Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe - Field House
SUMMARY: (Brief overview of the plan)

The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe proposes to build a Sports Complex located on Tribal lands located on the Saint Regis Mohawk Indian Reservation, located on the Mohawk Territory of Akwesasne. This facility will help the Tribe meet the athletic, artistic, cultural and health needs of the people of Akwesasne.

This 119,050 square foot facility will offer a regulation soccer field with a 6 lane track encircling it, regulation indoor box lacrosse court which can be modified to entertain volleyball, 4 classrooms for educational instruction and a 250 seat theatre.
Project Goal:

To provide area youth and adults with a new recreational facility that will promote sports and performing arts along with a diverse mix of athletic, cultural and recreational activities.

This modern, energy efficient building will be symbolic of the commitment the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe is making to promote more family oriented activities in an eco-friendly environment.

Providing our youth engaged in productive, creative and healthy lifestyles will be beneficial and help keep them on a healthier path and would reduce health care expenses for both present and future generations.

This facility would provide Akwesasne with the opportunity to remain active throughout the year. The multi-purpose soccer field will triple as a place to play lacrosse and football year round. There are endless possibilities with a field this size. It could also be home to indoor softball or T-ball for the children. The 6 lane track encircling the field can be utilized for indoor track or used as a place for elders to use in the winter months.

This Field House will be located in the same vicinity as Generations Park and would enhance the Tribe’s dedication to Youth and family activities for Akwesasne. Also located close by, will be the Diabetes Center For Excellence building which can also benefit from this project by hosting workshops, conferences etc.

Plans and Benefits:

- Community members would have greater access to clean and safe facilities
- Many sports could be promoted year round allowing our community members to excel in these sports and develop many young people into sports professionals
- Performing arts will be promoted and many of our aspiring songwriters, performers, musicians, dancers, etc will have a venue to develop their talent.
- The performing theatre is a venue to showcase Mohawk cultural aspects including music, dance, language, storytelling, legends, readings and a gathering place for official events such as awards ceremonies, inaugurations, appointments, etc.
- It will attract many people to our community in terms of athletic events and performing arts activities
- Our Complex could be rented out for various other functions which would generate additional income such as indoor trade shows, exhibitions, weddings,
graduations, corporate events, community meetings, training, educational events/classes, shows – auto, motorcycle, boat, tool, home and garden, tools, antiques, entertainment venues, pow wows, large gatherings, banquets, farmers markets, flea markets, etc.

Our field house can be used for a multitude of different purposes. Aside from athletics and performing arts, it can also generate revenue with other types of events which can host large audiences such as:

- Trade Shows
- Graduations
- Weddings
- Receptions
- Banquets
- Corporate events
- Community Meetings
- Training
- Educational events/classes
- Shows: - Auto, Motorcycle, Boat, Tool, Home, Antique, Lawn & Garden
- Concerts
- Fundraisers
- Farmer’s markets
- Flea Markets
- Trade Shows
- Pow Wow Events

Pro-Shop

The pro shop would sell various athletic gear or rental gear for all sports for all seasons..

Concessions:

While this may be leased to an outside vendor, it could be very profitable if properly marketed healthy alternatives to many fast food options which would contribute to our goal of a healthier community:
• Grill menu,
• Sandwiches
• Hot Items
• Fried foods
• Organic foods
• Popcorn, pretzels, etc
• Breakfast items
• Soups
• Traditional foods
• Diet foods
• Low Carbohydrate foods
• Low sodium foods
• Low fat foods
• Specialized South Beach diet menu items, Atkins menu items, etc

6: Objectives: (Quantifiable targets)

• The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe goal is to construct a Sports Complex, that will help the Tribe meet the athletic, artistic, cultural and health needs of the people of Akwesasne.
• The benefit of this facility would also provide venues for family orientated activities.
• The facility would also assist the tribe in its efforts to provide exercise and a healthier community which would offset escalating costs of health care and health related issues of its population.
• This facility will also provide a location for hosting large events indoors (ie: concerts, meetings, training, trade shows, etc).

OPPORTUNITIES:

A field house should be built and here are some reasons that now is the time to build:

1. We have the land available.
2. There is a need.
3. It could be operated effectively and efficiently all year round. There is no indoor field house available to the people of this community for year round sports. It would help the community in many ways…primarily in allowing teams to practice all year long.
4. The community is supportive of it at this point in time.
5. It would create employment.
6. There is no place available large enough for public gatherings at this time.
7. It would benefit all sport events
8. Provide a healthy alternative for our youth and community members
9. Be a gathering place for families
10. It would compliment other community facilities
11. It would be used to promote our language, culture, theatre, arts, crafts, dance, music, etc
12. It could be used to host trade shows, education and recreational events
13. It would promote a healthier community which would result in savings in health care, family services, and strengthen the bonds between families.

OPERATING COSTS:
The operating costs would be funded by user fees and other revenue created by the Field House. This facility also has the potential to host conferences, concerts and other events like boxing and mixed martial arts. If the Tribe’s education department and Johnson O’Malley program were to be relocated to this facility, the indirect rate could be applied to help fund this project.

The total time for design, engineering and construction for this project would be about 12-18 months. Construction could start as soon as the summer of 2013 and we would need a total of approximately 12 month period to actually construct it and open it to the public. The estimated cost for this facility is presently $9,866,149 or roughly in the $10 million range.
Floor Diagram and Line Markings for CLA Play

Notes:
1. All lines should be 2" in width and white in colour.
2. Dotted line specs: 2' in width, 12' in length, 4" spacing between lines.
3. The dotted line does not touch any part of the goal crease markings.
4. The 2" dot is marked to the centre of the 2' radius face-off circle.
5. The goal crease is a circle cut off 6' behind the goal line.
6. The centre zone is 22' wide.