Iroquois, Onondaga Nation Story Will Highlight New Museum; Directors Seek Your Input

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Former <u>Sainte Marie</u> museum site will be re-purposed as the new Ska Nonh, Great Law of Peace Center Credit Sainte Marie Facebook Page

The former Saint Marie Among the Iroquois museum is in the midst of a re-birth as different kind of cultural home for the story of the Haudenosaunee.

FUTURE MEETINGS: MAY 7, 7 P.M. @ SKA NONH CENTER (FORMER ST MARIE SITE) LIVERPOOL; MAY 13, 7 P.M. @ ONONDAGA NATIONARENA, ROUTE 11, NEDROW

Members of the Onondaga Nation and other Iroquois tribes are weighing in on what will be in the new "Ska Nonh Great Law of Peace Center"...but you can too in a series of three meetings starting tonight. Onondaga Historical Association Director Gregg Tripoli says they've already received some input on displays and exhibits.

"Generally we found out people do want to hear the Haudenosaunee story, the Native American story, particularly there, because so much of the history of the Confederacy and the Onondagas was developed there on the shores of Onondaga Lake. We want to hear it in the first-person narrative and how they saw things form their oral-history perspective." That will mean more in the way of audio and video presentations. Tripoli says the center might not be as dependent on items like a formal museum...but will have arts and crafts and artifacts.

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OHA Director Gregg Tripoli describes the direction the new museum will take and how public input will fit into the planning.

The Ska-Nonh project is in phase two of a three-phase renovation and could re-open late next year. They'll brief people on the project and get input tonight at a meeting at the Onondaga Nation Arena in Nedrow starting at 7:00. There will also be meetings May 7th and 13th to gather more input.