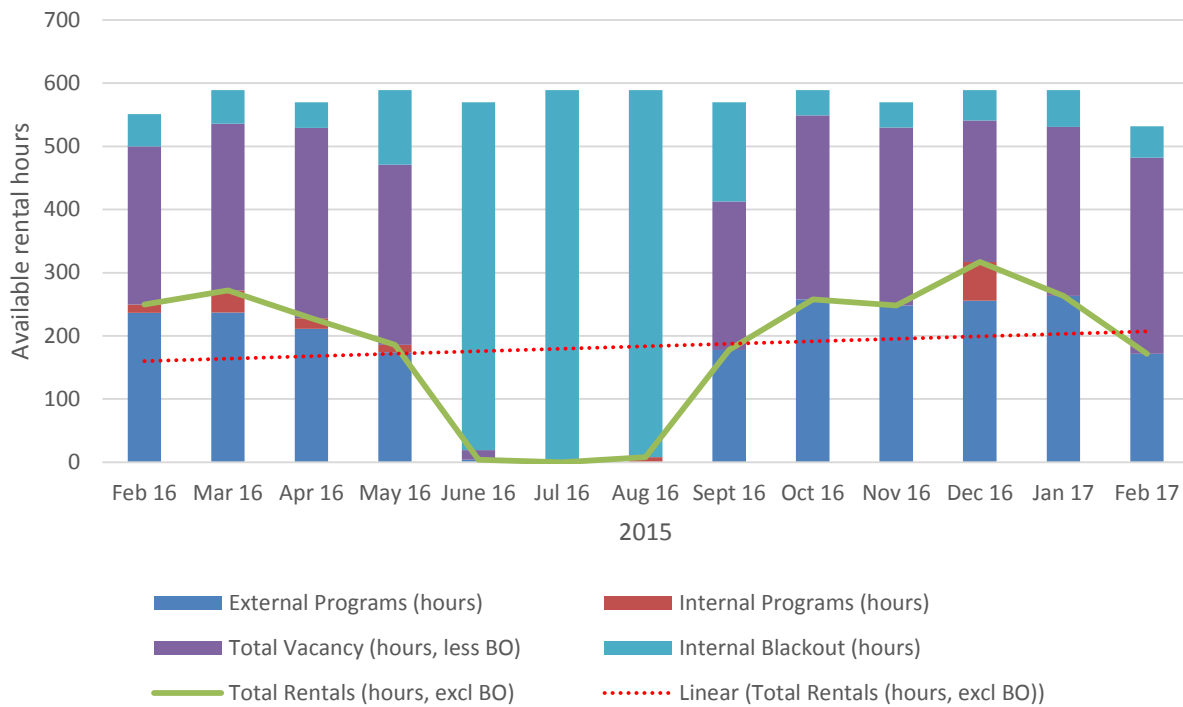
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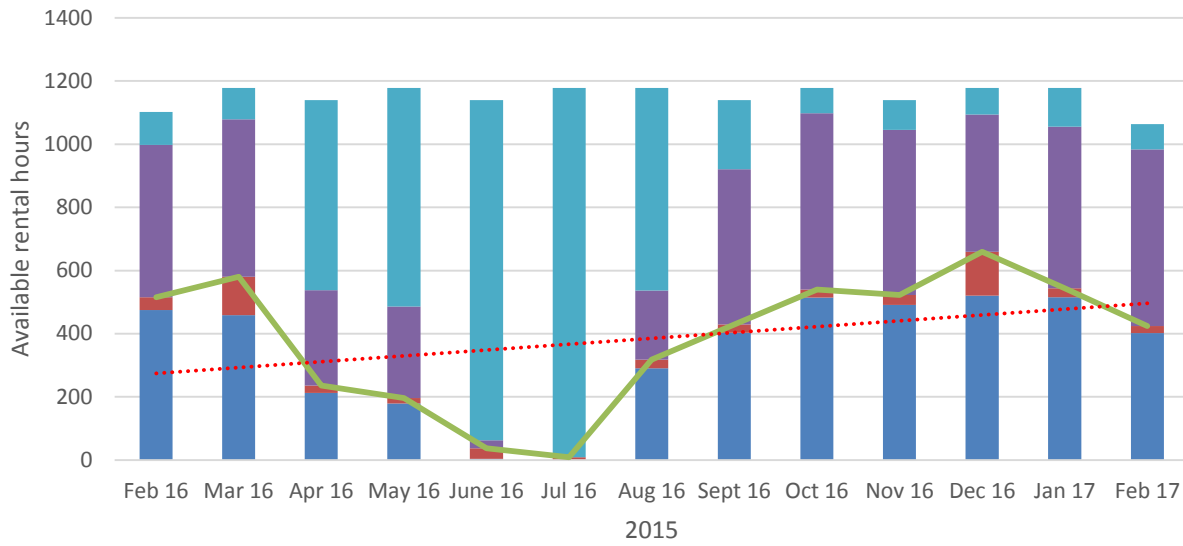
Blue Rink Total Usage



Rock Rink Total Usage

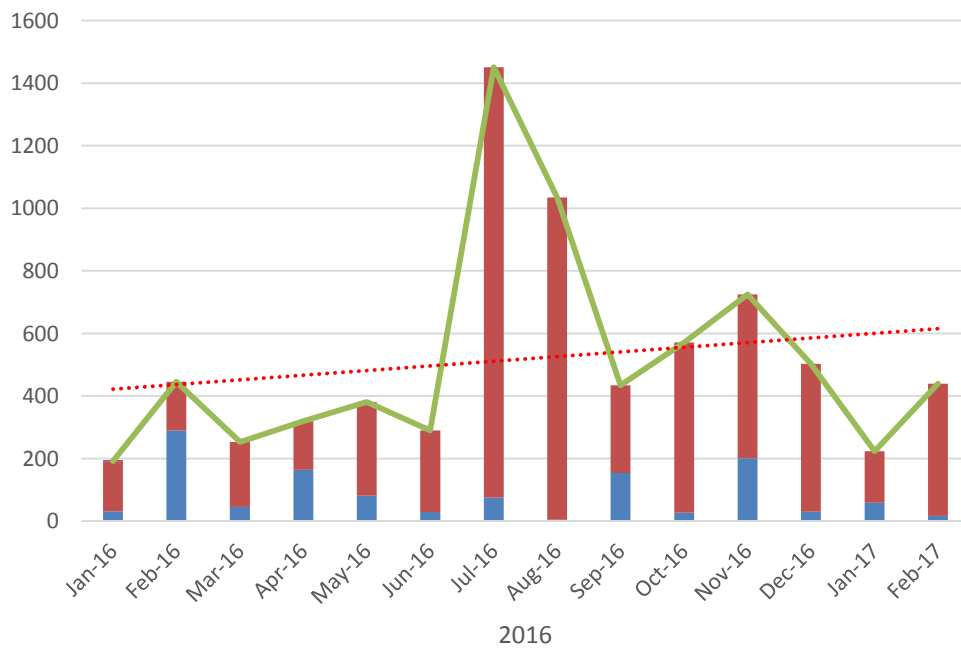


Consolidated Ice Usage - Both Rinks



External Programs (hours) Internal Programs (hours)
 Total Vacancy (hours, less BO) Internal Blackout (hours)
 Total Rentals (hours, excl BO) Linear (Total Rentals (hours, excl BO))

St. Marys Museum Visitors



Off-Site Users On-Site Users
 Total Visitors Linear (Total Visitors)

Picture St. Marys Visits

